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***Time to Renew? Many
of you expire 4th
quarter, so check your
mailing label! See p. 3***

Register for Jacksonville Now!!

- **First-come, first-served registration deadline – Jan. 20**
- **Special hotel room block deadline – EXTENDED to Jan. 10**

We have seen registrations rolling in, and for those who have registered and booked at the Crowne already -THANKS. Here is an update on deadlines and the meeting – full details attached.

1. **Deadline for special hotel rate – has been moved back to the end of this week, Friday January 10.**
 - Please reserve your rooms this week if you have not done so already.
 - Call them (code is ACL), or use the link at the Society website, <http://aclsal.org/annual-meeting-2020.html>
 - If you can get a better rate at the Crowne Plaza through your memberships or affiliations (e.g. government or AAA) that's OK – we send them a list of registrants and you will be counted toward our room obligation. IF we are short on our room obligation it will quickly eat into our margin (which is small). Reserved rooms after the expiration of the special rate are also counted toward our obligation.
 - I will try to get the deadline extended to next week, but do not count on it.
2. **Deadline to register for the dinner is and the all-in package is still Monday January 20.**
 - We must give the Crowne our head count shortly after the 20th and will have a few available after that date for last-minute sign-ups, but don't count on it. Once the banquet slots are sold out you could still register for the presentations, and we can put you on standby for the banquet
 - Full registration information is attached. If you are mailing payment to me please e-mail me to let me know it is on the way and what you are registering for. Please, no credit cards by mail but
 - **You can register online** at the Society website through PayPal. Note – you do not have to be a PayPal member, PayPal will allow you to use Visa and Mastercard and perhaps other cards.
3. **Presentations and other event info:**
 - I will send an update on presentations later this week; the original lineup is attached. One change: Jackson McQuigg will not present Thursday but will be on Friday; we may find a second slot for him Friday.
 - Jacksonville Terminal Headhouse Tour – this is the east end of the Convention Center, and will include areas not normally open to the public.
 - This is still on for Saturday at 11:00 AM and will take about an hour
 - We will meet at the Prime Osborne Convention Center by the entrance to the train show (west end)
 - You are on your own to get to the Convention Center; e-mail me if you need a buddy to ride with, perhaps we can work something out.
 - There is no extra cost for this tour. We are giving them a copy of Joe Oates' power point presentation.
4. **The Crowne has completed refurbishment of the elevators, elevator lobbies, our meeting rooms and the ball room.** The lobby is currently under renovation and the bar is temporarily back in the dining area. There is a temporary check-in facility between the two towers, and you may have to enter on the east side of Tower 2 around back. We hope for the lobby to be advanced or completed by our event. I know we are \$10 more this year for the whole deal; we were \$85 for several years, but the room and facility charges are up a little this year, so we had to bump it to \$95. Compared to other HS meetings, I still feel this is a good deal, and I can tell you we have the best dinner!

So, hope to see you there. Jack "The Doc" McGowan (90-something-young!) will attend, has reserved at the hotel, and just registered online. So, if YOU are not with us this year, I hope you have a GOOD excuse! – *Jim Langston*

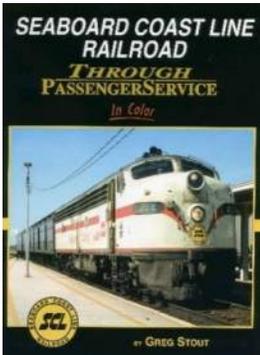
2020 Calendar Ready to Ship



Get yours now! Our all-color 2020 calendar leads with a stunning image of ACL F2s in aluminum and purple with a passenger train on Wilmington's Northeast Cape Fear River drawbridge about 1950. Thirteen more crisp photos follow – an ACL phosphate train in the Bone Valley, a spectacular Seaboard parade float from the 1930s, an ACL experimental boxcar just out of the shops, a Seaboard passenger local in 1953, SCL freight action scenes, and many more.

Order yours today – \$14.95 plus shipping, catalog C-20. And if you've missed any of our past editions, any of those still in stock are now just \$1 each plus shipping.

SCL Through Passenger Service in Color



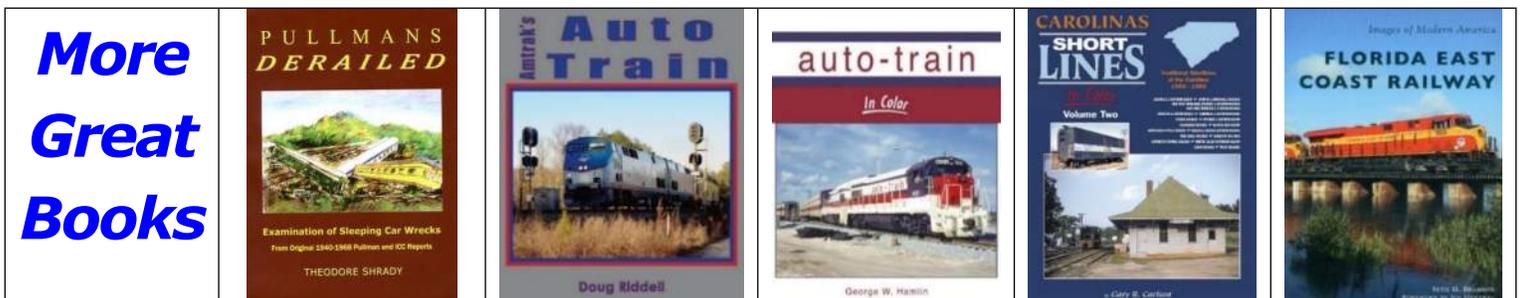
Don't miss this newest Morning Sun all-color book in our catalog, *Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Through Passenger Service* by Greg Stout. The book begins with an overview of trains operated by predecessors ACL and SAL, moves into the SCL years (1967-71), and concludes with a section on Amtrak and Auto-Train over SCL's routes. Images as old as the 1940s cover action scenes, rolling stock, stations, and car and station interiors. Diesels appear in all the schemes used over the years. Coverage is heavy of the New York-Florida trains and their connections, with western trains pictured as well. Consistent with the title, there are also scenes of trains traveling over connecting railroads on the routes to New York and Chicago.

In stock and ready to ship at our discounted price of \$65 (reflecting Morning Sun's new retail of \$69.95) plus shipping and Florida tax if applicable, catalog BK-93.

February Shows: Timonium and Jacksonville

We plan to be at the following shows – come see us and shop for our latest products plus a selection of older stock and clearance items. We can always use help at our tables – contact us at editor@acsalhs.org.

- **February 1-2, Timonium, Md.** – Great Scale Train Show, Cow Palace, Md. State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd. Saturday 9 to 5, Sunday 10 to 4. Details: <http://gsmts.com/newdatesplaces.html>.
- **February 8, Jacksonville, Fla.** – Southeastern Railroadiana Collectors Railroadiana and Model Train Show, 9:00 to 4:00. Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street (Jacksonville Terminal). Details: Charlie Miller, 3106 N. Rochester St., Arlington, VA 22213-1348, (703) 536-2954, rsshows@aol.com, <http://www.gserr.com/>.



***Pullmans Derailed – Examination of Sleeping Car Wrecks*, by Ted Shradly, is his latest carefully researched and heavily illustrated book on the late, great Pullman empire. Published by ACL & SAL HS, this exceptionally interesting and unusual book documents Pullman accident details and procedures through a trove of data, analysis, photos, and maps you won't find anywhere else. Specially priced at \$27 plus shipping, catalog BK-88.**

***Amtrak's Auto Train* by Doug Riddell** covers the Lorton-Sanford rail-auto service that followed the original 1971-1981 Auto-Train Corporation in 1984 and exists today. This book complements Doug's 2016 volume on the original A-T, also published by the RF&P HS, and tells the inside story of Amtrak's version through 192 pages of employee recollections and hundreds of photos. Discounted at \$55 plus shipping – catalog BK-92.

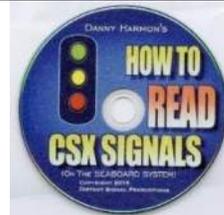
***Auto-Train in Color* by George W. Hamlin** is a new Morning Sun book covering both the original A-T and the Amtrak operation. This all-color book features equipment, facilities, and operations of both companies, both trackside and onboard, as they carry passengers and their automobiles between Virginia and Florida. Our discount price is \$65 (Morning Sun's retail is now \$69.95) plus shipping, catalog BK-90.

Carolinas Short Lines in Color, Vol. 2 by Gary Carlson, another new all-color Morning Sun title, covers historic southeastern short lines from Greenville & Northern through Yancey, including steam-era lines plus roads lasting into the diesel era, many of them ACL or SAL connections. Most of these short lines have been abandoned, merged, or acquired by group owners of small roads. Catalog BK-91, \$65 plus shipping.

Florida East Coast Railway is Seth Bramson's new history of the FEC with all-color illustrations and published in Arcadia's "Images of Modern America" series. This 96-page 6x9-inch softcover is packed with photos, postcards, and railroading items illustrating the FEC's rich past and innovative future, including the Brightline/Virgin passenger service. Catalog BK-89, a great value at only \$21.00 plus shipping.

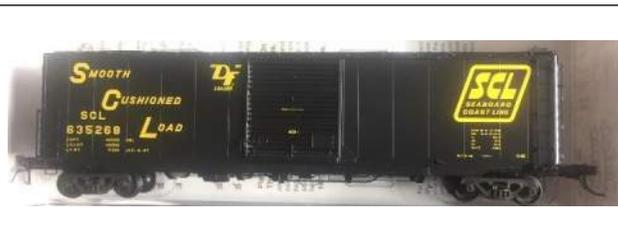
Harmon DVD: How to Read CSX Signals

Here's another top-quality DVD from Distant Signal (member Danny Harmon), covering all the mysteries of CSX signal indications and what they mean for train operations. Danny has filmed numerous sequences of train movements and the various signals that control them in Florida and Folkston, explaining in his clear narrations what each means. He covers not just the new CSX signals but also the nearly gone ex-ACL and SAL types. Order now, catalog DVD-20, \$20 plus shipping.



Florida Passenger DVD: Selling Sunshine

Selling Sunshine, The Florida Trains, produced by *Trains Magazine* and PBS, documents how railroads moved passengers from the wintry Northeast and Midwest to the warm beaches of Florida. Narrated by television star Michael Gross, this video examines in depth the lucrative routes and colorful trains that served the Sunshine State from the late 1800s to today. *Selling Sunshine* is 70 minutes with 24 minutes of bonus footage, with commentary by Society members and Florida passenger experts Bill Howes, Seth Bramson, Joe Oates, Larry Goolsby, and others. DVD-18, just \$29 plus shipping.



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