

Railroading in North Carolina

The original Norfolk Southern is a forgotten railroad to much of the new generation. As a kid I grew up a few blocks from the Glenwood Yard here in Raleigh, NC but I really missed seeing any of the original Norfolk Southern rolling stock or locomotives. I never knew much about the railroad then or worked on the railroad at any time. As a kid in the 1950's we moved outside the city limits. We had a neighbor that was a engineer for Seaboard Air Line and I had a uncle that was also a conductor for SAL. My uncle took me to the Raleigh yard to see the inside of a Seaboard caboose when I was around 10 years old. My uncle worked between Raleigh and Richmond VA.

Model Facts:

Let's take a look at some of these North Carolina railroad models.

1. Aberdeen & Rockfish

Atlas Model Railroad made the GP-7 #205 in Sept. 2005,

then they made GP-7 #205 (early paint scheme) in Aug. 2006

Atlas Model Railroad made the GP-38 #400 and #405 in Oct. 2007

(they also made this GP-38 in a sound version)

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2. Durham & Southern

Athearn made the GP-38-2 #2000 (Bicentennial), #2001, #2002 in 2007

Bowser made the 70 Ton 14 Panel 3-Bay Hopper #6012, #6023, #6029, #6033 in 2008

Train-Miniature made the "Durham Bull" box car but **No Caboose** was made by any manufacturer till now.

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3. Norfolk Southern

Proto 2000 Made the GP-18 low-hood #2 and #4 in 2002 (gray box)

Atlas Model Railroad made the GP-38 (early version) #2001 & #2007 in Aug. 2001

Bowser came out with Road Baldwins in 2011 and the Baldwin Switcher in 2013

Before 2010 very few NS freight cars were made and most were not correct.

The first NS caboose was the Atlas Cupola Steel Caboose (C&O version) in 2011

This was not correct for NS as well as the others that followed in 2015.

In 2014 and 2015 more NS freight cars have been made but **No Correct Caboose** till now. (page 48-49)

4. Seaboard Air Line

As for the Seaboard, mostly all of the locomotives and freight cars have been made.

Athearn and Atlas have made a SAL wide vision caboose but it was not correct for Seaboard.

Many SAL freight cars have been made but **No Correct Caboose** till now. (page 50-56)

Many modelers like running a A&R or D&S train but they had no caboose to add the end except another railroad caboose that did not look right on the train end. The model manufacturers would make a locomotive but never thought about a caboose for these railroads. "That's like leaving out the back side of a pair of pants".

Many of these model manufacturers do not think ahead on any future runs of the same model with different numbers. An overlooked error in the design department. This has happened with Atlas and Bowser, having the same number on two different paint schemes.