

Trotwood's B & O Caboose History

Donated by CSX 01-21-92, Sales Order 922027 to the Historical Society
Arrived in Trotwood 10-28-91 by verbal agreement and secured on siding
Model: Class 1-18 Bay-Window version
Total Number Built: 46
Original B & O serial number: C3004 11/65
Assigned Chessie Serial number: 903004 5/73
Weight: 63,700 pounds

The B & O caboose was designed to be the conductor's operating headquarters and office for the freight train. Paperwork included waybills and wheel report listing the detail of the cars of his train to include owners' initials and numbers, contents and weight. One or two brakeman also ride the caboose, taking care of switching, flagging and watching the train for hot journal boxes. The brakeman on the rear platform signals to a passing train that all is in order. The brakeman keeps a sharp lookout to spot any trouble that might show up on the train ahead. He also watches for signals from the head-end brakeman or the engine crew, and they talk to each other by radiotelephone. In the lockers, the trainmen stored their food, which can be cooked on the oil-fired stove to furnish amply satisfying meals or a hot cup of coffee.

Currently, the B & O caboose is titled to the Trotwood-Madison Township Chamber of Commerce. The Historical Society remains responsible for ensuring that the preservation is maintained.

Important Dates

Nov 65: Built new by International Car Corporation, Kenton, Ohio
Feb 26 66: In service at Washington D.C.
Sep 24 69: ACI plate installed at Cumberland, Maryland shops
Feb 4 72: In service at Chillicothe, Ohio
May 73: Painted Chessie system yellow at Dubois, Pennsylvania
Dec 19 75: Toilet installed at B & O shops, Dubois, Pennsylvania
Jul 17 76: In service at Cincinnati, Ohio
Mar 77: Inspected at B & O shops, Barr Yard, Chicago, Illinois
Mar 77: Journals Lubricated at B & O shops Barr Yard, Chicago, Illinois
Aug 12 78: In service at Willard, Ohio
Jan 29 79: Radio installed at Cumberland, Maryland shops
Aug 28 79: Marker lights installed at Barr Yard, Chicago, Illinois
Oct 18 79: ACI plate installed again at B & O shops, Cumberland, Maryland
Sep 29 80: Inspected at B & O shops, Barr Yard, Chicago, Illinois
Sep 29 80: In-date-test performed at B & O shops, Chicago, Illinois
Oct 3 80: In service at Cumberland, Maryland
Aug 3 81: In service at Chillicothe, Ohio
Oct 29 82: Renumbered from "C"3004 to "90"3004 at Bentwood, West Virginia
Apr 8 83: In service at Buckingham, West Virginia
Jul 6 84: New FRA windows installed at Cumberland, Maryland shops
Jul 6 84: Steps modified at B & O shops, Cumberland, Maryland
Nov 9 85: In service at Willard, Ohio
Jan 31 87: In service at Dayton, Ohio
Jul 16 91: Placed into "bad order" category at Dayton, Ohio
Jul 16 91: Waybill issued at Dayton, Ohio
Oct 28 91: Delivered to Historical Society of Trotwood-Madison Township

Nov 18 91: Letter from Chamber of Commerce reaffirming their interest and support in the renovation efforts and the request for gaining title for the Chamber

Jan 21 92: CSX sales order #922027 for donation to Historical Society of Trotwood-Madison Township

Feb 3 92: Signed agreement between CSX and Historical Society of Trotwood-Madison Township Board of Directors

April 2 92: Letter from Chamber confirming the acceptance of Rev A, Dated 18 Mar 92 titled "Agreement of Transfer"

Apr 13 92: Letter from Historical Society to CSX requesting transfer to Chamber

Sep 5 92: CSX sale official, letter of title transfer to the Trotwood-Madison Chamber of Commerce

Sep 17 92: CSX derailed C3004 in preparation of pulling the Tracks

Sep 28 92: Notarized agreement signed between the Trotwood-Madison Historical Society and the Trotwood-Madison Chamber of Commerce

Oct 92: B & O received new paint job by Devers Truck & Body Co.

Mar 18 93: B & O C3004 Hoisted onto location at Trotwood Olde Town Commons Area