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# “By Rail Across Quebec to the Gaspé Peninsula” and “A Look at Changes in Railroad Signaling”

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Photography by rail enthusiasts typically looks at its subject matter from an external viewpoint: “from the outside in”, effectively. In “By Rail Across Quebec to the Gaspé Peninsula”, George reverses this, presenting the winter round trip from Montreal to Gaspé essentially “from the inside out”, utilizing the traveler’s perspective on the journey.

In “A Look at Changes in Railroad Signaling”, he examines some of the historical context of this subject, which was reflected in a wide variety of approaches to these safety devices by different railroads, in some cases with systems exclusive to a single railroad. Greater standardization is coming to the industry now, however, particularly with the coming of PTC (Positive Train Control) on many routes in the U.S., which means that some long-standing railroad traditions are about to vanish.

**Come along for the ride, and enjoy taking a look at diversity in signal systems!**

**Bio:** Although George Hamlin has made his professional career in the commercial aviation and aerospace industries, with airlines, airframe manufacturers and as a consultant, he has had a lifelong interest in railroads, and has followed the industry closely for many years.

In addition to many publications in his professional field, George also has numerous published articles in rail-oriented magazines, including TRAINS, Classic Trains, Railfan & Railroad and others. In addition, he also has hundreds of published rail photos, including two in TRAINS’ “100 Greatest Railroad Photos” special issue. In 2012, his book *Chicago Railroad Scenes, Volume 2* was published by The Railroad Press.

Mr. Hamlin received a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia and a M.S. in Transportation from Northwestern University, in Evanston, Illinois. He is also a member of the Lexington Group in Transportation History.