A Personal Look at 50 Years of Railroad History

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George Hamlin--Background

• Day Job: Transportation consulting
• Prior Career: Two airlines, two aerospace companies
• Began railroad photography in 1956, with a Kodak Brownie
• Switched to 35mm in 1964
• Primarily slides as of 1970
• Digital as of 2008
Program

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“All History is Personal”
“All Politics is Local”

Thomas P. ("Tip") O’Neill

Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives

1977-1987
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Who shot the passenger train?
No passenger trains by 1970?

A glimpse of rail delivery in 1970, wrote for the American passenger train...

By Louis F. Brandt
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WARNING

FAST TRAINS CROSSING
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