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The George Washington.

The Most Wonderful Train in the World

By Edgar Billups

The Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's *George Washington* was one of the last great long distance heavyweight passenger trains in the United States, famous for its understated opulence and the quality of its service. This new book relates the entire story of that train, from its conception during the depths of the Great Depression until its replacement by a train of lightweight streamlined cars after World War II.

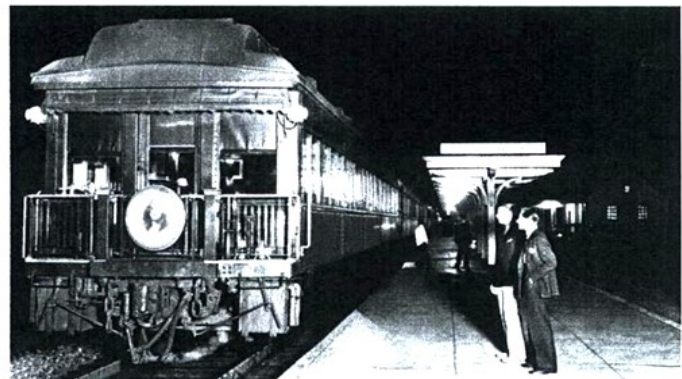


The book begins with a brief description of the evolution of the railroad itself and the influence the early surveys of George Washington had on the ultimate route of the road. Consideration is given to the fastidious and meticulous planning of the train together with comprehensive analysis of

matters of historical significance. Of particular interest are the brief depictions developed by the planners detailing the historical figures, events and locations whose names were honoured on various cars of the train. Included also are thorough overviews of the locomotives and cars that made up this first completely air conditioned, long distance, overnight train along with descriptions of its operation and the experience of riding on *The George*. Lucius Beebe once remarked, 'Nothing topped *The George Washington* at its golden noonday.'

Vicariously enjoy a comfortable trip in one of the elegant *Imperial Salon* coaches, a *Mount Vernon Dinner* in *Gadsby's Tavern* and a night cap in the observation car *Commander-In-Chief* before retiring to a comfortable berth as a guest of the *Marquis LaFayette*, *Compte de Rochambeau* or *Baron von Steuben* – and *Chessie!*

- Nearly 300 pages of text
- Virtually 300 images and charts
- Full Colour Section
- 100 pages of appendices
- Printed on heavy gloss stock
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