

A More Prototypical Approach to Car Forwarding Software

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Overview

- Car forwarding review, Prototype and Model
- Why a new computer program
- What it does (very high level)
 - Fundamentals
 - Advanced Features
 - Analysis
- Q & A

Show of Hands

- Operating sessions?
- Car Cards and Waybills (CC&WB)?
- Switch Lists?
- Computer Software?

Car Forwarding Review

Prototype Car Forwarding

- Why? Shipments of goods
- Where? Waybills
- How? Switch Lists

Prototype Waybills – 3 Main Types

- Car Supply
- Freight
- Empty Return

ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY							
EMPTY CAR WAYBILL AND HOME ROUTE CARD							
Description of Car							
NUMBER							
TARE WEIGHT-TONS							
COMMODITY GROUP							
DE INSIDE HHEIGHT							
Empty Car Waybill							
DATE							
DATE							
DATE							
DATE							
DATE							
DATE							
Home Route Card							
R. R.							
DATE							
SUED ATDATE							

Form, 847-A-4, '44-1,500,000







			Think C 2004 10 00 TH
PLACE SPECIAL SERVICE PASTERS HERE	(A. A. R. Standard Form AD-98) 671-RARITAN	RIVER RAIL ROAD	COMPANY-671
	To be used for	or Single Consignments, Carload and	Less Carload
CAR INITIALS AND NUMBER	KIND WEIGHT IN TONS	CROBERED FURNISHED	MARKED CAPACITY OF CAR. Ogdered Furnished
STOP THIS GAR	C. L. TRANSFERRED TO OR	DATE 7/11/02	WAYBILL No. 330
AT		CONSIGNEE AND A	ADDRESS AT STOP
AT AT TO No. STATIC	ON STATE PROV.	TROM NO. STATIC	ON STATE S PROV.
() ALGOMA, W	15.	(150) WRIGHTS, N	N. J.
SOUTH AMBOY CNJ TAY	LOR EL KEWAUNEE KGE	U. S. PLYWOOD CORP.	, WELDROK DIVISION
RECONNENED TO STATION	P SHIPPER'S ROUTING. STATE & PROV.	ORIGIN AND DATE, ORIGINAL CAR. PREVIOUS WAYBILL REFERENCE AN	D ROUTING WHEN REBILLED.
AUTHORITY CONSIGNEE AND ADDRESS ALGOMA PLYWOOD & WEN	IEER DIVISION	C. s	PARLIN, N. J.
FINAL DESTINATION AND ADDITION	L ROUTING	TOTAL GROSS	57900



Model Car Forwarding (CC&WB)

- Shipments
- Waybills
- Switch Lists Only with a lot of manual effort







Freight Waybill and Empty Return Bill



RID CODE	SPEC HDLG				
155					
EMPTY HOME ROUTING					
WAYBILL NUMBER					
310251					
DESTINATION					
STATION NAME	PROV.				
KEREMEOS	BC				
CONSIGNEE	TRACK				
CO-OP PACKINGHOUSE					
ROUTE					
CP -RUBY CQVR -RUBY -PRCTN					
GN					
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS					
DUTY PAID IN CANADA					

Car Supply Bill and Freight Waybill



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Waybills, Part 3

The development of a prototypical waybill for model use is an ongoing interest of mine. It all started with Bill Neale's article in Model Railroader ("Plastic pocket car cards," February 2009, pages 62-65), with his idea to use clear sleeves, intended for baseball-card collectors, to play the role of car cards. Waybills are simply inserted into the sleeves, which bear labels for individual cars. This meant that the waybills would be about the size of baseball cards, 2.5 x 3.5 inches, plenty of space for generous information (something I like) but small enough to fit in a shirt pocket and easy to handle. I thought Bill's waybills were a little primitive, but the car sleeve idea really caught my imagination.

The overall ideas I developed for better waybills were shown in my RMC article ("Prototypical Waybills for Car Card Operation," Railroad Model Craftsman, December 2009, pages 71-77) and expanded in The Dispatcher's Office ("Contents of a Waybill," April 2010, pages 17-24), a corrected version of the latter article being provided on Google Docs, as linked in my previous post, "Waybills-2" of January 31, 2011 (see

http://modelingthesp.blogspot.com/2011/01/waybills-2.html). But the waybills shown in those two articles had some shortcomings.

A major one was the lack of space for car routing, something I wanted to include, and also (as indicated in my post "Waybills" of December 9, 2010,

Reference pages

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- Weathering with acrylic washes: basic technique
- Weathering with acrylic washes: specific car types ...

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Waybills, Part 63: filling out

In previous posts,I have explored many aspects of what waybills are and how they are used, always with the goal of informing model operations. Many of these prior posts can be found by using the word "Waybills" as a search term in the search box at the right. If you have particular interests within this topic, add one or more appropriate words to the search term you use.

The present post goes back to a very basic point, and one about which I am often asked: how does a model waybill get filled out? It was stimulated in particular by a recent layout visitor, who shall remain nameless, and who phrased it this way: "How do you dream up these waybills?" Overcoming a faint instinct of outrage at the word "dream," I realized he really meant to ask, "where does the information come from?" That's certainly a legitimate question.

The first issue to recognize is that of how cars are chosen for loading. Modelers often imagine all on-line loading to be in home-road cars. If this had been done on the prototype, obviously half of all car miles would have been empty car-miles, since all arriving foreign cars would be unloaded and sent home empty, while home-road cars were loaded exclusively. It was to reduce this problem that Car Service Rule 1 was written to say, in essence: "Do not load a home-line car if suitable foreign car is available or can reasonably be obtained."

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Why a New Computer Program

CC&WB Works Great But:

- Too much work
- Crews unsure what to do with a Car
- Hard to update for changes
- No insight into overall traffic flow





ROAD NAME UP CAR NO. 490164 TYPE RBL reefer			
EMPTYCAP	WAYBILL XM	WAYBILL RB	INTERCHANGE
	TO: Appaloosa Jct. RCVR: Cascades Cookies VIA:	TO:St. Peterburg, FLRCVR:Florida Warehouse Co.VIA:SHPR:Cascades CookiesCONT:Cookies	TO: Grand Forks, ND
	Monday	EMPTY CAR ORDER TO: Appaloosa Jet. RCVR: Cascades Cookies Type: RB (bunkerl. reefer) Tue	INTERCHANGE TO: Appaloosa Jet.

So..... Automate it!

- Keep the **richness** of the CC&WB system, but:
 - Eliminate the manual effort for set up
 - Operate using Switch Lists
 - Analyse Car movements over time for planning
- And **no** artificial assumptions or approximations
 - Car movements are always based on prototypical Shipments

What the Program Does (Very High Level)

The Program:

- Selects suitable Shipments for Cars
- Generates necessary Waybills for Cars
- Runs Trains to pick up and deliver Cars according to their Waybills
- Prints Switch Lists
- Records an Event Log that can be analysed

Program Features

Fundamentals

Fundamental Features

- Track Network
- Car Routing
- Running Trains
- Restaging of Trains
- Switch Lists for Operations

Track Network

- Modelled layout plus external unmodelled areas
- A view from the Car's perspective
- Includes every place where a Car can "rest"
- Connections link one Track to another
- Used to route Cars
- Trains follow paths

Simple Example

- West Staging, one Town and East Staging
- Shipment scenario:
 - Reefer to be delivered to the Warehouse in Town from Western Fruit, beyond West Staging

Car Routing

- Shipments specify only start and end points
- The route follows a path between these points
- Paths are calculated from the Network of Tracks and Connections

Car Routing

- Shipper = Western Fruit
- Receiver = Town Warehouse
- Route = ??



Car Routing

- Route:
 - West Staging
 - Main Track
 - Siding
 - Warehouse



Car Routing Schematic Diagram



Car Routing and Trains

- What Trains are involved in moving the Car?
- Answer:

- We don't know (yet), but the Car does not care!



Running Trains

- Each Train follows a specific Timetable consisting of an order list of Stops
- Each Stop specifies if the Train picks up, delivers, or just "visits" the Track
- Trains try to "advance" Cars along their route
- No guarantee that any Car will ever be moved!
- Think "Hitchhiking"

Eastbound Way Freight



Eastbound Through Freight



...followed by a Local Switcher



Eastbound Non-Stop Freight











Restaging of Trains

- No manual intervention
- Every Car assigned a "doable" Shipment
- Random selection from all suitable Shipments
- Shipment selection algorithm can easily be improved

Restaging Process

- Each Car must be given a new "role" to play
- Find Candidate Shipments that are:
 - Suitable for Car and Type, and
 - Train can advance the Car
- Select one candidate at random
- If no candidates, Car is moved to Storage

Candidate Shipment Selection



Switch Lists

- Different formats for Road Trains and Switchers
- Simple files processed as a spreadsheet
- Will be integrated into the program
- Printed using a receipt printer

Road Switch List Sample



Road Switch List

Nanaimo	Turn		
April 21 1	.965 00:15		
BCH.S Y	ard.Nanaimo	Build	
[Pickups:	11]		
Road	Number	Туре	Operation
CN	480715	Box	PICKUP
CN	480927	Box	PICKUP
CN	522781	Box	PICKUP
CP	223422	Box	PICKUP
CP	249463	Box	PICKUP
CP	283300	Reefer	PICKUP
CP	51662	Box	PICKUP
CP	51856	Box	PICKUP
PGE	8003	Box	PICKUP
SLSF	153197	Box	PICKUP
SOU	272418	Box	PICKUP

April 21 196	5 06:10		
BCH.McKay	.Sears		
[Pickups: 1	Deliveries: 4]		
Road	Number	Туре	Operation
CN	480927	Box	DELIVER
CN	522781	Box	DELIVER
СР	249463	Box	DELIVER
СР	42610	Box	PICKUP
PGE	8003	Box	DELIVER
BCH.McKay	.Kelly Dougl	as.Grocery	
[Deliveries: 2	2]		
Road	Number	Туре	Operation
СР	51662	Box	DELIVER
SLSF	153197	Box	DELIVER
BCH.McKay	.Kelly Dougl	as.Produce	
[Pickups: 2	Deliveries: 1]		
Road	Number	Туре	Operation
СР	283300	Reefer	DELIVER
PFE	300207	Reefer	PICKUP
WFCX	8813	Reefer	PICKUP

Road Switch List

BCH.McKay	.Nabob		
[Deliveries: 1	L]		
Road Number		Туре	Operation
CP	223422	Box	DELIVER
BCH.Nanair	no.Central P	ark Team T	rack
[Pickups: 4	Deliveries: 1]		
Road	Number	Туре	Operation
CP	221856	Box	PICKUP
СР	286137	Reefer	PICKUP
CP	297510	Box	PICKUP
CP	51856	Box	DELIVER
GN	3594	Box	PICKUP
BCH.Nanair	no.McGrego	r	
[Pickups: 1	Deliveries: 1]		
Road Number		Туре	Operation
CN	480715	Box	DELIVER
UP	474037	Box	PICKUP

BCH.Nan	aimo.Associa	ated Foundri	es	
[Pickups:	1]			
Road Number		Туре	Operation	
GN	75658	Gondola	PICKUP	
SOU	272418	Box	DELIVER	
April 21 1	.965 06:15			
BCH.S Ya	ard.Main			
[Deliverie	s: 9]			
Road	Number	Туре	Operation	
СР	221856	Box	DELIVER	
СР	286137	Reefer	DELIVER	
CP	297510	Box	DELIVER	
CP	42610	Box	DELIVER	
GN	3594	Box	DELIVER	
GN	75658	Gondola	DELIVER	
PFE	300207	Reefer	DELIVER	
UP	474037	Box	DELIVER	
WFCX	8813	Reefer	DELIVER	
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Classify Switcher Switch List

GF Switcher After CP 82 Eastbound							
Start AFTEF	R Train CP 82	2 has departed	J.				
April 24 195	5 02:00						
Road	Number	Туре	From	То	Final Destination		
CP	357643	Hopper	Grand Forks.Siding	Grand Forks.SBC-Norths	Archibald.Rock Candy Mine		
CP	357786	Hopper	Grand Forks.Siding	Grand Forks.SBC-Souths	Darestof.C		
CP	50537	Box	Grand Forks.Siding	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.Boundary Electric		
CP	89065	Box	Grand Forks.Siding	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.Boundary Electric		
GN	5010	Box	Grand Forks.Siding	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.Boundary Electric		
GN	73982	Cov Hopper	Grand Forks.Siding	Grand Forks.SBC-Souths	Darestof.C		
MILW	716966	Box	Grand Forks.Siding	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.Boundary Electric		
UTLX	76942	Tank	Grand Forks.Siding	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.Esso		

Local Industries Switch List

GF Industri	es				
April 24 195	5 04:45				
Road	Number	Туре	From	To	Final Destination
ATSF	11025	Box	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.Sawmill	Grand Forks.Sawmill
ATSF	156270	Box	Grand Forks.Sawmili	Grand Forks.SBC-Souths	South.Staging
BMMX	1809	Tank	Grand Forks.Esso	Grand Forks.CP-Wests	West.Staging (Upper)
CDLX	817	Tank	Grand Ferke.Lecals	Grand Forks. CCS	Grand Forks.OCS
CP	117832	Box	Grand Forks.Sawmill	Grand Forks.SBC-Souths	South.Staging
CP	240000	Box	Grand Forks.CP-Easis	HOLD	East.Staging (Lower)
CP	281472	Reefer	Grand Forks.CP-Wests	HOLD	West.Staging (Upper)
CP	357156	Hopper	Grand Forks.CP-Wests	HOLD	West.Staging (Upper)
CP	357488	Hopper	Grand Forks.CP-Wests	HOLD	West.Staging (Upper)
CP	357493	Hopper	Grand Forks.CP-Wests	HOLD	West.Staging (Upper)
CP	357669	Hopper	Grand Forks.CP-Wests	HOLD	West.Staging (Upper)
CP	357786	Hopper	Grand Forks.SBC-Souths	HOLD	Darestof.C
CP	50537	Box	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.Boundary Electric	c Grand Forks.Boundary Electric
CP	89065	Box	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.Boundary Electric	Grand Forks.Boundary Electric
CP	89067	Box	Grand Forks.CP-Wests	HOLD	West.Staging (Upper)
EBAX	6008	Tank	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.Columbia Brewer	y Grand Forks.Columbia Brewery
GACX	42764	Cov Hopper	Grand Forks.OCS	Grand Forks.SBC-Souths	South.Staging
GARE	9105	Reefer	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.OCS	Grand Forks.OCS
GN	23637	Box	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.Fruit Coop	Grand Forks.Fruit Coop
GN	5010	Box	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.Boundary Electric	c Grand Forks.Boundary Electric
GN	73608	Hopper	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	HOLD	East.Staging (Lower)
GN	73982	Cov Hopper	Grand Forks.SBC-Souths	HOLD	Darestof.C
KPCX	1901	Tank	Grand Forks.Locals	Grand Forks.Esso	Grand Forks.Esso

Advanced Features

Advanced Features

- Track network diagrams
- Train schedule "String Diagrams"
- Car Exchange
- Car Orders
- Train Lineups

Track Network Diagrams

- Generated directly from the track network
- Currently uses LibreOffice Draw
- Only need to arrange Track positions
- Could become an integrated editor later





String Diagrams

- Generated directly from Train Timetables
- Uses simple spreadsheet program to display
- Could be integrated later





Car Orders

- For specific Shipments
- Both empties for outbound and inbound loads
- Helps ensure a uniform supply of cars
- Considered before random selection
- Rules can be enhanced later

Train Lineups

- View of all activity at specific Tracks
- Great for yardmaster to know what is expected

Grand Forks Yard Line-up - Arriving

April 24 1	L955 01:30				
CP 82 Eastbound					
[Deliverie	es: 8;]				
Road	Number	Туре	То	From	Final Destination
CP	357643	Hopper	Grand Forks.Siding		Archibald.Rock Candy Mine
СР	357786	Hopper	Grand Forks.Siding		Darestof.C
CP	50537	Box	Grand Forks.Siding		Grand Forks.Boundary Electric
CP	89065	Box	Grand Forks.Siding		Grand Forks.Boundary Electric
GN	5010	Box	Grand Forks.Siding		Grand Forks.Boundary Electric
GN	73982	Cov Hopper	Grand Forks.Siding		Darestof.C
MILW	716966	Box	Grand Forks.Siding		Grand Forks.Boundary Electric
UTLX	76942	Tank	Grand Forks.Siding		Grand Forks.Esso

Grand Forks Yard Line-up - Departing

April 24 1955 01:40					
CP 82 Eastbound					
[Pickups: 10; Holds: 4;]					
Road	Number	Туре	То	From	Final Destination
ATSF	11074	Box	East.Staging (Lower)	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	East.Staging (Lower)
CNW	84028	Box	East.Staging (Lower)	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	East.Staging (Lower)
CP	240000	Box	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	HOLD	East.Staging (Lower)
CP	51856	Box	East.Staging (Lower)	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	East.Staging (Lower)
CRR	52769	Hopper	East.Staging (Lower)	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	East.Staging (Lower)
DTDX	38134	Tank	East.Staging (Lower)	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	East.Staging (Lower)
GN	73608	Hopper	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	HOLD	East.Staging (Lower)
MON	3029	Gondola	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	HOLD	East.Staging (Lower)
MP	112350	Box	East.Staging (Lower)	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	East.Staging (Lower)
NWP	1904	Box	East.Staging (Lower)	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	East.Staging (Lower)
ТСХ	270	Tank	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	HOLD	East.Staging (Lower)
UP	101	Cov Hopper	East.Staging (Lower)	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	East.Staging (Lower)
UP	185038	Box	East.Staging (Lower)	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	East.Staging (Lower)
UP	419	Cov Hopper	East.Staging (Lower)	Grand Forks.CP-Easts	East.Staging (Lower)

Analysis
Analysis Features

- Study concept
- Multiple day simulations for analysis
- Data output for analysis as a spreadsheet
- Could be integrated later

Study Concept



S&BC Study for 7 Days

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?> <study comment="This is a test..." cycles="7" layout="sbclayout.csv" version="1.0"> <message message="Starting Study" start="01:00"/> <runtrain start="00:00" format="switcher" timetable="GF Switcher" /> <runtrain start="00:00" format="road" timetable="CP Eastbound" /> <runtrain start="02:00" format="switcher" timetable="GF Switcher" /> <runtrain start="00:00" format="road" timetable="SBC Northbound" /> <runtrain start="04:00" format="switcher" timetable="GF Switcher" /> <runtrain start="02:30" format="road" timetable="Passenger Southbound" /> <runtrain start="05:30" format="road" timetable="SBC Southbound" /> <runtrain start="08:30" format="switcher" timetable="GF Switcher" /> <runtrain start="04:45" format="switcher" timetable="GF Switcher Industries" /> <runtrain start="06:00" format="road" timetable="Passenger Northbound" /> <runtrain start="08:30" format="road" timetable="CP Westbound" /> </study>

CP Eastbound Timetable

CP Eastbound	0:00	СР	West	Staging (Upper)	Note	Train is on Track 1
CP Eastbound	0:00	СР	West	Staging (Upper)	RESTAGE	
CP Eastbound	0:10	CP	West	Staging (Upper)	REBLOCK	GFEastBound
CP Eastbound	1:10	CP	West	Staging (Upper)	Depart	
CP Eastbound	1:30	SBC	Grand Forks	Main	Arrive	Check with GF Yard
CP Eastbound	1:30	SBC	Grand Forks	Main	VISIT	
CP Eastbound	1:30	SBC	Grand Forks	Siding	DELIVER	
CP Eastbound	1:30	SBC	Grand Forks	Siding	VISIT	
CP Eastbound	1:40	SBC	Grand Forks	CP-Easts	PICKUP	
CP Eastbound	1:55	SBC	Grand Forks	CP-Easts	Depart	
CP Eastbound	2:25	CP	East	Staging (Lower)	Arrive	Keep left when entering
CP Eastbound	2:25	CP	East	Staging (Lower)	Note	Train goes to Track 1
CP Eastbound	2:25	СР	East	Staging (Lower)	DELIVER	

Reports

- Various metrics can be plotted against time
- Shows if the operations are in "balance"
- Simplest is Car count at a location over time
- Car history of locations it has been at, etc.
- Produced by post-processing of the Event log
- Easy to develop more

Simple Car Counts Over Time



Inbound and Outbound Conflict



Oscillations









Not Clearing Outbound Cars to CN

BCH.S Yard.CN Build:% **CP.PCT.CP Build:%** JUMMA MA · HUMANA

Average and Maximum Track Occupancy



Restaging Shipment Counts

stn	ind	dir	total	Boxcar	Cov Hopper	Flat	Gondola	Hopper	Log	Ore	Reefer	Stock	Tank
HOPE	STAGING	INBOUND	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
HOPE	STAGING	THROUGH	19	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
HOPE	STAGING	OUTBOUND	315	261	0	0	0	42	2	5	0	5	0
ODLUM THROUGH	STAGING	INBOUND	19	10	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
ODLUM THROUGH	STAGING	THROUGH	42	31	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
ODLUM THROUGH	STAGING	OUTBOUND	315	261	0	0	0	42	2	5	0	5	0
ODLUM	STAGING	INBOUND	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
ODLUM	STAGING	THROUGH	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ODLUM	STAGING	OUTBOUND	315	261	0	0	0	42	2	5	0	5	0
PENTICTON	STAGING	INBOUND	24	5	0	3	15	0	0	0	0	0	1
PENTICTON	STAGING	THROUGH	79	35	1	5	14	1	0	0	23	0	0
PENTICTON	STAGING	OUTBOUND	315	261	0	0	0	42	2	5	0	5	0
PRINCETON	STAGING	INBOUND	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRINCETON	STAGING	THROUGH	29	25	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
PRINCETON	STAGING	OUTBOUND	315	261	0	0	0	42	2	5	0	5	0
SPENCES BRIDGE	STAGING	INBOUND	11	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SPENCES BRIDGE	STAGING	THROUGH	88	67	0	13	2	0	0	0	1	4	1
SPENCES BRIDGE	STAGING	OUTBOUND	315	261	0	0	0	42	2	5	0	5	0

Track Shipment Counts

stn	ind	inbounds	outbounds
BROOKMERE	BROOKMERE OIL TRACK	2	0
BROOKMERE	MAINTENANCE OF WAY DEPT	4	0
DIAMONDVALE	DIAMONDVALE COAL AND IRON	0	11
DIAMONDVALE	DIAMONDVALE COKE AND COAL	2	0
HOPE	BC ELECTRIC	1	0
HOPE	IMPERIAL OIL	2	0
HOPE	MAINTENANCE OF WAY DEPT	3	0
HOPE	OCS Track	2	0
HOPE	PRINCETON SAWMILLS	1	47
HOPE	RAINBOW RANCH	0	1
IAGO	Spur	5	0
JULIET	MURRAY LAKE LOGGING	0	2
KINGSVALE	Spur	2	23
MERRITT	ASPEN PV LUMBER	0	47
MERRITT	BAOIL	2	0
MERRITT	CITY OF MERRITT	1	0
MERRITT	Freight House	20	0
MERRITT	IMPERIAL OIL	4	0
MERRITT	MERRITT DIAMOND SAWMILL	0	50

Car History for Two Shipments

time	car	cartype	stn	ind	train	operation
1955-05-13 00:00:00	CP-89065	Box	South	Staging	UP 21 Northbound	RESTAGED
1955-05-13 00:00:00	CP-89065	Box	South	Staging	UP 21 Northbound	PICKUP
1955-05-13 03:20:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	Siding	UP 21 Northbound	DELIVER
1955-05-13 04:00:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	Siding	GF Switcher After UP 21	PICKUP
1955-05-13 04:45:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	Locals	GF Switcher After UP 21	DELIVER
1955-05-13 04:51:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	Locals	GF Industries	PICKUP
1955-05-13 05:15:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	Sawmill	GF Industries	DELIVER
1955-05-14 05:15:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	Sawmill	GF Industries	PICKUP
1955-05-14 08:15:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	SBC-Norths	GF Industries	DELIVER
1955-05-15 03:30:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	SBC-Norths	UP 21 Northbound	PICKUP
1955-05-15 04:55:00	CP-89065	Box	North	Staging (Upper)	UP 21 Northbound	DELIVER
1955-05-15 05:30:00	CP-89065	Box	North	Staging (Upper)	UP 22 Southbound	RESTAGED
1955-05-15 05:30:00	CP-89065	Box	North	Staging (Upper)	UP 22 Southbound	PICKUP
1955-05-15 07:30:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	Siding	UP 22 Southbound	DELIVER
1955-05-15 08:30:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	Siding	GF Switcher After UP 22	PICKUP
1955-05-15 09:15:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	Locals	GF Switcher After UP 22	DELIVER
1955-05-16 04:51:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	Locals	GF Industries	PICKUP
1955-05-16 05:15:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	Sawmill	GF Industries	DELIVER
1955-05-17 05:15:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	Sawmill	GF Industries	PICKUP
1955-05-17 08:15:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	CP-Easts	GF Industries	DELIVER
1955-05-18 01:40:00	CP-89065	Box	Grand Forks	CP-Easts	CP 82 Eastbound	PICKUP
1955-05-18 02:25:00	CP-89065	Box	East	Staging (Lower)	CP 82 Eastbound	DELIVER

Summary

- Selects suitable Shipments for Cars
- Generates necessary Waybills for Cars
- Runs Trains to pick up and deliver Cars according to their Waybills
- Prints Switch Lists
- Records an Event Log that can be analysed

Not Covered

- Districts for Car selection and home routing
- Shipments and Car Orders can be "fuzzy"
- Car wait times are configurable
- Car location summary
- CSV and XML file formats

Not Covered

- Track Pools and "elastic" Tracks
- Diagnostics to help find data errors
- "Stuck" Cars
- Developed in Java using Netbeans on a Mac

Q & A

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