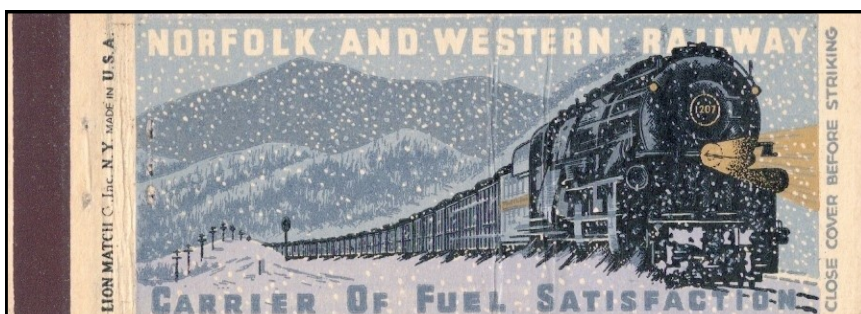
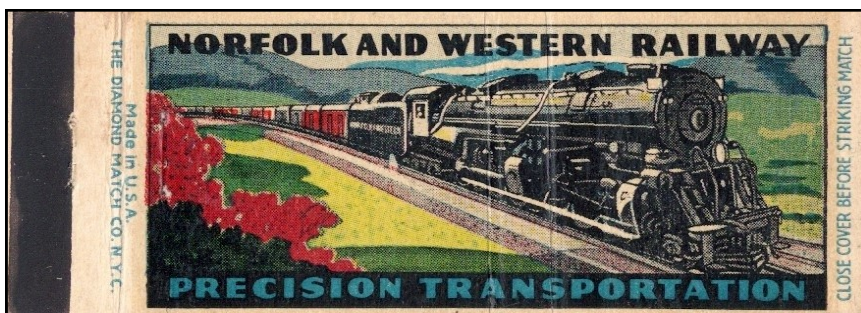
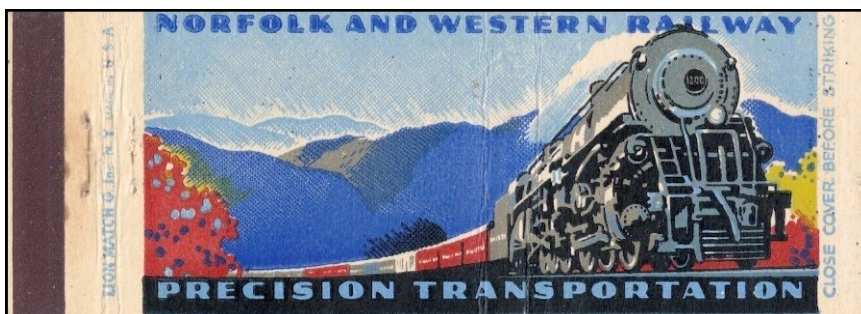
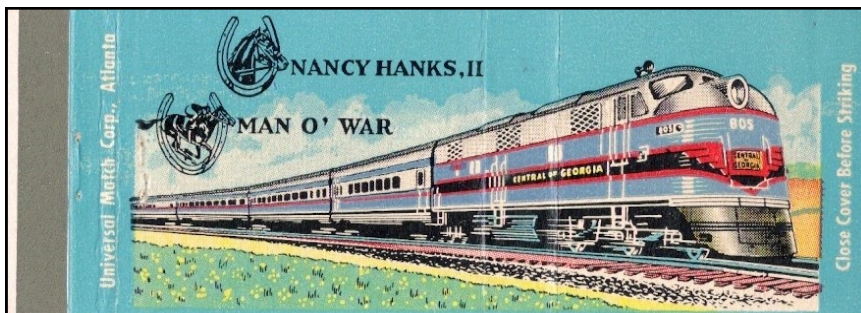
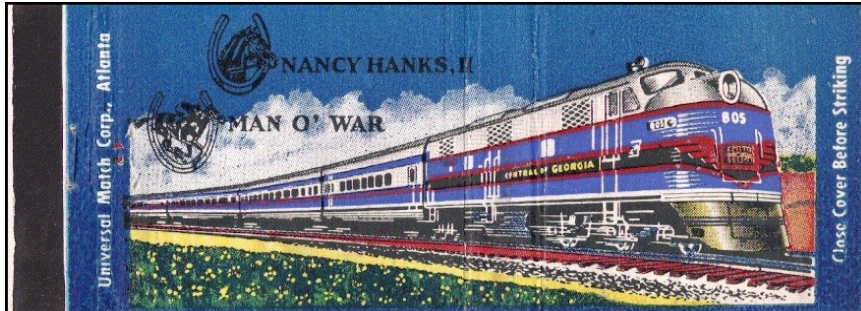


Featuring Full-Lengths!

Railroads



Railroads! Always popular in and of themselves. But look at these! What's to say? They're beautiful! And these certainly aren't all of the Full-Length Railroads you could possibly find.

It's interesting how they all seem to accentuate the engine. Is it just because it's the front of the train? Maybe, but people have always been fascinated with train engines. It's not just that they pull the rest of the train, but they're so big and powerful...and later models looked so streamlined.

Railroads themselves go back quite away...In 1825, inventor John Stevens built a test track and ran a locomotive around in at his summer home estate in Hoboken, NJ.

In 1827, The Baltimore and Ohio incorporated and officially opened in 1830. Other railroads soon followed.

In 1829, the first U.S. steam locomotive, the Stourbridge Lion, was tested. In the period from the 1830s-1860s, an enormous railway building boom took place, and railroads replaced canals as a primary mode of transportation.

The next hundred years was marked by more expansion, but today railroads have declined both in number and freight hauled (28 million carloads). Coal remains the largest volume, but with President Obama wiping out the coal industry, it remains to be seen how long that will last. Better fuel prices also give the advantage to trucks.