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The Wood Sheathed Cars of the FGEX/WFEX/BREX Freight Refrigerator Fleet: 1940-1953

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Cover photo: FGEX 34833 photographed *circa* April 1954. This car features a riveted underframe with six-inch side sill, and represents a numerically dominant group of reefers numbering 3,478 cars at its peak, the largest number of any series owned by FGEX. WFEX owned over 1,300 identical cars. (Jay Williams collection, courtesy of Jim Singer)



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Dedications

This presentation is dedicated to two groups of people:

Those forgotten men and women and too often the children that toil in the fields and sheds, picking, sorting, packing and loading the produce that feeds a nation.

All of those photographers who went out and photographed the lowly and lovely freight car.



An outdoor potato grader using migratory labor at the freight station in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, July 1940. (Jack Delano photo, Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF33-020572-M2 DLC)

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Foreword by Ben Hom

In January 1987, *Railroad Model Craftsman* published the first of a series of six articles by Tony Thompson on the refrigerator cars of Pacific Fruit Express. Prior to that series of articles, the enthusiast community knew relatively little about PFE equipment and operations, despite its major impact as the largest operator of refrigerator cars in North America. This pioneering series of articles was followed by the landmark book *Pacific Fruit Express*, and thanks to the efforts of modelers and historians Tony Thompson, Robert Church, Bruce Jones, Keith Jordan, Richard Hendrickson, John Moore, and A. Dean Hale, the major refrigerator fleets of Pacific Fruit Express and Santa Fe have been well documented.

Unfortunately, the same is not the case for Fruit Growers Express. Nineteen railroads in all made up "Our Companies" (the corporate term for the Fruit Growers Express consortium, which consisted of Fruit Growers Express, Burlington Refrigerator Express, Western Fruit Express, and National Car Company), and their cars were seen throughout the Eastern Seaboard, Midwest, and Pacific Northwest hauling a staggering amount and variety of produce. However, there is an astonishing lack of awareness of the scope of its operations and equipment, which is particularly puzzling given that "Our Companies" served not only major railroads such as the PRR, B&O, ACL, SAL, Southern, CB&Q, and GN, but also smaller roads with large followings such as the New Haven and NYO&W. This lack of awareness has contributed to one of the biggest shortcomings in available rolling stock - the lack of available accurate mass-produced injection-molded models of refrigerator cars for the consortium (though accurate HO scale models of some "Our Companies" wood-sheathed reefer prototypes have been available for some time from Sunshine Models and Westerfield in resin and can also be kitbashed from the Accurail wood-sheathed reefer as detailed by Greg Martin in the March-April 2007 of *The B&O Modeler*.) Most modelers really "don't know what they don't know".

Bill Welch has kindly given us permission to reprint the information package that he initially developed for a clinic presented at Sunshine Models' 2002 Prototype Modelers Meeting. This special stand-alone combined issue of *The B&O Modeler*, *The Keystone Modeler*, and *The Seaboard-Coast Line Modeler* incorporates corrections and updates to the original text, and is presented with additional prototype and model photographs. We hope that this will accomplish the same purpose as Tony Thompson's Pacific Fruit Express articles in *Railroad Model Craftsman* and raises awareness on this subject.

This work is far from the last word on this subject. Bill Welch is working on a history of "Our Companies", a task made far more difficult by the scope of the project and the fact that very little corporate documentation survives. We encourage anyone who has information on "Our Companies", including copies of their employee magazine *Teamwork*, to contact Bill. Every little piece of the puzzle helps contribute to the big picture.

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Introduction

Of the five great freight refrigerator fleets that transported fresh produce in iced house cars for the first 70 or so years of the Twentieth Century, only the fleets of the Pacific Fruit Express (PFE) and the Santa Fe Refrigerator Despatch (SFRD) have been well documented. The stories of the American Refrigerator Transit (ART), Merchants Despatch Transportation (MDT) and a group I call the "Fruit Growers Express/Western Fruit Express/Burlington Refrigerator Express Consortium" have yet to be fully appreciated and told.

I will leave the ART and MDT stories to others because while they are of interest to me, the task of understanding the companies that banded together at the Munsey Building in Washington, DC is challenging enough for this modeler. I think that from the perspective of a modeler doing history the three companies should be seen together. Obviously from an ownership perspective, they were three different companies. FGEX was owned by over twenty railroads in the south and east, while WFEX was owned by the Great Northern Railroad and BREX by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Both the BREX and WFEX declared who owned them with corporate heralds emblazoned on the car sides, in case there may be any confusion.

But ownership and operation are two different things, and it was the way that these three companies *operated* that requires that we look at them as one entity. Despite their different reporting marks, in 1928 H. B. Spencer was the President of FGEX, WFEX, and BREX. Each was audited by C. A. Finney while R. R. Cooke served as "Treasurer" and F. E. Evans was the "Superintendent of Car Service" for each of the three principles. If you had to report the movement of a BREX reefer, you sent that report to Mr. Evans. If you had to ice a WFEX reefer, you sent that bill to Mr. Finney. If you had a balance to pay on a shipment made in a FGEX reefer, you sent that check to Mr. Cooke. All of these people worked in Washington, DC, first at the Munsey Building, and later at 1101 Vermont Avenue where the Fruit Growers, Western Fruit, and Burlington Refrigerator Express Companies were all headquartered.

In fact, Western Fruit Express and Burlington Refrigerator Express were formed in 1923 and 1926 respectively so they each would have access to a larger number of refrigerator cars. Likewise, Fruit Growers Express wanted to work with these companies because it meant more cars would be available to them when crops were being harvested in the territory it served. In turn, all three benefited from access to larger markets and having their cars used on a more year round basis.

If you were growing peaches in South Carolina, tomatoes in Georgia, or oranges in Florida and were served by one of the railroad owners of Fruit Growers Express, the Atlantic Coast Line, Southern Railway, or Florida East Coast let's say, it would not necessarily be reefers with only FGEX reporting marks that were sent to meet the local agent's request for cars. Conversely, if you were growing potatoes in Oregon, it was not only WFEX cars that would be spotted for loading. Rather, the odds were that the reefers spotted would have born a combination of FGEX, WFEX, and BREX reporting marks.¹ In other words, the cars owned by each of the three companies *operated* as one fleet. If the reefers delivered to fulfill a particular request bore only one set of reporting marks, it would have been a random and accidental event.²

Because of the different sizes of each owner's fleet, some would dominate and some would be scarcer. With about 2,000 cars at any given time, BREX was the smallest. In the middle was WFEX with about 7,000. FGEX over its history varied the most but was always the largest with well over 18,000 cars at one time. As modelers, a good ratio to strive for would be something like 14 or 15 FGEX cars, 7 WFEX cars, and 2 BREX cars.

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¹ It could also have been ART, PFE, SFRD, MDT, NWX, etc. for that matter, as the consortium was infamous for taking other companies' cars "Prisoner"

² Unless the request was for reefers outfitted with internal decking, in which case only the FGEX fleet was so equipped.







There are other compelling reasons to treat the FGEX/WFEX/BREX reefers as one fleet. The shops for each entity repaired other member's cars without discrimination and some were involved in building cars for the other partners. The commonality of designs after 1923 between WFEX and FGEX is significant. The family appearance given by the use of the Hutchins³ roof and the squared off ends that it rested upon that was used on so many of its rebuilt and modernized cars means that decisions for the combined fleet was centralized in some way. All three shared a wartime wood sheathed reefer design. The paint and stenciling schemes of each were obviously influenced by their commonality of interests, and changes to paint and stenciling happened in a coordinated way. The cars of each company's fleet, with one small exception, were numbered in a way to avoid conflicting with cars in any other group.

Because of the ways in which the three companies chose to structure themselves and the way in which they operated, and as modelers interested in historical accuracy, we should therefore consider that we are dealing with one operating entity and one fleet of cars. That is why I use the word consortium when I talk about the three companies. As defined by *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* a consortium is "an association or a combination, as of businesses, financial institutions, or investors, for the purpose of engaging in a joint venture."

First and foremost I approach this topic as a modeler interested in history rather than as a historian. This is not a history of the consortium but of their cars, specifically their wood sheathed cars between 1940 and 1953. I have chosen the dates because that is a period many of us model and there are many models available, or scheduled that make this a logical approach. Further, as compared to the other four large produce reefer fleets, the FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium was still primarily a wood sheathed fleet as it approached 1953.

All five of the major fleets would begin to acquire steel reefers in the late thirties. Of course SFRD would go further and lead the way in moving to steel when it began to rebuild its entire forty-foot wood sheathed fleet with steel sheathing. PFE would buy thousands of forty-foot steel sheathed cars, and while MDT and ART would buy large numbers of steel cars, there steel fleets were substantially smaller than PFE and SFRD.

Contrasting the habits of their competitors, FGEX, WFEX, and BREX did purchase steel cars but in much smaller numbers compared to the other four. (See tables 9, 10, and 11.) Having said that, I hope we will see models of their steel cars eventually. As you may guess, given the idiosyncratic nature of the consortium's wood sheathed fleet, there are some interesting variations in their fleet as compared to the other steel reefers of the period. I will leave covering this fleet to another time.

³Regarding the Replacement roofs used on the Consortium's Fleet, or That @#\$%^&*?!+ Roof

As early as 1938, and a recent information has made me question that it may have appeared a year or two earlier, Fruit Growers Express and Western Fruit Express began replacing the roofs on most of the cars they owned. Many of the cars FGE acquired from other railroads and Armour, plus the cars they began building to their initial design in 1922 and the improved design of 1928 had roofs of "double board" construction, an old technology that did not stand up well to the wear and tear that was inevitable in railroading. Western Fruit had the same problems with the cars it had built and owned, including the examples built for them that copied the FGE design. The replacement roof they chose to rebuild their fleets with was all metal, albeit designed to be flexible, so that it stayed watertight despite the jostling it encountered. Many freight car researchers, who are also by and large modelers, have come to call this replacement a Hutchins roof.

One of the most knowledgeable of these people, Dennis Storzek, has challenged the notion that the replacement roof used on so many of the consortium's reefers should be called a "Hutchins" roof." He notes that while there were examples of Hutchins roofs without the stiffening rib pressed into the middle of each panel, as used on the consortium's fleet, he has not discovered any examples that did not have the "dimples" pressed into the ends of the carline caps. The roof on the consortium's fleet does lack this dimple. Dennis goes onto to say that there were several metal roof products marketed in the 1930's that competed with the Hutchins Dry Lading roof and all of them lacked the dimple. Based on his research, Dennis believes that the roof was a Chicago Cleveland "Zenith" roof pictured in the 1931 *Car Builders Cyclopedia* among other places. Dennis says the information in the Cyc. "seems to indicate that this roof system was aimed at retrofitting cars with wood side plates, and as such would be perfect for conversion of the bulk of the FGEX/BREX/WFEX fleet." Based on Dennis' long-standing reputation as a researcher, I was prepared to refer to the roofs involved as the Zenith roof. However, since going in that direction, I have communicated with people that had an opportunity to examine roofs from inside a car and they say that the Hutchins name appears on the underside of the carline cap, what we erroneously sometimes call the roof rib. So I am stymied and confused, and probably will be until I have an opportunity to see for myself.







By 1938, all of the shorter reefers, the 36 and 38 footers, had either been moved from the FGEX roster to the National Car Company roster or scrapped. (Except that 25 thirty-six foot cars appear in 1944 for which there are no clues as yet.) These had come to FGEX from the various roads that helped to form it or joined it from 1920 and beyond. National was been formed primarily to serve the meat and poultry industry and the shorter cars were more suited to this service. I will not discuss the shorter cars in FGEX service but will mention them when I touch on National in the visual presentation. National is very hard to document because they had so many hand-me-downs, but enough photos exist to at least show the variety within their fleet.

This handout is meant to supplement a visual presentation and is limited by that function. It includes six sections that I hope will prove useful to modeler/historians. **Section I** draws comparisons and contrasts between and among the five major produce reefer entities and their fleets. This serves to put the FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium into context and perspective. Admittedly, this is very general and possesses all the compromises and pitfalls of generalization. Moreover it is subjective. I will, of course, let you draw your own conclusions.

I make "Some Observations about the Wood Sheathed Fleet" in **Section II** to give an overall sense of what I am trying to cover. There are comparisons and contrasts drawn here too. **Section III** is a "Historical Timeline" showing through the significant dates and occurrences the evolution of the consortium that began as a single entity "Fruit Growers Express Company," and how it developed its partnerships with the Western Fruit Express and Burlington Refrigerator Express Companies, as well as the other railroads that became members of FGEX creating an entity that would span much of the United States both in loading and delivering fresh produce to the market. At the same time it becomes clear why the reefers of the consortium at once look so different and yet also have common elements.

Section IV: "Tables" offers eleven tables to break down information on the refrigerator cars in question in a variety of ways. Much of the information comes from *The Official Railway Equipment Register*, but view this information with caution in that they are not complete recapitulations of the ORERs. This is explained at the beginning of Section IV.

Design." Rather than trying to trace the different car series by company ownership, 1 wanted to give the modeler/historian a simpler way to understand the complex diversity of the consortium's wood sheathed fleet. By ignoring the reporting marks, and focusing on the mechanical aspects of the cars, I think I have managed to make the fleet more accessible. In my opinion it also makes the history more interesting, and easier to follow and remember in the long run because it is simpler than trying to wade through car number series. For example, FGEX, WFEX, and BREX all had cars with truss rod underframes. I cover these as a group. Some underframe designs were unique to one or two of the consortium's members. These are easy to spot by this method. Conversely, trying to do this particular history by car series is a slippery slope, especially as it regards the FGEX cars. Many number series featured cars with different dimensions, which tell me there were probably cars that had a very different look to them. There is no documentation to let us know what these physical differences were. Another problem with the FGEX entries in the ORER is that steel sheathed cars are sometimes mixed in with wood sheathed. Short of information to differentiate where cars with different construction elements, I think my approach is less prone to errors. Included are modeling notes.

In **Section VI "Paint and Lettering Schemes,"** we again encounter enough similarities to reinforce the argument that the FGEX/WFEX/BREX produce reefers should be viewed as one fleet.

Let me say how much I have enjoyed preparing this presentation and hope it will stimulate your interest in this unappreciated fleet. I am especially interested in filling in the gaps about those FGEX series where their origins and significant features remain a mystery. If you come up with information, especially drawings or photographs, or copies of the employee magazine *Teamwork*, please let me know.







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Bill Welch's "Our Companies" Display, 2005 Prototype Rails, Cocoa Beach, Florida.







Section I Comparisons and Contrasts among Wood Sheathed Fleets of the Large Produce Reefer Entities



Merchants Despatch Transportation refrigerator cars at the South Water Street Illinois Central Railroad freight terminal, Chicago, Illinois, April 1943. (Jack Delano photo, Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-DIG-fsac-1a34780 DLC)

PFE¹, SFRD, and MDT each featured two basic wood sheathed designs while ART featured one, especially if we consider the underframe as a major part of the design.

The FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium featured about 7 or 8. This is due to the fact that so many different companies were involved. FGEX alone had over twenty companies that were part of its ownership, and seven different

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¹ PFE did receive 89 cars with the AAR underframe, but this was a very minor class among the several thousands that had either the "Bettendorf or "Built-up" underframes.







underframe looks or designs, since many of its owners also contributed their reefer fleets. The consortium shared only one design among its three major entities, the wartime composite design with a welded underframe and plywood sheathing.

Of the five major produce reefer entities in the United States, only the FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium featured cars with truss rod underframes, albeit all rebuilt with steel center sills. By 1953, BREX would only have one example remaining on its roster, but WFEX still showed 275 in service and FGEX had at least 103 on its roster.

BREX, PFE & SFRD assigned class designations to cars, while the ART, MDT, FGEX and WFEX did not.

All five of the major fleets began to build steel reefers in the late thirties.

SFRD began to rebuild their 40-foot wood sheathed cars with steel superstructures until all of the existing wood sheathed cars were eventually rebuilt. PFE, ART, and MDT did not rebuild wood sheathed cars with steel sheathing on the sides. What each member of the FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium did can only be said with mixed certainty at this time. It is certain that WFEX **did** rebuild some of their wood sheathed cars with a steel superstructure and that BREX **did not**. It is unclear regarding Fruit Growers cars.

In rebuilding their wood sheathed cars, ART and MDT generally made few if any changes to the superstructure. Some ART cars were rebuilt with paneled roofs from SRE, and apparently there are some photos of the ART cars rebuilt with Dreadnaught ends. This does not appear to have been a common change, especially in the 1940-1953 timeframe.

PFE made gradual improvements and changes as they rebuilt their wood sheathed fleet, from increasing the inside height to adding steel superframes, and state-of-the-art steel ends and paneled roofs from SRE.

The FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium was less systematic than either PFE or SFRD. The most basic (and obvious) improvement was replacement of outside wood and XLA roofs with a Hutchins roof and the application of AB brakes. Where not present, brake steps were added. But there were exceptions to this. Based on photographs, the BREX's truss rod cars probably never received the Hutchins roofs, AB brakes, or brakes steps, while FGEX and WFEX examples did. Nor is it clear if the WFEX 54147-54291 series ever received new roofs. BREX's cars (including subsidiary CX and FWDX) with XLA roofs and hatch platforms in place lasted into the early fifties. The documentation on the WFEX's 49000 series with XLA roof and hatch platforms is incomplete, but most appear to have received all of the modern features. A partial view of a FGEX's 11001 series (ex-FEC) taken in 1953 shows the car with hatch platforms and outside metal roof still in place.

Members of the FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium, with exception of the above mentioned WFEX steel rebuilds, never rebuilt its cars with steel ends. That is to say if the cars retained their wood sides, they also retained wood ends. Some were rebuilt to taller dimensions and taller doors, but others were not. Rebuilding often included a steel frame between the exterior sheathing and the interior sheathing, the evidence for which are riveted plates along the sill. But even into the mid-fifties, there are cars where the sills show no evidence of this, meaning some cars received wood frames when rebuilt.

All five fleets applied fans to a portion of their older cars as they were modernized.

As a percentage of their respective fleets, ART, PFE, SFRD, and MDT all had more steel cars during the time period covered than did the FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium.







FGEX and WFEX built their last wood sheathed cars in 1946. The consortium would not resume buying steel cars until 1948.

In talking about the FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium, it is hard not to use cautious and qualifying language. This can be very frustrating but company records do not exist and within the available photos there are many gaps. MDT seems to suffer the same problem regarding comprehensive records, but Roger Hinman is doing a good job of piecing together information on MDT. Good records exist for PFE, SFRD, and ART.

All of this interesting mix of history and details make things more complicated, challenging and interesting for people modeling the railroads and territories served by the FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium.

The FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium's fleet was the second largest refrigerator car entity in the United States. Arguably no other fleet of ice cooled produce reefers served production areas that were as geographically diverse and far-flung as did the FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium: It loaded produce from Florida and Georgia to Oregon and Washington, from New York and Maryland to Colorado and Texas.



Sacks of potatoes await loading in FGEX 33526 at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, July 1940. (Jack Delano photo, Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF33-20572-M1)







Section II Some Observations about the Wood Sheathed Fleet

FGEX, WFEX, & BREX each featured truss rod underframe designs.

FGEX featured underframe designs similar, if not identical to early P.F.E. designs, i.e., "Bettendorf' & "Built-up."

FGEX, WFEX, & BREX (subsidiaries CX & FWDX included) each featured cars built with a heavy fishbelly type underframe.

FGEX, WFEX, & BREX (CX & FWDX included) featured designs with hatch platforms. At least in the case of FGEX and BREX, these were still present into the early fifties. It is unclear if the WFEX examples had completely eliminated the hatch platforms by this time.

FGEX, WFEX, & BREX featured designs with double board wood roofs, XLA outside metal roofs, Hutchins roofs, and SRE paneled roof designs.

With the single exception of the FWDX and CX cars numbered 20001-20100 and 50050-50249 respectively, all the participants assigned numbers to cars so as to avoid conflicts. These numbers conflicted with FGEX series already assigned.

FGEX and WFEX each received many new cars in the 1920's. Many of these were built in company shops on underframes purchased on the open market. These featured a FGEX designed straight underframe. These were built over a period of years with the design evolving, resulting in slightly different looking cars (see Section V for more details). Among the upgrades they would receive were the Hutchins steel roof that when applied to the cars resulted in the top of the ends being squared off. These same roofs were applied to many other reefers in the consortium's fleet, including BREX, CX, and FWDX, giving the fleets a family look. There were exceptions. The consortium also upgraded their cars with AB brakes, so that by the late 1940s, all except their oldest cars had been changed out.

With the best information available right now, it only can be said with certainty that Western Fruit alone rebuilt some of their wood sheathed with steel superstructures, i.e., steel sides, roof, and ends. It is also certain that BREX did not rebuild any of the wood cars on its roster with steel superstructures. Although there is no photographic evidence currently available showing any FGEX rebuilds, it could be that no one ever photographed them or it could be there were no rebuilds to be photographed. There is a case to be made either way and here are three reasons:

- It would have been unusual for WFEX and FGEX to diverge in such a way. Once WFEX became a partner with FGEX, they tended to do things similarly vis-a-vis upgrading their respective wood sheathed reefers. But divergence was not unprecedented between the two companies regarding the reefers on their respective rosters. For example Western Fruit did not designate any of their reefers to receive permanently installed internal decks, while Fruit Growers operated as many as 441 in 1951 that were so designated and outfitted. Nor did Western Fruit order any fifty foot freight refrigerators while Fruit Growers operated as many as 209 cars of this nominal length with roof mounted ice tanks, all received after the partnership was formed. The steel sheathing used on FGEX's early steel cars had a very different look than did that on the early WFEX steel cars. Additionally, there is diversity among the steel cars owned by FGEX and WFEX when one observes the small details of the cars, the side sills and door hinges being two examples. For that matter the steel cars owned by BREX look different also in many small ways.
- It would have been very unusual, if not unprecedented for National Car to own any *modern* cars that differed from its owner. There is a photo of an NX <u>plug door</u> reefer with a side sill very similar if not identical to the side







sill featured on the WFEX steel rebuilds which is unlikely to be confused with anything else, but is this a rebuilt car?

• No photos have surfaced of FGEX cars that are known to this writer with a side sill similar to that used by WFEX, or the NX plug door example.

Hopefully information will surface to clarify this.

FGEX, WFEX, & BREX had plywood sheathed cars of the same design, the <u>only</u> design they all shared. FGEX and WFEX built these as late as 1946.

In essence, each participant featured several designs unique to each, some that were similar, and only one pure design in common.

FGEX & WFEX cars rebuilt with steel frames coexisted with cars that were not rebuilt with such frames during the time period of this study.

Most series of WFEX and BREX cars are fairly well documented with photos.

Major gaps exist in documenting the FGEX fleet.







Section III Historical Timeline

1919 The Armour Refrigerator Line is found to be unfairly competing by the Federal Trade Commission and is forced to break up its company. This is the conclusive event in a series of attacks on Armour by the railroads and the government. Henry Spencer, the Senior Vice President of the Southern Railway and the son of the Southern's first president, begins to promote the idea of a new reefer line for ACL, B&O, PRR and Southern.

<u>March 18, 1920</u> Fruit Growers Express Company is incorporated in Delaware with its headquarters in Washington, DC. Although it continues the use of the name Armour gave to its produce reefer fleet, Fruit Growers Express, it is a new company and therefore uses the new reporting marks FGEX rather then FGE. (See Appendix II for the excerpt from the company's first annual report on how the company began.)

May 1, 1920 The new company takes possession of 4,279 cars from Armour, shops in Alexandria, Virginia and Jacksonville, Florida, icing platforms and stations, and 650 employees. Henry Spencer is the president.

<u>December 7, 1920</u> C&EI's receiver sells its truss rod underframed cars to Fruit Growers. Ten more similar cars come from the Frisco Refrigerator Line to Fruit Growers. The later is unrelated to the SL-SF. Combined they add 971 truss rod underframe cars to the fleet in the 30000-31999 series.

Also by the end of 1920 the New Haven and N&W join Fruit Growers.

1921-22 The first design for a reefer to be built by the new company is created and production begins. The first 100 new cars (32000-32099), "of modem design, conforming to the recommendations of the L. S. Department of Agriculture as to the size of loading space, insulation, and refrigerator devices," the annual report states, are being constructed in the Company's shops at Potomac Yards, Virginia." In subsequent years, Fruit Growers (and later Western Fruit) will buy underframes on the open market and build the superstructure to these underframes in their shops.

Initially this work is done at the Alexandria and Indiana Harbor, Indiana shops, the later of which comes under lease to Fruit Growers from the PRR in 1922.

From this initial underframe design several derivations will evolve.

By 1922 Fruit Growers officials realize that there is a problem: The Company finds that their cars' usage is unbalanced, and that it is too tied to the Florida citrus and Georgia and South Carolina peach harvests. Only the importation of bananas from Central America through the ports of New Orleans, Charleston and others gives year-round shipments. The California market, once the stronghold of Armour, is dominated by PFE and SFRD.

July 18, 1923 The Great Northern Railway forms a new company, Western Fruit Express, for the purpose of pooling resources with Fruit Growers Express. The new company is headquartered in Washington and its president is also Henry Spencer. Operations commenced on September 1, 1923. Western Fruit brings over 3000 cars with their new WFEX reporting marks into the pool of cars to be operated as one fleet by the new partners, as well as shops in Hillyard, WA (Spokane) and Saint Paul, MN. The Western Fruit cars are numbered in series 40000 and above to insure there is no conflict with Fruit Growers' cars. The new operating entity will have 20,835 reefers at its disposal. The rushes of berries, fruit, and potatoes from the Northwest helps to balance car usage.

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Also on this date, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad joins Fruit Growers and brings 1,362 cars of various designs and vintage with them. Most are 40-toot cars but there are 126 thirty-six foot cars included. They are put in the 20000-22549 series.

Oct. 1 1923 The Florida East Coast Railway joins Fruit Growers, bringing 175 nearly new reefers with heavy fishbelly underframes under lease to FGEX's roster to be numbered as 11001-11175.

During 1923, substantial improvements are made to the FGEX shops at Indiana Harbor and Jacksonville.

Oct. 1, 1924 The "handling of all perishable traffic originating on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway was placed under the supervision" of FGEX, "which had heretofore handled only the fruit and vegetable business on that line" the annual report states.

In the same year a fully equipped car repair shop is constructed in Atlanta to properly maintain the large number of the refrigerator cars that move through that city and other gateways in the region. Machinery was installed at Indiana Harbor for the manufacturing of all forging used by Western Fruit and Fruit Growers.

1924-25 WFEX begins to receive new cars built by consortium's shops to the FGEX design. Rebuilding of the truss rod underframed cars built by GN, Armour, L&N and others begins with the addition of steel center sills and the rebuilt superstructures feature details that are similar to the new cars being built in the shops.

May 15, 1925 The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad transfers 1,612 cars to the FGEX's roster. The cars are a variety of lengths, designs and vintage, and are numbered in the 14000-16074 series.

May 1, 1926 The Burlington Refrigerator Express is incorporated and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy moves 2,659 refrigerator cars to the new company. It begins operations on June 1, and is headquartered in Washington under the presidency of Henry Spencer. The new company uses BREX as its reporting marks and the cars carry numbers 74000 and above to avoid conflicts with their two other partners. Another shop in Plattsmouth, Nebraska (Omaha) is added to the pool of resources. The new member furthers the balance of car usage, plus adding territory that includes a significant portion of the meat packing industry. Only the Pacific Fruit Express Company operates more refrigerator cars than does this consortium of companies.

On that same date the Pennsylvania Railroad Company sells FGEX 2,676 "RF" type 36-foot reefers, which had previously been under lease. On the same day a lease takes effect for FGEX to use 264 New York, New Haven & Hartford refrigerator cars.

<u>Jan. 1, 1927</u> The Chesapeake and Ohio railroad joins Fruit Growers and brings 49 cars to be numbered as 11301-11349.

Sept. 1, 1927 A nine-year service contract with the Norfolk Southern Railroad becomes effective.

1927 Modifications to the initial reefer design results in a beefier eight-inch side sill and a taller 12' 7" height to the eaves of the car. Fruit Growers and Western Fruit will build these in large numbers, but BREX will build no examples, having built 1,000 new reefers in 1922 and 1923.

<u>Feb. 1928</u> National Car Company is formed as a subsidiary of Fruit Growers. Headquartered in Washington, DC, its main function is to serve the meat packers. Kahns, Rath, and Oscar Meyer are early customers. It will use cars of FGEX design, as well as cars inherited from the original members and new members, especially the shorter 36 and 38-foot cars, which are well suited to the meat trade.







1929 Two new series of cars appear on FGEX's roster, 11350-13057 featuring a "Bettendorf" type underframe and 13500-13999 featuring a PFE style "Built-up" underframe. This is neither the first time nor the last when a series of cars appears in the Fruit Growers ORER entry without any reference to their origin. The two series are notable in that we know what kind of underframe each featured.

<u>Jan. 1, 1931</u> The New York, Ontario & Western joins Fruit Growers and brings two groups of cars, 46 thirty-six footers to be numbered as 9101-9150 and 240 forty footers to be numbered as 10400-10639. Also on this date, Fruit Growers purchased the cars previously leased from the NYNH&H.

<u>June 1, 1932</u> FGEX purchases 3,244 "R7" type refrigerator cars from the Pennsylvania that had previously been under lease.

That same year BREX extends its services to subsidiaries Colorado Southern, Fort Worth and Denver City and Wichita Valley railroads. Colorado Southern and Fort Worth & Denver own refrigerator cars identical to BREX's 75000 series and use CX and FWDX respectively for their reporting marks. The cars are emblazoned with the "Burlington Route" herald. Unlike previous numbering of cars to avoid conflicts, the 200 CX cars are numbered 50050-50249 and FWDX uses 20001-20100 for its 100 cars. Conflicting with these, FGEX already has cars in its 20000-21849 and 50000-51999 series.

The consortium now loads produce and other commodities requiring protection in forty states! Every state east of the Mississippi River, with the exception of Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire, is included in this total. Commodities requiring the protection of refrigeration, heating, or ventilation include such things as bleach, starch and ink.

The field operations for the consortium are divided into five major operating districts or territories with headquarters as follows:

- FGEX Southeastern, Northeastern, and Northwestern territories in Jacksonville, FL, Philadelphia, PA and Chicago, IL, respectively.
- WFEX territory in Saint Paul, MN
- BREX territory in Chicago, IL

A General Agent is in charge of each operating district, the BREX territory and the FGEX Northwestern District being combined under one General Agent.

On November 15, 1932, Fruit Growers enters into a service contract with the Virginian Railway Company to handle all perishable traffic on that line requiring refrigeration.

January 1, 1934 A similar contract with The Alton Railroad Company becomes effective.

1935 Frozen foods become available on a national scale to the public.

On November 1 of that year service contracts with the Atlanta & West Point Rail Road Company, The Western Railway of Alabama, and Georgia Railroad become effective.

<u>Jan. 4. 1936</u> Through the newly incorporated Railway Refrigerator Realty Company, an eleven-story office building at 1101 Vermont Avenue in Washington, DC was purchased to house the headquarters offices for the Fruit Growers, Western Fruit, and Burlington Refrigerator Express Companies.







1936 There are 26,327 reefers in the FGEX/WFEX/BREX/NX fleet serving growers and producers in the South, East Coast, Northern Plains, Pacific Northwest, Texas and Colorado with shipments destined for the Atlantic Seaboard, the Northeast, and the Upper Midwest where the bulk of Americans live.

1937 The FGEX 10850-10999 series appears, a most unusual steel sheathed car (is this their first steel sheathed car"). The side sheathing is riveted with both vertical rows and two equally spaced horizontal rows, the pattern of rivets creating a matrix. These have 5-5-5 Murphy ends and a fishbelly center sill. Are they rebuilt from USRA 40 ton double sheathed boxcars?

All of the shorter 36 and 38 foot cars are gone from the FGEX roster by this time, although a small number will reappear in 1944 and are around as late as 1951.

Cars with FDEX reporting marks appear by this time. The cars are stenciled "Double Deck" on the car sides and have double decks permanently installed to handle loads that are easily crushed or are in consumer type packaging. The "DE" in the reporting marks denotes this decking. Cars under these reporting marks would eventually include at least two different types of wood sheathed cars and at least one type of steel sheathed car.

The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Fruit Growers Express Company dated December 31, 1937 names the Board of Directors for the Company. They are senior executives of the ACL, B&O, CofG, C&EI, FEC, L&N, NC&StL, NYNH&H, N&W, PRR, RF&P, SAL and Southern Railroads. The board has had this composition from its owner railroads before this date.

<u>As early as 1938</u> Company shops begin to rebuild cars with a steel roof of Hutchins design. This becomes a signature of the consortium's fleet, as most cars will receive it. No fascia boards are required and the peaked ends are squared off at the top as a part of this application. AB brakes are being applied by this time.

<u>Late in 1940</u> The Pere Marquette brings 125 reefers to the Fruit Growers Express roster to be numbered as 16100-16299. This *may* have been the last railroad to join and bring reefers with them. Six more cars are purchased from the Borden Company.

Also this same year Fruit Growers Express' first fifty-foot freight refrigerators appear in the *Official Railroad Equipment Register*. Although the numbers listed for these cars are 600-650, there are only ten cars with ten overhead tanks designed to hold crushed ice.

1942 Having begun to receive steel sheathed cars, the consortium finds that World War Two puts a temporary stop to this. Plywood is substituted and FGEX, WFEX, and BREX begin to receive their first deliveries. More would come over the next few years, with BREX's second batch substituting tongue and groove siding in place of the plywood. These cars would be among the first WFEX and BREX reefers to receive fans.

The FGEX Annual Report notes that while there is a 1.6% increase in cars loaded, there is a substantial increase in tonnage as refrigerator cars are loaded more heavily to move as much cargo as possible. This is because coastal shipping has stopped because of Nazi U-Boat attacks and trucks are either being diverted for other kinds of cargo or subject to gas rationing. Since the mid-thirties company annual reports have noted the inroads coastal shipping and trucking are having on the loading of produce. The war effort changes this trend for a few years.

1946 Fruit Growers Express adds more fifty foot wood sheathed reefers with overhead ice tanks: nineteen in the 775-799 series carrying FGEX reporting marks while 180 more are listed in two series numbered 4000-4174 and 4975-4999. These carry the new reporting marks FOBX, the "OB" denoting the presence of overhead bunkers.







1948 Western Fruit and Fruit Growers begin to rebuild the cars first built in the 1920's with taller doors and superstructure. The cars involved are those built with either six or eight inch side sills. The superstructure is further improved by the use of steel bracing between the outside and inside sheathing, which is evidenced externally by riveted steel plates along the side sills. All of these rebuilt reefers received adjustable grates suitable for stage icing. Other cars had also been receiving these previously. Many of these taller cars also receive fans. Other cars with the six or eight inch side sills will be rebuilt with the internal steel bracing without having their body or door height increased.

Western Fruit rebuilds some of their wood sheathed cars with steel sides and a paneled Murphy roof and improved Dreadnaught ends from Standard Railway Equipment. It is unknown presently if Fruit Growers also did this, but it is certain that BREX did not follow suit. This is one of the few examples when one of the consortium's members acted in such a unilateral fashion.

<u>July 1, 1948</u> Henry B. Spencer, President of Fruit Growers Express Company since its organization in 1920, retired "at his own request," the company's Annual Report announced, John C. Rill, formerly Chief of Freight Transportation, The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was elected President, Director and member of the Executive Committee to succeed Mr. Spencer, effective July I, 1948 it reported. He would, of course, also serve as president of both BREX and WFEX.

<u>February 25, 1949</u> The consortium's first mechanically cooled cars are placed in service. They are fifty feet in length. No date is forecast, but the end of the "ice age" has begun.

In December of that year the employee magazine *Teamwork* premiers. It is intended to help bind together the people who work for Fruit Growers, Western Fruit, and Burlington Refrigerator; "Our Companies" the magazine calls the combination. Our Companies sprawls across much of the continental United States. It would be a challenge to help the employees feel connected.

1950 President John C. Rill reports that FGEX cars averaged 68.2 miles per day, WFEX averaged 70.6, and BREX averaged 73.8.

1951 FGEX's Indiana Harbor shops begin to build the consortium's first forty-foot reefers with a single sliding plug door on each side. In addition 141 mechanical reefers for FGEX are built and 1,017 wood sheathed cars are modernized and strengthened for WFEX and FGEX through application of the steel body bracing.

By this date FHIX and WHIX reporting marks begin to appear, the "HI" indicating Heavy Insulation.

Our Companies begin to use thermostatically controlled alcohol burning heaters in place of the traditional charcoal burners. The new devices provide more consistent temperatures.

Average miles per day are up from 1950: FGEX 70.9, WFEX 71.5 and BREX 76.5 miles per day on average.

1952 FGEX's Alexandria, VA shop begins to build forty-foot mechanical reefers. In addition, President Rill reports that expectations for delivery from builders are for 1,000 bunkerless steel refrigerator cars for FGEX, especially designed for shipments of canned goods and other commodities not usually handled under refrigeration but requiring protection against cold; 300 heavily insulated cars for WFEX; and 268 cars for BREX, of which 100 will have meat rails. These 1,568 new cars were ordered in 1951 and are all 40 foot 50-ton capacity cars.

By the end of the year, Our Companies will have built, authorized the building, or rebuilt and modernized 11,562 refrigerator cars since 1947 at a total cost of \$86,500,000.







<u>End of 1953</u> The FGEX/WFEX/BREX/NX fleet remains a predominately wood sheathed fleet with 20,463 cars of all construction types in service. Our Companies provide Transportation Protective Service - inspection, refrigeration, heat, and ventilation - and refrigerator cars for 75 railroads with 500 locations providing protective service facilities.



Florida migratory worker whose job is loading sacks of potatoes into the freight cars, Belcross, North Carolina, July 1940. (Jack Delano photo, Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF33-20597-M3)







Section IV Tables

A caveat in using these tables:

The tables in this section are for the convenience of the modeler/historian and for several reasons should not be considered the final authority. First and foremost they are transcribed from the *Official Railway Equipment Register* and there is the possibility of mistakes in transcribing the information. Although it goes without saying that there can be mistakes in the register, the ORER should be considered the more authoritative source.

Secondly, I have intentionally left some information out. There are many instances, especially in the entries for Fruit Growers Express and Western Fruit Express, where there are entries for a small number of cars in a series, one to five cars for example, that appear and then disappear. There are also many entries that contain a mixture of cars, which is clear because the cars involved have different dimensions in key measurements. The Fruit Growers' entries are especially complicated by these kinds of entries after about 1947-48. The Western Fruit entries suffer to a lesser extent from this problem. In looking at the dimensions in these mixed entries, it also is possible that they include a mixture of steel and wood sheathed cars, and it is impossible at this point to know which is which. Sometimes the entries say "All Steel" but there are entries that are not so identified that photographs disclose as being of steel construction. Because of the small number of cars so affected I thought it was better to leave these kinds of entries out entirely, as long as I made it clear that they are omitted. I do not think that these omissions diminish the value of the tables in understanding both in detail and in broad scope, the nature of this large fleet of cars. Again, the ORER should be considered the more authoritative source when seeking a higher degree of detail.

I have tried to highlight where I have made these compromises by using "Known" where information is left out or where the primary source materials are open to interpretation or are unclear in some way. As long as the tables are used with caution in mind, they will be valuable in comprehending the complexity of Our Companies' fleet and in drawing comparisons with the other four fleets of produce reefers.

Table 1: Origins and Key Features of the Fruit Growers Express Wood Sheathed Reefers

Table 2: FGEX Series with No Photo Documentation

Table 3: 1920-1929 FGEX Totals for Wood Sheathed Cars

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Table 9: Known FGEX Steel Totals: 1937-1953

Table 10: Known BREX Steel Totals: 1937-1953

Table 11: Known WFEX Steel Totals: 1937-1953





Table 1 Origins and Key Features of Fruit Growers Express Wood Sheathed Reefers

Series	Origin and/or Underframe Design	Key Features/Improvements
10001-10239	Mystery - appears 1927	
10400-10639	Fishbelly, ex-NYO&W - come in 1931	Short 5' 5" height doors, Hutchins roof, grab irons in lieu of ladders.
11001-11175	Fishbelly, ex-FEC - come in 1923	A very partial view of one of these in a 1953 photo shows the original flexible outside metal roof and hatch platforms. A full width end sill and an easily spotted gusset plates connect and reinforce the connection of the lower ends and sides. The side sill is inset from the car side.
11201-11225	Mystery - appears 1927	
11301-11349	ex-C&O - come in 1927	The AC&F builder's photo reveals a car very similar to the first cars built by FGEX: i.e., straight underframe with no side sill visible and cross ties and bolster ends prominently visible. Four cross ties equally spaced between the bolsters, a double board roof and cast side frame trucks were part of its original look.
11350-13057	Bettendorf - appears 1929	Are these from 22000-22549?
13500-13999	Built-up - appears 1929	Are these from 22000-22549?
14000-14998	Truss Rod - ex-B&O come in 1925	Many if not all received Hutchins roofs
15000-15499	ex-B&O come in 1925	Mystery
15500-15999	Fishbelly - ex-B&O come in 1925	Very similar to the FEC cars in the 11001 series. No full width end sill is present however, and the gusset plate reinforcing the bottom corner connection of the sides and ends is a different shape. Only a builder photo exists so we do not know what these looked like in FGEX service and if they received the Hutchins roofs, or like the exFEC cars, kept their hatch platforms and outside flexible metal roofs.
16000-16074	ex-B&O come in 1925	Mystery
16100-16299	Bettendorf underframes, ex-PM - appears 1940	
16300-16489	Mystery	
16490-17099	Mystery - appears between 1943-1948 only	
18000-18099	Mystery - appears 1926	
18100-18899	Truss Rod - appears 1928	Many if not all received Hutchins roofs.
19000-19224	Truss Rod - appears 1927	Many if not all received Hutchins roofs.











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Series	Origin and/or Underframe Design	Key Features/Improvements
19300-19699	Mystery - appears 1926	
20000-21849	Truss Rod, ex-L&N	Many if not all received Hutchins roofs.
22000-22549	Bettendorf & Built up, ex-L&N - appears 1923	
23000-25499	Mystery - appears 1924	
25500-25999	Mystery - appears 1924	
31000-31999	Truss Rod, ex-C&EI - appears 1924	Many if not all received Hutchins roofs.
32000 -32099	Mystery, probably straight - appears 1921-22	These are the first cars built by FGEX. Almost certainly received the standard improvements through the years.
32100-35999	FGEX 1921 or 1922 design	Originally featured double board roof, all rebuilt w/Hutchins roofs and AB brakes. Many upgraded with adjustable ice grates. Cars in this series equipped with Company Underframes 1, 2, and 3.
36000-37999	FGEX 1927 design	Originally featured double board roof, all rebuilt w/Hutchins roofs and AB brakes. Many upgraded with adjustable ice grates. Cars in this series equipped with Company Underframe 4.
38000-38499	Built in 1942, '44 and '46	Plywood sheathed w/Dreadnaught ends and Murphy paneled roof. These cars did not receive fans until late, but were equipped with adjustable ice grates. Company Underframe 5.
43500-46799	ex-PRR R7	Some rebuilt w/Hutchins roofs, others with taller hinged doors and some even with sliding plug doors!
47002-47999	Mystery	
50000-51999	FGEX 1927 design	Originally featured double board roof, all rebuilt w/Hutchins roofs and AB brakes. Some cars in this series have long grabs irons on the side of the car. They grab irons appear to be 24 inches in length. Many cars upgraded with adjustable ice grates.
52100-52999	Pennsy R7 style underframe, appears circa 1938	Typical FGEX superstructure, extra vertical & horizontal grab irons on the ends, ala Pennsy.
55000-56999		Rebuilds on 1922 underframe from the 32100-35999 series, these featured a taller superstructure, taller doors, and reinforcement of the side sills. All cars in this series had adjustable ice grates, and many received fans, which were applied only to wood sheathed cars by FGEX to their taller rebuilds.











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Series	Origin and/or Underframe Design	Key Features/Improvements
		Rebuilds on 1927 underframe from the 36000-37999 and probably the
		50000-51999 also. These featured a taller superstructure, taller doors,
57000-59999		and reinforcement of the side sills. All cars in this series had
		adjustable ice grates, and many received fans, which were applied
		only to wood sheathed cars by FGEX to their taller rebuilds.







Table 2 **FGEX Series with No Photo Documentation**

Number Se	eries	1940	1942	1943	1944	1946	1947	1948	1951	1953
Appears 1940, but no quantity	y reported: FGEX's	first 50 foot ree	efer							
600-650)		10	10	10	10	10	10		
Appears 1927										
10001-102	239	29	26	26	24	23	14	6	Gone	
NYO&W 250 cars on Janua	ry 1, 1931 to FGEX	X numbered as								
10400-106	539	165	153	153	151	103	81	39		Gone
FEC 175 cars On Octob	er 1, 1923 to FGEX	X numbered as								
11001-111	175	173	171	170	162	159	158	158	86	57
Appears 1927										
11201-112	225	23	22	21	21	21	21	20	9	4
C&O 49 cars on January	1, 1927 to FGEX 1	numbered as								
11301-113	349	49	48	48	46	45	45	45	35	23
<u>B&O</u> 1,612 cars on May	15, 1925 to FGEX	#'s 14000-1607	74. 14000 series	s has photos						
15000-154	199	428	308	305	278	186	143	55	5	Gone
15500-159	999	464	338	336	298	225	174	88	11	Gone
16000-160)74	69	53	53	53	28	12	5	Gone	
Appears 1940, but no quantity	y reported	•	•		•		•	•	•	
16100-162	299		105	105	104	102	100	98	75	74
Appears 1941 or 42		•	•		•		•	•	•	
16300-16489	(499)		37	64	75	77	76	76	73	71
Appears 1943				•			•			
16490-170)99			10	Not Listed	10	10	10	5	Gone
Appears 1926				•			•			
18000-180)99	99	99	97	97	91	84	35	14	5
Appears as 18100-18899 in 1	928			•			•			
18100-187	799	629	623	623	618	580	541	383	141	58
Appears 1926				•			•			
19300-196	599	290	288	286	287	254	244	157	28	6
<u>L&N</u> 1,364 cars on Sep	tember 1, 1923 to F	GEX numbered	l as	•			•			
22000-225	549	321	302	332	344	258	209	112	12	Gone
Appears 1924										
23000-254	199	173	139	135	132	107	80	35	7	Gone
25500-259	999	202	157	154	155	126	110	65	11	Gone
Appears 1921?				•			•			
32000-320)99	91	85	85		84	82	68	42	41
Appears 1944 – 36 foot cars!										
47002-479	999				25	19	12	7	2	Gone
BREX		•	•	•			•	•	•	•
76800-772	204	59	31	31	30	17	6	3	Gone	
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Number Series	1940	1942	1943	1944	1946	1947	1948	1951	1953			
WFEX												
67847-67894	47	45	44	44	44	44	44	31	31			
Series where more photos would be helpful												
Appears 1929												
11350-13057	330	296	299	297	296	290	151	34	20			
Appears 1929												
13500-13999	130	134	138	151	156	156	111	22	8			







Table 3 1920-1929 FGEX Totals for Known Wood Sheathed Cars

Series	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1927	1928	1929
10001-10239 (36 ft)						236	235	197
11001-11175					175	175	175	175	175
11201-11225							25	25	25
11301-11346	(49)						46	46	46
11350-13057									24
13500-13999									4
14000-14998							640	638	635
15000-15499							475	474	469
15500-15999							482	482	477
16000-16074							73	73	71
18000-18099							99	99	99
18100-18199							97		
18100-18799	(69)							566	665
19000-19224							195	194	194
19300-19699 ((603)						304	302	298
20000-20149 (N	Mix of 36 &	40 ft)		126	124	125	36 foot	ters gone aft	er 1927
21000-21249				195	189	182			
21250-21849				521	512	496			
20000-21849							820	816	788
22000-22349				347	347	345			
22350-22549				175	173	172			
22000-22549							515	515	484
23000-29999			4212						
23000-24999				1296	1292	1284			
25000-25499				474	472	470			
23000-25499							1733	1723	1683
25500-25999				497	497	495	493	493	488
26000-29000 ((999)			1898	1885	1876	1311	755	44
31000-31999			963	959	951	959	944	950	935
32000-32099			100	100	100	100	100	100	100
32100-35999 ((899)			2899				3787	3775
32100-36087					3987	3783	3784		
36000-37025									789
40000-40370 (3	36 ft)		181	267	243	232	Gone		
40500-43208 (36	5/38 ft)		2708	2699	2690	2686	1890	982	236
43209-43308									96
43500-46349				2842	2838	2837	2830	2826	2818
43500-46799			2848						
50000-52676							664	1587	1994
Wood Totals			11202	15295	16475	16218	17931	17843	18159







Table 4 1930-1939 FGEX Totals for Known Wood Sheathed Cars

Series	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
9001-9049 (FDEX)							49	45	39	39
9050-9249 (FDEX)							200	199	199	197
9100-9150		48	(3	6 foot cars	, probably 1	moved to N	(X)			
10001-10239	193	48	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	36
10400-10639		240	238	234	231	226	222	219	219	201
11001-11175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	174	174	174
11201-11225	25	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	23
11301-11346 (49)	46	46	46	49	49	49	49	49	49	49
11350-13057	133	241	315	352	354	356	356	358	358	352
13500-13999	14	21	31	45	71	80	113	124	125	130
14000-14998	635	628	623	622	622	621	623	618	619	613
15000-15499	465	459	454	452	447	444	443	439	439	433
15500-15999	476	472	471	471	471	471	470	468	467	465
16000-16074	71	71	71	71	70	70	70	69	69	69
18000-18099	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99
18100-18799 (69)	665	663	662	661	648	646	640	635	635	631
19000-19224	194	194	194	194	193	194	195	192	192	191
19300-19699 (603)	296	294	294	294	294	291	292	289	289	289
20000-21849	804	800	799	794	794	795	794	787	772	737
22000-22549	513	511	511	510	490	475	442	401	383	349
23000-25499	1573	1459	1378	1288	881	585	386	261	237	196
25500-25999	478	470	460	446	412	393	364	289	257	220
26000-29000 (999)	7	Gone								
31000-31999	932	928	924	870	708	580	456	350	328	321
32000-32099	100	100	100	100	92	92	92	92	92	91
32100-35999 (899)	3774	3768	3754	3751	3740	3754	3749	3716	3728	3653
36000-37025	926									
36000-37128		1107								
36000-37892			1891							
36000-37900				1861	1672	1700	1748	1722	1722	1645
40500-43208	129	29	1	1	1	Gone				
43209-43308	92	87	62	11	7					
43500-46799	3261	3334	3101	2952	2370	1919	1367	1146	1145	1136
47000-47999										1
50000-52676	1991	1990								
50000-51999			1987	1985	1923	1898	1896	1894	1894	1857
52000-52000										5
52100-52149				5	18					
52150-52479				7	26					
52100-52799						339	352	417	341	279







Table 5 1940-1953 FGEX Totals for Known Wood Sheathed Cars

Series	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1946	1947	1948	1949	1951	1952	1953
10001-10239	29	26	26	26	24	23	14	6	2	Gone		
10400-10639		156	153	153	151	113	81	39	10	1	Gone	
11001-11175	173	172	171	170	166	159	158	158	105	86	63	57
11201-11225	23	22	22	21	21	21	21	20	11	9	8	9
11301-11346 (49)	49	48	48	48	46	45	45	45	38	35	35	34
11350-13057	330	298	298	299	297	296	290	151	59	34	24	20
13500-13999	130	129	135	138	151	156	156	111	41	22	10	8
14000-14998	622	616	614	614	608	591	546	393	244	117	62	31
15000-15499	428	340	308	305	278	186	143	55	28	5	Gone	
15500-15999	464	374	338	336	298	225	174	88	39	11	Gone	
16000-16074	69	54	53	53	53	28	12	5	1	Gone		
16100-16299		105	105	105	104	102	100	98	82	75	75	74
16300-16489 (99)	41		64	75	77	76	76	73	76	71	71	71
16490-17099						10	10	10	10	5	2	Gone
18000-18099	99	99	99	99	97	91	85	50	34	14	7	5
18100-18799 (69)	629	627	623	623	618	580	543	383	234	141	82	58
19000-19224	193	193	190	190	188	172	165	118	71	30	13	12
19300-19699	288	289	287	288	285	256	244	157	76	29	8	6
20000-21849	778	768	760	760	738	701	640	437	236	131	69	50
22000-22549	321	303	331	332	344	258	209	112	47	30		1
23000-25499	173	140	137	135	132	107	80	43	14	7		Gone
25500-25999	192	184	186	154	155	126	110	65	24	11		Gone
31000-31999	265	241	238	238	235	189	153	87	28	12	Gone	
32000-32099	91	87	85	85	85	84	82	68	50	42	41	41
32100-35999 (899)	3602	3525	3494	3495	3517	3465	3373	2795		1668	1657	1632
35900-35999							46		100	100	100	100
36000-37999	1604	1604	1607	1620	1881	1765	1705	1422	989	825	823	820
38000-38499			120	200								
38000-38199					197	197	197	196	195	188	190	188
38200-38449					66	88	246	246	245	245	245	245
38450-38499							50	50	49	48	48	48
43500-46799	1045	821	695	714	879	854	849	650	497	297	147	111
47000				1	1	1	1	1	1	1		Gone
47000-47999	1	1	1									
47001-47999				4	25	19	12					
47002-47999								7	2	2		Gone
50000-51999	1850	1845	1869	1879	1933	1857	1831	1609	1078	820	857	865
52000-52099?	5	5	5	3								
52000-52229									132	126		110







Series	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1946	1947	1948	1949	1951	1952	1953
52100-52999?	280											
52100-52679		193	193	215								
52100-52229					129	128	124	124				
52230-52679					411	408	407	406	411	411	362	347
52780-52999			5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
55000-56999								438	1246	1511		1497
57000-58999								251	772	856	852	847
59000-59999								173	572	932	921	824

Table 6
Consortium Totals: Wood & Steel¹

	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1946	1947	1948	1951	1953
NX	1701	1857	1905	1823	943	1068	1166	1171	1177	1122
BREX ²	2009	2004	2039	2067	2051	2181	2090	1971	1793	1972
WFEX	7047	6940	6940	6973	6942	6724	6770	5937	5454	5544
FGEX	14363	13829	13802	13970	14752	14228	13899	12275	11525	11825
Totals	25120	24630	24686	24838	24688	24201	23925	21354	19949	20463

¹Does not include the WFEX and BREX cars used in express service

Table 7
BREX, CX and FWDX Wood Sheathed Totals

Series	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1946	1947	1948	1951	1953
BREX 74400-74699	0		72	100	100	299	299	298	297	294
BREX 75000-75999	965	960	958	958	949	922	917	912	787	693
CX 50050-50249	199	199	199	199	198	198	196	195	158	143
FWDX 20001-20100	100	98	97	97	96	94	91	93	72	59
BREX 76800-77204	59	32	31	31	30	17	6	3	Gone	
BREX 78200-78699	415	415	412	412	409	383	311	202	17	
Totals	1,738	1,704	1,769	1,797	1,782	1,913	1,820	1,703	1,331	1,190

²Includes CX and FWDX cars



Table 8 **WFEX Wood Sheathed Totals**

Series	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1946	1947	1948	1951	1953
49000-49999	944	939	936	935	948	935	934	749	796	627
54147-54291	66	51	31	31	25	13	8	1	Gone	
60001-63910	3757	3675	3646	3602	3605	3418	3237	2438	846	275
65000-66349	1323	1319	1314	1308	1303	1279	1275	1252	677	668
66400-66499	0		59	100	99	98	98	98	97	97
66500-66624	0		0	0	34	62	125	123	123	123
67000-67846	841	840	843	838	834	825	824	814	553	548
67847-67894	47	47	45	44	44	44	44	44	31	31
71000-71034									35	35
72000-72054									54	53
72055-72179									125	125
73000-73044									43	39
73045-73084									40	39
73900-73999									100	100
Totals	6,978	6,871	6,874	6,858	6,892	6,674	6,545	5,519	3,520	2,761

Table 9 **Known BREX Steel Reefers**

Series	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1946	1947	1948	1951	1953
80000-80009 (I	BRDX)									1	1		
74200-74399													197
74730-74999	156	270	270	270	270	269	269	268	268	268	267	262	262
76000-76249													250
76250-76349													100
Totals	156	270	270	270	270	269	269	268	268	269	268	262	809





FGEX 38894, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, October, 1965. (Ed Kirstatter photo B&ORRHS collection)



FGEX 39808, Willard, Ohio, December 29, 1964. (J.W. Barnard/Eileen Wofford Barnard photo, B&ORRHS collection)







Table 10 **Known WFEX Steel Reefers**

Series	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1946	1947	1948	1951	1953
501-550	(WC	OBX)									50		
66625-66999											175	175	
67895-67944	50	50		49	49	47	47	47	47	47	50	43	43
68000-68399												397	392
68400-68649												250	248
68650-69101												450	447
69102-69999													391
70000-70289	(WI	HIX)											290
70290-70589	(WI	HIX)											
71035-71184	(steel r	ebuilds)										150	148
71185-71234	(steel r	ebuilds)										50	50
72180-72404	(steel r	ebuilds)										225	225
73085-73209	(steel r	ebuilds)										125	124
Totals	50	50		49	49	47	47	47	47	47	275	1915	2583

Table 11 **Known FGEX Steel Reefers**

Series	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1946	1947	1948	1951	1953
100-109	(40 to	ot Mecha	anical)									10	10
209-249	(50 fo	ot Mecha	anical)										41
250-259	(40 toot Mechanical) (50 foot Mechanical) (40 foot Mechanical) (40 foot Mechanical) (50 foot Mechanical) (FOBX) (FHIX) (FDEX) 78											10	10
260-299	(40 fo	ot Mecha	anical)										40
340-399	(50 fo	ot Mecha	anical)										60
600-699	(FO	BX)											99
800-822												23	
828-899												46	4
900-999	(FH	IIX)										100	99
9250-9299	(FDEX)			34	50	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48
9300-9499	(FD	EX)										100	98
10850-10999		78		140	140	140	140	140	138	136	135	133	131
38500-38634											95	135	135
38635-38999												365	364
39000-39299												299	300
39300-39499												200	200
39500-39999												403	400
40000-40960	(FH	IIX)											957
52680-52799					100	100	100	100	99	99	99	97	96
Totals		78		174	290	288	288	288	285	283	377	1969	3092







Section V Our Companies' Wood Sheathed Fleet by Underframe Design

The FGEX/WFEX/BREX's complexity requires finding a way to approach explaining its fleet that is logical and easily understood, yet perhaps defies the norm. For example one traditional approach would be chronological using the built dates, but in this case we do not know all of those dates, especially as regards the FGEX fleet. Another approach, lacking the consortium's use of any classification system would be to use the car series numbers in the *Official Railroad Equipment Register* (ORER), except that in the case of the FGEX, we have no idea what some of the car series looked like because the documentation either through photographs or drawing is incomplete. Complicating things further, some number series contained cars with different dimensions, appliances, and construction details. This was especially the case with the FGEX cars, and to a lesser extent with the WFEX cars.

If we were only studying BREX or WFEX, things would be simpler. Both were smaller and more orderly in the way they assigned cars to number series. The CB&Q did assign cars to classes and this seemed to persist when their reefers were assigned to the BREX. We even know or can find when most if not all of the cars for each fleet were built. It is FGEX that makes things difficult. There is little if any documentation on the Armour reefers that were a significant part of FGEX's early fleet. With the exception of the Pennsylvania Railroad, there is little if any documentation of the reefers that came from the various railroads that joined FGEX. And where documentation is available it is incomplete.

Although I do find the history of this fleet to be very interesting, my ultimate goal is to understand it so that I can build more accurate and interesting models that reflect its origins and shall we say, its quirky and diverse fleet of reefers. Especially as we consider the cars of the FGEX group, it is a hodgepodge of designs that were sometimes then grouped together in the same number series. Frankly, in this modeler/writer's mind, the traditional and more systematic approach has to be tossed out the window when we talk about this consortium's fleet.

I think you will find my approach logical, if not orthodox. I am going to study Our Companies' wood sheathed fleet by looking first at its underframe designs. This approach will be chronological in the sense that I will begin with the earliest technology and work forward. While this lacks the precision of using builder's dates, I think you will find it to be satisfying in terms of being systematic and logical in its own way. Also, I have found it to be simple and something I can understand and remember. It has been very helpful in understanding how to approach modeling the fleet, or at least a portion of it, and isn't that the goal for most of us?

First please take note. Totals for the cars of each design are in separate tables by number series. Further, in the case of FGEX. Table 1 attempts to explain, where known, the origins of the various car series featuring a particular underframe design. Again, incomplete documentation means that everything cannot be explained. Further, I acknowledge that I do take some license in labeling the underframe designs, for example using the term "built-up" which is traditionally been applied to PFE reefers. But the designs appear to be very similar if not identical and in some cases we are bereft of a more technical term to apply, so we use what seems familiar and in common use. Here goes.

Truss Rod Underframe

This design represents the oldest technology featured in Our Companies' fleet. All three of the principles featured cars with this type of underframe. National Car, a subsidiary of FGEX, often received cars of various designs from its parent, but insofar as can be documented with photos, it did not feature this design. Photos reveal that two styles of queen posts were featured in the designs owned by the consortium: a long angled post and a shorter straight post. Western Fruit and Fruit Growers had cars with both styles. Great Northern obviously used more than one builder for its cars. Fruit Growers built no cars with these underframes but absorbed cars from Armour, C&EI, L&N, B&O,







Frisco Refrigerator Line (not to be confused with the SL-SF) and possibly other railroads or companies with either or both styles of queen posts.

Long Angled Queen Posts

WFEX 60001-63910

FGEX 14000-14998; 18100-18899; 19000-19224; 20000-21849; 31000-31999

BREX 76800-77204; 78200-78699

Straight Queen Posts

WFEX 60001-63910

FGEX 19000-19224; 20000-21849



BREX 78548, model built from Sunshine Models kit #34.14, and WFEX 63248, model built from Sunshine Models kit #34.10. An upcoming issue of *Prototype Railroad Modeling* will have an article on modeling these cars.

Note that both styles were mingled together in the WFEX series and FGEX 20000-21849 series. Photographs are the







best authority when building a specific style. It is possible that the above Fruit Growers series featured a mixture of queen post types. This is another reason why studying these cars is something of a slippery slope. We can really only believe what we can see!

As built, these cars featured a double board roof with fascia boards used to trim it out on the sides and ends. They featured "K" brake systems when built and no brake wheel stand. They would be rebuilt starting in 1924 with steel center sills and FGEX and WFEX cars would have received cast side frame trucks prior to 1940, the BREX cars received Andrews trucks. Around 1940, the shops would begin to rebuild the FGEX and WFEX cars with a Hutchins steel roof and brake wheel stands were also added. This installation eliminated the fascia boards and the ends were changed to a straight top, creating the impression of a lid sitting on a box. The cars probably began to receive AB brakes about this time, but it is uncertain how long this change out took. Certainly the cars still on the roster after 1953 would have AB brakes.

There is no evidence that the BREX examples ever received the improved roof or AB brakes.

These truss rod cars lasted a long time, albeit in diminishing numbers, and modelers would make a mistake not to include some in a representative fleet.

Kits are available from Sunshine Models to model the FGEX and WFEX cars with each style queen post and to model the BREX's 78200-78699.

Bettendorf Underframe

This was an early Twentieth Century design with a cast center sill manufactured by the Bettendorf Company. The center sill was straight but tapered towards the floor as it attaches to the bolsters. The Harriman roads favored this design on their boxcars, which no doubt influenced the Pacific Fruit Express to use it when they began to build large numbers of reefers in 1917. There were four crossties on both sides of the sill with a pronounced "S" shape on the end of each one. A unique "T" shaped casting, a jacking pad, was visible at the bolster end location. The brake cylinder and levers hung under the center sill on the PFE examples, which is very apparent in photos.

Only FGEX featured cars with this underframe design. There were at a minimum two groups of cars, the initial group came when the Louisville & Nashville joined FGEX September 1, 1923. The other group of cars that can be documented with this underframe design came from the Pere Marquette in 1940. It is possible that Armour also built cars with this design. The few photos of cars in FGEX livery with this underframe show the brake cylinder mounted higher and slots in the center sill for the brake levers.

FGEX 22000-22549 These are the cars from the Louisville & Nashville. No in-service photos of these cars are known to exist.

FGEX 11350-13057 This series begins to appear in 1929 and increases in number gradually until 1938. They were 50,000-pound capacity cars. One photo of this series in revenue service and one in ice service shows cars with the Hutchins roof in place, while a photo taken after March, 1946 of #11509 in ice service shows a double board roof still in place. Where did these come from? Are they rebuilds from the ex-L&N 22000-22549 series or possibly some of the ex-PM cars or Armour? Or all three?







These cars are an easy kit-bash project using one of the Sunshine FGEX/WFEX truss rod kits with Bettendorf underframe parts from Red Caboose, Sunshine, or Westerfield PFE kits. The car featured a poling pocket and gusset casting that is available from Grandt Line in #5106 reefer hardware set.

Built-up Underframe

This underframe looks identical to a PFE design identified by the term "built-up," except that the ends of the bolsters have a different look. On the PFE cars the end of the bolster looks like a horizontal open rectangle. The center sill is fabricated or "built-up" from iron shapes that were riveted together. Its profile is relatively straight, like the Bettendorf, with a taper as it connects to the bolster. Again only FGEX featured this design, and the only group that can be documented came with the L&N. Again, Armour may have built cars with this underframe. The bolster end is more of a vertical rectangle capped with a piece of metal that is dished out on both sides.

FGEX 22000-22549 This is confusing since L&N also brought cars with the Bettendorf underframe when they joined that are a part of this number series.

FGEX 13500-13999 This series also begins to appear in 1929 and increases in number gradually until 1946. Where did these come from? Are they rebuilds from the ex-L&N 22000-22549 series or Armour? They have the typical features that cars received when FGEX began to rebuild the cars.







The Wood Sheathed Cars of the FGEX/WFEX/BREX Freight Refrigerator Fleet: 1940-1953



These cars are an easy kit-bash project using one of the Sunshine FGEX/WFEX truss rod kits with the "Built-up" underframe parts from *Tichy*, *Sunshine*, or *Westerfield* PFE kits.

Fishbelly Underframe

This is a deep center sill that tapers dramatically at each end. It was used on the USRA's reefer design that in turn heavily influenced the SFRD's designers. Other reefer designs were influenced by the SFRD's adoption. At least five different groups of forty-foot cars with this type of underframe are known to have made it into the FGEX/WFEX/BREX consortium's fleet.

FGEX 10400-10639 This group of 240 cars came to the company when the New York Ontario & Western joined in 1931. A photo of #10598 in ice service made sometime after 1947 shows a car with Hutchins roof in place and grab irons forming the ladders, very unusual within the fleet. An inset side sill is present as is a full width end sill. The cars are a relatively tall 12' 7" height to the eaves, which creates an interesting contrast because the doors are only 5' 5" high.

FGEX 11001-11175 When the Florida East Coast Railroad joined FGEX in October 1, 1923, they brought with them 175 reefers. The cars featured a flexible outside metal roof and hatch platforms. The side sill was inset from the wood sheathed side. There was a gusset plate that strengthened the joint at bottom corner of the ends and sides and an end sill the full width on the ends. A vertical brake wheel with a step was present. Other than one FEC builders photo, the only view of the car in FGEX livery is from 1953 and it is only a partial view - just enough to identify it as a FGEX car. The spotting feature was the gusset plate, what could be seen of the roof and hatch platform, the inset side sill, and most importantly the distinctive font used to stencil the company's rolling stock. The car clearly retained its outside metal roof and hatch platforms. With just this little information to go on, I believe that with work, the Accurail reefer kit can be used to model this series. With the hatch platforms, outside metal roof, and fishbelly center sill, this would be a very distinctive car in FGEX stenciling. The cars in FGEX service had 75,000-pound capacity, and initially rode on Andrews trucks. It is unknown if they kept these trucks.

FGEX 15500-15999 Almost identical to the FEC's contribution, these cars were built in 1921 and came on May 15, 1925 when the Baltimore and Ohio assigned their reefers to FGEX. One noticeable difference from the FEC's cars is the gusset plate that has a different shape. The only photo known to exist shows the "A" end, so it is unknown if a







brake step was present. The cars had 75,000-pound capacity.



BREX 75535, Accurail model upgraded with free-standing grab irons and ladders, A-Line sill steps (heated, straightened, and rebent to a more prototypical width and sharper corners), and Accurail Andrews trucks. The underframe has been modified to move the trucks nearer the ends of the car. See *Prototype Railroad Modeling Volume One* for construction details of this model.

BREX 75000-75999 (CX 50050-50249, FWDX 20001-20100) The CB&Q purchased 1000 of these cars while subsidiaries Colorado Southern purchased 200 and Fort Worth & Denver acquired 100. When the Burlington formed BREX, these cars became another example within the consortium of the fishbelly design. Obviously influenced by the USRA design, they were very similar to the above examples as built, with the same roof and hatch platforms, but they did not have brake steps nor did they have full width end sills. There was a distinctive gusset used to connect and strengthen the bottom corners of the end and side joint.

The cars were equipped with Andrews trucks when arch bar trucks fell into disfavor. The cars had 75,000-pound capacity. These cars began to be rebuilt slowly in the late forties with the signature Hutchins roof used by the consortium. But numerous photos exist documenting how slow the rebuilding went, as many photos are in circulation with all three reporting marks showing the outside metal roof, fascia boards, and hatch platforms in place.

The *Accurail* kit can be used to model the older style. The ends need to be removed and a replacement with a peaked top created and the roof needs to be sanded down so that the necessary details can be added to it. Because reefers with the outside metal roof and hatch platforms would stand in such clear contrast with the more common Hutchins roof, this kitbash is worth the effort.

Whether modeling cars with the original roof or with the Hutchins roof, the underframe needs to be changed to move the bolsters nearer the car end. The *Accurail* kit has the stirrup steps attached to the side sill, but in fact they were attached under the side sheathing.

WFEX 54147-54291 These were cars built by the American Car and Foundry in 1920 and had all the features of ACF's standard reefer of the period, mainly a double board roof and fishbelly center sill. They were purchased from Union Refrigerator before the creation of WFEX, and 144 were on the roster at this creation in 1923. The cars had a capacity of 50,000 pounds. Despite their heavy underframes, this car series dwindled in number fairly quickly. Only 13 survived World War II and only one was on the roster in 1948. Their demise stands in contrast to similar cars on







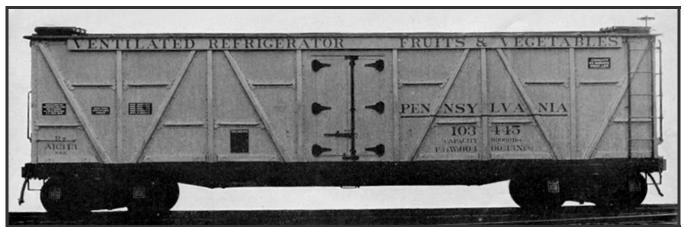
the FGEX and BREX rosters with fish belly underframes and in even further contrast, the truss rod numbers held up well over the same time span. No in-service photos are in circulation to tell us if these cars received the Hutchins roof or the other improvements. Al Westerfield's *Golden Age Line* #6002 models this car.

FOBX 4000-4173 The only wood sheathed freight refrigerator cars built new by FGEX with a fishbelly underframe were a nominal fifty feet in length. They were cars built after W.W.II and featured plywood sheathing, Dreadnaught steel ends, and overhead ice bunkers filled from ten roof hatches. The "OB" in the reporting marks refers to the presence of overhead bunkers. Heavily insulated, they also featured permanently installed heaters. They were so wide that ladders, grab irons, and door hardware were recessed into the sides of the car. They cannot be mistaken for anything else.

Pennsylvania Railroad X23/R7 Style Underframe

An early contributor to the Fruit Growers Express fleet, the Pennsylvania sent several thousand cars of two designs. Many were the 36-foot RF class (not covered because they were gone by 1940). The other cars were the single sheathed R7 reefer class based on the railroad's X23 boxcar design. The hat section bracing was arranged, it has been said, to act as a cantilever. The design was never repeated and is unlikely to be mistaken for anything else.

The underframe could also be called a fishbelly design, but it is so clearly a Pennsy design that it deserves separate consideration. Most underframe designs locate the cross bearers near the door opening. The Pennsylvania Railroad did not. Even on house cars built into the steel sheathed era the Pennsy would locate the cross bearers between the door opening and the bolsters. This is very evident on these underframes where the cross bearers connect to the center sill just as it begins to taper down to connect at the bolster. The cross bearers are comparatively heavy.



PRR 103445, Class R7, built March 1913. (PRR builder's photo from *Modern Cars & Locomotives*, 1926, courtesy Rob Schoenberg)

FGEX 43500-46799 These sturdy cars served FGEX (and NX) for many years. By 1940 these cars had already been rebuilt. The PRR lap seam roof, a poor leak prone design was replaced with the Hutchins roof in two ways. One was the standard full-length roof as applied to other cars in the fleet except that peaked ends were retained. On other cars only the portion of the roof between the ice hatches was replaced with the Hutchins. AB brakes were the norm in later years. Some were rebuilt with taller hinged doors and some in NX service even received sliding plug doors. The "hat section" bracing used on the exterior truss or bracing was subject to rusting out at the bottom where trapped moisture would collect. These were repaired with metal "booties" that covered the rusted area. Depending on which shop rebuilt these cars, two styles of ladders can be identified: a full length 6 rung ladder or a shorter 5 rung ladder with a drop grab iron used as the bottom rung. These cars had a capacity of 90,000 pounds.







Any of us interested in FGEX eagerly await this kit from the Westerfield Golden Age Line.

FGEX 52100-52999 Fruit Growers may have been the ultimate scrounger in its industry, given the diverse look of their fleet. A look at the ORER's prior to World War Two show several examples of a series of cars simply appearing with no purchases or new railroads joining to explain their presence. The previously mentioned 11350-13057 and 13500-13999 series are examples of this where photo documentation exists. The other prime example with good photo documentation were cars with what is obviously a typical FGEX/WFEX/BREX style body (i.e., double sheathed sides and ends, Hutchins roof, and wood hatches and the unique curved metal hatch rest on the roof) sitting on the underfrarne of what is clearly the same underframe design used for the Pennsy's X23, X24, X25 boxcars and R7 reefer. These were in the 52100 series that began to appear as early as 1937 and would grow through 1944. Another distinguishing feature were two extra grab irons on each end, one placed vertically about halfway up on the right side of the end and the other horizontally mounted approximately in the middle of the end. Interestingly, the Pennsy's X23, X24, X25, and R7 all had similarly placed grabs. The end sill juts out in a pronounced way that is particularly noticeable when the typical FGEX superstructure is attached. The cars with this underframe had a 90,000-pound capacity load weight.

FDEX 9001-9049, 9050-9249 Two series with four hinges on each door and stenciled "Double Deck" appeared as early as 1936. Photos show other types of cars in the 9050-9249 series however, so the total number of cars in this configuration is unknown. NX also had these cars with this Pennsy type underframe assigned to it.

In all likelihood, these underframes came from Pennsy R7's that had been scrapped out by FGEX. But why did FGEX use the Pennsy hand grab arrangement on the ends? It is one of those odd mysteries that make studying the fleet interesting and frustrating.

These cars can be modeled using one of Sunshine's 1927 FGEX kits with the underframe and end parts from a Westerfield X25 kit. The Westerfield ends are necessary because they have the end sill casting that was retained when the cars were changed by FGEX. The side sill needs to be removed from the Sunshine sides and a new sill fabricated.

The "Company Underframe": the Straight Center Sill Designs

In his first Fruit Growers Express Annual Report, Company President Spencer noted that negotiations were underway to finance the construction of 2000 new refrigerator cars. It was clear to the Fruit Growers Express executives that they would have to build new cars because many of the cars that had already come to them, or would be coming as new railroads joined either were already out-dated or soon would be, were too small in capacity, or were too small in number to meet the demand the new company rightly anticipated. The need for new cars came at a time when there was much experimentation in car building as mechanical engineers tried to define what the best design would be. This was particularly true concerning the underframes of house cars.

The mechanical department of FGEX decided to use a riveted straight center sill for their first design. Every one of the thousands of forty-foot ice cooled reefers they would build in the years that followed would have a straight underframe, as would the forty-foot cars built by WFEX and BREX once they joined the consortium. Another way to say this is that although FGEX, WFEX and BREX would rebuild older cars with a variety of underframes, once they were formed, they would never build new 40-foot cars with anything but a straight underframe.

By the mid 1930's certainly, as older cars were scrapped, cars with the straight underframe would dominate the cars owned by FGEX and WFEX. However, because BREX owned proportionally so many cars with the fishbelly underframe, it would take much longer for the straight underframe to dominate its roster.







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Typically the consortium would buy underframes on the open market and then build the wood superstructures in the consortium's shops. There would be subtle differences however, in what I will call these Company Underframes, that is if one considers the side sill or lack of an apparent side sill, to be part of the underframe design. These differences are detailed below.

The superstructures applied to these slightly different underfrarnes would share several characteristics when they were built: the sides and ends were wood sheathed covering a wood frame, with a double board roof, fascia boards on the sides and ends, staff brake wheels, and K brake systems. How the car bodies varied from each other is detailed below, as well as the major improvements made to the cars as they were rebuilt and new technologies were introduced.

Company Underframe 1: Riveted with no side sill apparent or visible

This underframe shows no signs of a side sill, which in this case means that the sill is present but covered by the sheathing. A basic look was established with the earliest company underframe in that there were four crossties equally spaced between the bolsters. With this design the crossties are highly visible as are the ends of the bolsters. These cars were part of the FGEX 32100-35999 and WFEX 65000-66349 series.

In 1927 the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad became part of the Fruit Growers and brought with them a small group of reefers built by AC&F. These were numbered 11301-11349. They are very similar, if not identical to the FGEX and WFEX cars with the Company Underframe 1 design.

The car body or superstructure of these cars is very similar to that applied to the cars with truss rod, Bettendorf, and built up underframes when they were rebuilt and improved. The *Sunshine* truss rod kits can be used to model these cars.

FGEX 32000-32099 These were the initial cars built by the new Fruit Growers Express Company. Unfortunately, I have no photographs to show you what these looked like but they did have a straight center sill, based on drawings known to exist. The cars had an interior height of 6' 9-3/4" and a height to eaves of 12' 1-9/16". They had a capacity of 1860 Cubic feet between the ice bunkers and a capacity for 75,000 pounds of ice and cargo. I strongly believe they were Company Underframe 1 design cars.

Company Underframe 2: Riveted with a four inch side sill

With this underframe a side sill is visible. All subsequent designs will have this, but the side sill will change in size. The initial design has a sill that is four inches, leaving four inches of the crossties and bolster ends exposed. This is a relatively rare underframe, and it is unknown if Western Fruit had any cars with this underframe. They were also a part of the FGEX 32100-35999 series. National also featured cars with this underframe.

Company Underframe 3: Riveted with a six inch side sill

This underframe featured a six-inch side sill and would be a dominant group of reefers on both the FGEX and WFEX rosters. The sill would leave two inches of the crossties and bolsters visible. These cars were also a part of the FGEX 32100-35999 and WFEX 65000-66349 series. By now you will notice that these two series of cars have within them respectively three and two different underframe types. *Sunshine* makes a kit to model these cars.







FGEX 32490, model built from Sunshine Models kit #34.1.

FGEX 32100-35999 Although never filled to the 3,899 cars allocated to this series, it did number 3,787 cars at its peak, the largest number of any series owned by FGEX. The cars had an interior height of 6' 10-1/4" and a height to the eaves of 12' 1-9/16". They had a capacity of 1872 cubic between the ice bunkers and a capacity of 75,000 pounds. In later years caution should be used in looking at the cars in this series because taller cars would begin to be mixed in. Cars of this type in WFEX service were in the 65000-66349 series.

Cars with this underframe design were also assigned to National Car.

Company Underframe 4: Riveted with an eight inch side sill

In 1928 the final riveted underframe design for new wood sheathed cars would appear. With it a slightly taller car body was introduced. The new underframe introduced an eight inch side sill while the superstructure would be six inches taller. This heavier side sill now obscured the underframe parts visible in the earlier designs. Both FGEX and WFEX built these cars in large numbers. As with the previous Company Underframes, BREX would build no examples with this underframe. With the exception of the increased height, the superstructure was the same as that which was attached to the earlier Company Underframes. *Sunshine* makes a kit to model these cars.







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FGEX 36000-37999 & 50000-51999 The cars had an interior height of 7' 3-1/4" and a height to the eaves of 12' 7-3/16". They had a capacity of 2013 cubic feet between the ice bunkers. The 36000-37999 series had a capacity of 75,000 pounds, while the 50000-51999 series was rated at 90,000 pounds. WFEX had these cars in their 67000-67846 series, which they said had a height to the eaves of 12' 8".



FGEX 36429, model built from Sunshine Models kit #34.2 and modified with diagonal sheathing straps.

WFEX 49000-49999 series One series of cars in the WFEX fleet is of special note since it was rebuilt with an underframe very similar if not identical to the Company Underframe 4. Originally built with a truss rod underframe and especially designed for egg, fish and berry basket loading¹, these cars were rebuilt with a straight underframe with eight-inch side sills. These cars retained an outside metal roof with hatch platforms into the 1940's, but would eventually receive the typical Hutchins roof after World War II. Even with their new roofs, they retained three straps to reinforce the end and side joint. Because they were purpose built, they were 8 feet 10 1/2 inches wide inside, about six to seven inches wider than other WFEX cars.

Cars with this underframe design were also assigned to National Car.

Initial Improvements Circa 1938

All of the cars with Company Underframes 1 through 4 would begin to have the same improvements applied to them as early as 1938 that were being applied to the cars of earlier vintage. Again, these were the Hutchins roofs and AB brake systems. Unlike the older cars however, these Company Underframe cars would receive mechanical advancements like equipment for stage icing, and would be so stenciled. After World War II, as we will see, some would receive further upgrades as they were rebuilt.

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¹Mainline Modeler, April 1996, page 43.







Company Underframe 5: Welded with an eight inch side sill

As early as 1937, Our Companies had begun to acquire steel cars of a design typical of the era. But by the time they were ready to buy more, the Second World War had begun and steel production was oriented towards meeting the needs of the war effort. A compromise was possible however: build a car using wood for much of the critical structure, metal for items like the roof and ends, and design the car so that when the cars needed to be rebuilt, it will be easy to substitute steel. That is what the consortium did and began to build cars at the Indiana Harbor and Plattsmouth shops with Dreadnaught ends, a Murphy paneled roof, and plywood sheathing on the sides. Wood running boards were applied. A steel frame was between the external and interior sheathing. Cars were built for all three companies in 1942, and these cars are the only wood sheathed design that all three companies had in common. FGEX and WFEX would buy more in 1944 and 1946, while BREX would alter the design slightly by substituting tongue and grove sheathing for the plywood when they purchased more cars in 1944.

The underframe used on these cars was almost identical to Company Underframe 4, except that it was welded. This might seem of little consequence for the modeler since the underframe is hidden in the shadows under the car, but the side sill was also welded to the crossties and bolsters resulting in a side sill with no rivets. This is the difference we would see from all prior company underframes where the rivets connecting the crossties and bolsters to the side sills are clearly evident.

These cars featured the typical modern appliances of the time; cast sideframe trucks, AB brakes, vertical power hand brakes, and stage icing grates. Their only other remarkable feature aside from their sheathing was the ice hatches - a steel diamond tread plate material was used to form the covers. Their capacity was 75,000 pounds. Although these cars were built in wartime, they are not "war emergency" designs as there was no official design for reefers.

This group of cars would be the only forty-foot wood sheathed reefers built new by Our Companies with steel roofs and the only such example to have steel ends also. They were also the last forty-foot wood sheathed cars built by the consortium's members. The WFEX and BREX cars would soon acquire fans (the WFEX 1942 delivery) or would be built with them (the 1942 and 1944 BREX and 1944 and 1946 WFEX deliveries). None of the Fruit Growers examples would receive fans until much later than the scope of this presentation. One car, BREX 74698, was built with steel sheathing.² Recent photo discoveries also show that some cars in the FGEX 38200-38449 were built as all-steel cars.

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²Burlington Bulletin; Second Quarter, 1984; page 47.







FGEX 38252, Willard, Ohio, December 29, 1964. (Julian Barnard/Eileen Wofford Barnard photo, B&ORRHS collection)

Hopefully time will reveal more information about these cars and how many in the series were wood sheathed and how many were all steel:

FGEX 38000-38199, 38200-38449, 38450-38499 BREX 74400-74697; WFEX 66400-66499, 66500-66624



WFEX 66552, model built from Sunshine Models kit #34.3.







Post War Rebuilding and Improvements Circa 1947-48

American railroads were taxed severely during World War II as new car purchases had to be delayed while maintenance and improvements to older cars had to be deferred. Our Companies were not exempt from these pressures and it was only by 1947 that major purchases and improvements would be possible. In addition to all three principles buying new steel reefers, WFEX and FGEX would begin to rebuild many of their cars equipped with Company Underframes 3 and 4, those with six and eight inch side sill respectively.

Improvements to these cars would include taller car bodies and doors, steel framing between the exterior and interior sheathing evidenced by riveted steel plated along the side sills, adjustable ice grates, and fans. The fans were not applied to all the cars. Other improvements included were steel running boards and when power hand brakes were applied, steel brake steps were added. It does not appear that these kinds of improvements were systematically applied; however, as many reefers served on with wood running boards and vertical brake wheels.

Each company renumbered these newly improved cars. Fruit Growers renumbered cars with the 6-inch sill into the 55000-56999 series and those with the eight-inch sill into 57000-59999 series. For Western Fruit it was more complicated. Their taller rebuilds were mixed into 65000-66349, 67000-67846, and 71000-73999 series. The last series intermixed steel rebuilds with wood sheathed rebuilds. This intermixing is broken down by series in tables 8 and 10. From photos it appears that only WFEX cars with the six-inch side sill were rebuilt with steel, but both were rebuilt with wood.



FGEX 56212, Willard, Ohio, December 29, 1964. (Julian Barnard/Eileen Wofford Barnard photo, B&ORRHS collection)







Section VI Paint & Lettering Schemes

Again because no company archive survives, there is no record to quote as to what Our Companies' paint and stenciling standards were. But enough photos are in circulation that observations can be made that while not precise, are adequate for the needs of most. I acknowledge however that the lack of precision is frustrating.

Having photos to refer to would be very helpful because there are examples where there are variances from what appear to be the apparent standards for certain time periods.

Here too we limit ourselves to the years 1940 through 1953 when the standards as interpreted from photos reflect three different schemes.



FGEX 19005, model built from Sunshine Models kit #34.9 illustrating Scheme One.

Scheme One: Pre-1940 to approximately late 1949-early 1951

Paint

During this period, the wood sides of the cars were painted yellow. Acknowledging the limitations of the accuracy of color film, surviving color photos show this yellow to have some orange or red in it. Modeler s would therefore want to start with reefer yellow and add a small amount of reefer orange and/or boxcar car red. I use a little of both. The metal parts attached to the sides were painted black. This included the grab irons, ladders, and the door hinges, latches and other hardware used to keep the doors open. When placard boards were fixed to the sides as they cometimes were the heards were pointed either vallow or black. Yellow express to be most common. The round or

latches and other hardware used to keep the doors open. When placard boards were fixed to the sides as they sometimes were, the boards were painted either yellow or black. Yellow appears to be most common. The round or square plates around the fan shafts also appeared in yellow or black. Photos should be used to verify for particular cars.

From 1940 through 1953 the ends would have always been a freight car red. This appears to have been a reddish brown hue. The same color was used to paint the kick boards under the doors.

The color of the metal hardware on the car ends is harder to say with certainty. The B&O Museum has painted both of their FGEX reefers with black hardware. In most photos where the ends is in full view or not in the shade, the







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ladders and grab irons appear to be the same color as the ends. Builder's photos of the wartime built plywood-sheathed cars clearly show the hardware to be the same color as the end.

The standard color for the side sills, stirrup steps, trucks, and underframe was black. Photos do exist in a very well annotated private collection, most taken in 1947 or 1948, where the notes indicate both a WFEX car and a FGEX car with red underframe and trucks. These were both equipped with a truss rod underframe.

During this time, everything on the roof was painted the same freight car red as the ends. Where there was a fascia board, as there was on the FGEX, BREX, CX, and FWDX reefers that retained the outside metal roof and hatch platforms, it was painted freight car red also.

Stenciling

The consortium used a distinctive lettering style called *Optic* to stencil in black the company names, reporting marks, and car numbers on the side to the left of the doors and the words "Ventilator and Refrigerator" (FGEX and NX) or "Ventilator-Refrigerator" (WFEX and BREX) on the side to the right of the door. This style can best be described a block like with facets. The reporting marks and car numbers appeared in white on the car ends in *Optic* also.

Fruit Growers Express had no corporate logo or herald which is why I think, and pardon the pun, the company has gone *unheralded* when in many ways, given the way it was formed, its different owners, and a roster of cars that is complicated and fascinating, makes it worthy of more visibility. Without a herald on its reefers, its plain-Jane appearance gives the impression of being uninteresting and of little consequences.



WFEX 61583, model built from Sunshine Models kit #34.10.

Burlington Refrigerator Express and Western Fruit Express displayed their respective heralds on the side to the right of the door above "VENTILATOR-REFRIGERATOR". A rectangular box displayed the "Burlington Route" in white sans serif lettering on a black rectangular box. This in turn was surrounded by a white line, a black line, a red border and another black line around the perimeter of the box. Western Fruit used a circular shape to highlight its corporate origins in black in three different forms within this time period:

1) Pre-1940 up until as late as October 1942: A front facing goat within an inner circle and Great Northern in a band around the goat. "Great" was above the goat's head and "Northern" was at its feet. (Westerfield







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has this herald)

- 2) October 1942 to about 1948 or 49: A side-facing goat replaced the front facing goat. (*Sunshine & Champ* have this herald)
- 3) 1948 or 49 though 1953 and beyond: "Great Northern Railway" replaced Great Northern in the band with the word Railway at the bottom. (*Champ* has this herald)

Before 1940 and into 1944, there was no dimensional data stenciled. On cars so equipped, "ADJUSTABLE BUNKER BULKHEADS AND ICE GRATES," "AIR CIRCULATING FANS" or "ADJUSTABLE ICE GRATES" was stenciled on the side to the right of the door under "VENTILATOR AND REFRIGERATOR" or "VENTILATOR-REFRIGERATOR" in three inch lettering. Sometime between March and September of 1944 dimensional data was added to the right side of the door and "ADJUSTABLE BUNKER BULKHEADS AND ICE GRATES," "AIR CIRCULATING FANS" or "ADJUSTABLE ICE BUNKERS" was moved to the upper left comer of the side to the left of the door in two inch lettering. Abbreviations for "feet" and "inches" were a part of the dimensional data stenciling. All of this smaller lettering, including the weight data was Gothic, as was any small white stenciling on the end. Photos taken in 1947 and 1948 show cars with and without dimensional data stenciling, so it would not be inappropriate to have a mixture of both during the post war period.

With three exceptions, the information on the side was stenciled in black. The "Light Weight" information and weighing location date was stenciled in white onto a black background. The "Lube" information was also in white upon a black field. These black areas featured both square corners and rounded corners. Cars in dedicated service could either be stenciled with the message stenciled in black against yellow or in white against black.



CX 50135, modified Accurail model illustrating the short-lived Scheme Two. See *Prototype Railroad Modeling Volume One* for construction details of this model.

Scheme Two: Approximately late 1949-early 1951 to late 1951

Paint

Beginning during this short period, the hardware on the side of the car was painted the same yellow as the side of the car, including any fascia board still present. This reflected a change that would occur in the other major fleets to save on labor costs. However, Our Companies were not ready to go the whole way yet. The kickboard and side sill were painted freight car red, as was the roof. Stirrup steps were black, as were the underframe and trucks. Keep an eye out however, as some photos show the kick board area in yellow paint.







Stenciling

This phase showed no changes to the lettering or stenciling. When I say the lettering did not change, I mean that the cars still retained the "VENTILATOR AND REFRIGERATOR" stenciling as in the case of FGEX or the "VENTILATOR-REFRIGERATOR" stenciling for BREX and WFEX. Lightweight data, and lube dates were stenciled in white upon a black field. I have no authoritative information on how stenciling for dedicated service was treated during this time, but given that it did not change with "Scheme Three," I believe that this did not change during this time either.



FGEX 59198, model built from Sunshine kit #34.11, and WFEX 65359, model built from Sunshine kit #34.12 illustrating Scheme Three.

Scheme Three: Late 1951 through 1953 and beyond

Paint

As early as November 1951, the consortium went all the way and began to paint the entire sides of their cars yellow.







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The one exception here seems to have been the door opening and locking hardware on the new steel plug door reefers that FGEX, WFEX, BREX, and NX all began to acquire. This was still black and, sometimes, other parts were black too. Again, consult photographs.

Again the ends were freight car red, as was any hardware. What became of the roof is harder to say with any certainty. Where the roof color can be seen clearly, red, silver or yellow is apparent. Coinciding with this change, everything remaining on the side that had not been painted yellow, i.e. the kick board and side sill became yellow. The stirrup steps remained black as did the underframe and trucks. Exceptions to this with yellow stirrup steps have been observed.

Stenciling

The most obvious change was the word "VENTILATOR" was no longer stenciled on the car side. Persisting was the black background behind white reweigh and lube data stenciling. However, some cars appear in 1952 with this information in black against yellow. Messages regarding dedicated service still appear in both ways.

FDEX

By 1937 Fruit Growers Express was operating a group of cars with a double deck arrangement built into the car's interior. These reefers carried the reporting marks FDEX and on the side to the right of the door above either "VENTILATOR AND REFRIGERATOR" or "VENTILATOR", in the same size lettering "DOUBLE DECK" was stenciled. Cars under these reporting marks included at least two different types of wood sheathed cars and at least one type of steel sheathed car.

Ice Service

It should note that the above reflects the standard for cars in revenue service. Photos exist showing FGEX reefers in ice service. These cars had white stenciling in the same style as used by the freight reefers against a dark color, too dark to differentiate a color in the photos I have. They could be a boxcar red, black, or green, just name three colors associated with railroading. More information is needed here.

Cars were stenciled on the sides with the reporting marks, car number, and weight data only, all to the left of the door, and reporting marks and car number on the ends. Some had their assignments stenciled to the left of the doors also.

Reweigh Stations

FGEX, WFEX, and BREX all maintained shops to repair and service reefers belonging to themselves and the other members of the consortium. Here is a rundown of where they were and the station symbols or abbreviations:

ALX Alexandria, VA – FGEX
HAM Hamlet, NC – FGEX
IH Indiana Harbor, IN – FGEX
PLT Plattsmouth, NE – BREX

ATL Atlanta, GA - FGEX HILL or HIL Hillyard, WA - WFEX JAX Jacksonville, FL - FGEX







Bibliography

Unfortunately, the company records for Fruit Growers Express were lost when they were thrown away. Information does surface and many photos exist of the more common designs. There is a good chance more authoritative information exists for Western Fruit and Burlington Refrigerator Express companies since corporate records for their respective parent companies were preserved. How much is unknown at this time. Photos exist for their more common cars as well. Bob's Photos and Howard Ameling have the most and are the sources to begin with, but Big Four (Jay Williams), Richard Burg, California State Railroad Museum Library, and The Library of Congress are other sources. People really interested in the subject should leave no stone unturned.

A collection of Fruit Growers annual reports from the years 1920 into the 1960's, with the exception of 1956, is housed at the Virginia State Library and Archives as a part of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company Records collection. The business libraries at Harvard, Yale, and Northwestern, and the C&O Historical Society hold less complete collections. Hopefully annual reports for the WFEX and BREX will be found.

An employee magazine entitled *Teamwork* published beginning in December 1949 is also a wonderful source of information from the issues seen so far and hopefully more of these will emerge. This publication served all three of the entities that made up the consortium, and was their effort to help tie the employees together. The term "Our Companies" occurs often in the magazine making it clear they saw themselves as trying to mold one identity.

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Burlington Bulletin #12, Second Quarter, 1984.

Issue devoted to Burlington Refrigerator Express cars. Some omissions and errors but a good overview and place to begin.







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Appendix I: Icing Facilities

Over the years the Fruit Growers Express Company's Annual Reports would note improvements made to icing facilities used by them. The list below is an accumulation of those locations noted. This list should not be viewed as comprehensive, as other icing facilities undoubtedly existed that were never noted. It is only a beginning effort to develop a comprehensive list.

<u>Alabama</u>	
Mobile	
Montgomery	

Delaware Clayton

Florida Baldwin Bowden Fort Myers Fort Pierce Gainesville Gillett Haines City

Hialeah High Springs Jacksonville South Jacksonville West Jacksonville Lakeland

Miami Miami (Hialeah) Moore Haven New Smyrna

Ocala
Okeechobee
Orlando
Palmetto
Pensacola
Plant City
Sanford
Sulphur Springs

Tampa Trilby West Palm Beach West Lake Wales

West Lake Wales Wildwood Winter Garden

Georgia Albany Augusta

Atlanta (Hills Park) Atlanta (Howell) Atlanta (Hurt Street) Atlanta (Inman) Atlanta (SAL) Douglas

Fitzgerald Fort Valley Manchester Georgia (cont.)
Savannah
Smyrna
Thomaston
Toccoa
Valdosta (ACL)

Valdosta (Southern) Waycross Williamson

Illinois

Chicago (Glen Yard) Chicago (14th St.) Chicago (47th St.) Chicago (216th St.) Murphysboro Salem

Indiana Evansville Ft. Wayne Indianapolis Peru Vincennes

Kentucky
Ashland
Corbin
Lexington
Louisville
Paducah

Maryland
Baltimore
Brunswick
Cumberland
Hagerstown
Salisbury

Michigan
Benton Harbor
Grand Rapids
Hartford
New Buffalo
Saginaw
Traverse City

New Jersey Camden Jersey City (Harsimus) Kearney Woodbury New York
Brocton
Buffalo
Elmira
Maybrook
Oak Point
Norwich
Rochester
St. George
Walkins

North Carolina
Aberdeen
Chadborn
Elizabeth City
Fayetteville
Hamlet
Jersey City (Greenville)
Raleigh

Ohio Cincinnati Marietta Toledo

Spencer

Rocky Mount

Toledo (Erie Yards, PM Ry,) Willard

Pennsylvania Connellsville

Enola Huntingdon Oil City Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh (Island Ave.)
Renova

West Morrisville Wilkes-Barre (Buttonwood)

South Carolina
Bennetts
Burton
Columbia

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Appendix II: Excerpt from Fruit Growers 1920 Annual Report

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

Washington, D. C., April 12, 1921

To: The Stockholders of

THE FRUIT GROWERS EXPRESS COMPANY

The Board of Directors submits the following report for the period from the organization of the Company to December 31, 1920.

ORGANIZATION

The Fruit Growers Express Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware on March 18, 1920. On May 1, 1920, it acquired from the Armour Interests 4,279 refrigerator cars, together with their shop facilities at Potomac Yards, Virginia, icing facilities, etc., and began active operation on that date.

The following railroad companies have agreed to take a proprietary interest in the Company, and assume their pro rata share of the liability of the original stockholders to Armour and Company incident to the acquisition of their equipment:

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co.

Norfolk & Western Railway Company

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Co.

A plan is being developed for broadening the scope of your Company's activities, with a view of performing all of the perishable protective services east of the Mississippi River. The perishable movement is seasonal, and by centralizing the control of the refrigerator cars in the lines in that territory, the efficiency of the present equipment will be materially increased, thus relieving the shortage of refrigera-







tor cars and reducing the number of cars of this type that the railroads will be required to finance and build in order to meet the demands of the perishable traffic. The Interstate Commerce Commission and large shippers of perishables have [Ed: illegible]ed the desirability of establishing such a central organization.

EQUIPMENT

In addition to the 4,279 cars acquired from the Armour interests, your Company purchased from the Receiver of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company, under a car trust agreement dated December 7, 1920, 969 refrigerator cars, making a total of 5,248 cars owned by the Company as of December 31, 1920. There were 24 cars destroyed on various railroads between May 1st and December 31st, 1920. We have been reimbursed and the funds have been set up and materials ordered to replace them, so as to maintain the complete number of cars.

Negotiations for financing the purchase of 2,000 new cars were undertaken. The Government agreed to lend the Company 60% of the funds required, with the understanding that the Company would provide the balance from its own resources. In view of the general business depression throughout the country, however, it was considered inadvisable to consummate the purchase until the conditions had improved.

Notwithstanding the general depression which developed during the last quarter of the year, the amount of perishable traffic handled by the Company continues to increase this year as compared with last. It will be necessary, therefore, at an early date, to undertake the financing and building of at least 2,000 additional cars in order to provide for the steadily increasing perishable traffic.







ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

The car shop facilities of your Company at Potomac Yards, Virginia, have been enlarged by the addition of an erecting shop, new machinery, material storage and track facilities, etc., which will materially increase the efficiency of the shop. The shop has a capacity of building new cars at the rate of 100 cars per month. We are now rebuilding the cars acquired from the Receiver of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company.

A car repair yard has also been established near Jacksonville, Florida, where repairs are being made to equipment en route to the Florida loading territory.

From May 1st to December 31st, 1920, repairs have been made on 4,566 cars at the Potomac Yards shop.

ADDITIONAL ICING FACILITIES

The efficiency of our refrigeration service has been increased by the establishment, since May 1, 1920, of new and improved icing facilities at the following points:

Jacksonville, Fla.

West Jacksonville, Fla.

South Jacksonville, Fla.

Tampa, Fla.

Wildwood, Fla.

Miami, Fla.

Haines City, Fla.

Clayton, Del.







The largest improvement is at Jacksonville, Fla., where a modern ice manufacturing plant, with a capacity of approximately of 300 tons per day and storage capacity of 10,000 tons, is being rapidly completed.

PERISHABLE FREIGHT HANDLED

During the eight months ended December 31, 1920, the Company handled 31,153 carloads under refrigeration. In addition, 6,316 carloads were handled under ventilation in refrigerator cars under our supervision, and 1,422 under car rental, making a total of 38,891 carloads. During the same period the cars ran a total of 56,242,079 miles, and averaged 52.9 miles per car per day.

REFRIGERATION RATES

In order that your Company may earn a reasonable return on the refrigeration service which it performs, the...









The Seaboard - Coast Line Modeler

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Appendix III: Excerpted pages from January 1940 Official Railway Equipment Register

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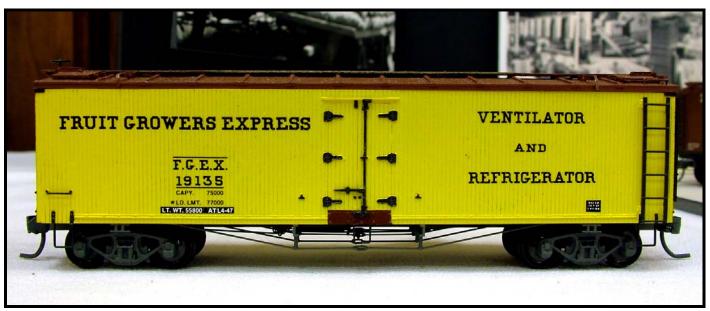
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FRUIT GROWERS EXPRESS COMPANY-CONTINUED. Note R—Individual numbers of cars in series 32100 to 35899 differing in dimensions and cubical capacity from other cars in same series; inside height 6 ft. 9% in.; capacity 1830 cu. ft.: 32102 33426 32570 33009 33211 33502 31214 34761 34785 34814 35211 32514 31517 13551 13517 13551 13518 1351 Note S—Individual numbers of cars in series 32100 to 35899 differing in dimensions and cubical capacity from other cars in same series; inside width, 8 ft. 4 in., inside height 7 ft. 3½ in.; outside width at cares, 9 ft. 10½ in., height from rail to caves 13 ft. 7½ in., to top of running board 13 ft. 5½ in., to extreme height 15 ft. 13½ in.; capacity 2013 cu. ft.: DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR RENDERING REPORTS AND FOR SETTLING MILEAGE AND REPAIR ACCOUNTS FOR FRUIT GROWERS EXPRESS COMPANY AND 32127 32652 33377 33615 33798 34233 34504 34805 35060 35732 35761 32365 33249 33528 33706 NATIONAL CAR COMPANY CARS. REPORTS OF MOVEMENTS. Report movements and mileage to F. E. Evans, Superintendent Car Service, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. Report mileage separately according to initials. te T—Individual numbers of cars in series 50000 to 51990 and 52000 to 52039 differing in A. A. R. Mech. Designation, dimensions and cubical capacity from other cars in same series; A. A. R. Mech. Designation RCD, outside width at eaves 10 ft. 2½ in., capacity 1,996 cu. ft. These cars are equipped with two tanks for refrigeration with dry ice; inside dimensions, length between end wall racks 38 ft. 3½ in., width between side wall racks 8 ft., height from top of floor racks to ceiling 7 ft. 3½ in., one tank suspended from ceiling in each end of car to depth of 3 ft., extending into loading space 2 ft. 11½ in., capacity of tanks 5,400 pounds dry ice.: T(0) 50577 51684 T(0) 52003 52004 Send remittances to Fruit Growers Express Company, owner (non-ship-per). R. R. Cooke, Treasurer, and make drafts on Fruit Growers Express Company, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. REPAIR BILLS. Send bills for repairs to ears, re-leing, etc., and report lightweight of cars to G. E. Davis, Auditor, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. Repairs to both National Car Company and Fruit Growers Express Company cars should be included in the same bill and rendered to the Fruit Growers Express Company. Note U—Individual numbers of cars in series 50000 to 51999, differing in dimensions and cubical capacity from other cars in same series; outside width at caves 10 ft. 2½ in., capacity 1,983 cu. ft.:

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Send requisitions for material to repair cars to E. A. Sweeley, Mechanical Superintendent, P. O. Box 328, Alexandria, Va.

Jan., 1940.



FGEX 19135, model built from Sunshine Models kit #34.9.









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NX 6804, upgraded Accurail model built by Dick Flock. (2004 Sunshine Models Prototype Modelers Seminar, Naperville, Illinois, Ben Hom photo)









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REPORTING MARKS-"W. F. E. X." GENERAL OFFICERS. H. B. Spencer, President. Washington, D. C. E. J. Roth, General Manager. Washington, D. C. R. G. Snorter, Comptroller. Washington, D. C. R. R. Cooke, Treasurer. GENERAL OFFICES, 1101 VERMONT AVE., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. REFRIGERATOR EQUIPMENT. Reporting Marks—"W. F. E. X." The cars of this Company are marked "Western Fruit Express," and "W. F. E. X." and are numbered and classified as follows: DIMENSIONS. CAPACITY. Capacity of Ice Tanks. | Capacity of Car. OUTSIDE. Doors. INSIDE. Cars Capacity Cubic Feet Peunds. Length. Width. Height from Rail. Side Doors. Pounds. MARKINGS Between lee Bores-Bulkheads in Place. Clear Gepecity (Bulkbeeds Collapsed). 166 Olear sed). lee. AND KIND NUMBERS. Capacity for Grushed Capacity for Capacity for Chunk I Reight Number Cheads in F Linings eads Collap OF CARS. Inside. Ineide. Depth. Length, Height, Width Width, Total (fotal (Potal (0 ft. in Ibs. Ibs. ft.in. PASSENGER. 1 BR Passenger Express, (See Exceptions) Note G 100 to 199 42 6 48 7 9 ... 7 5 5 54 7 10 8 12 8 1 13 6 1 1410 1 5 12500 2845 195000 97 ** ** 2683 12000 3 BR Passenger Express.... 400 to 499 42 6 48 1018 107 11 54 7 10 81 12000 12 8, 18 8 4 1410 1 5 ... Total Passeng er Refrigerator Cars FREIGHT. 4 RM Refrigerator.... 5 RS "Steel Underfm 2060 ... 9600 75000 18 2060 ... 9600 75000 944 9600 1904 50000 57 11 RS 1914 ** 8400 12 54292 82 8 8 3 6 74 41 32 9 94 11 1012 734 13 934 4 ... 5 9 9600 1780 50000 Note B 1 9600 1869 500003718 14 RM ü ... 16 15 RS 2013 75000 29 16 RS 1969 ... 50000 11 17 RS 1872 ... 9600 75000 1322 21 RS 2013 22 RS 2013 23 RS 2013 . . . 75000 840 24 RS .. 2013 . . . 25 RS 26 RS Total FreightRefrigerator Cars. Note B—Equipped with 60,000 pounds capacity journals, but loading limited by M. C. B. Rules (see M. C. B. 60229 Note C—Equipped with 80,000 pounds capacity journals, but loading limited by M. C. B. Rules (see M. C. B. Rule 86). DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR RENDERING REPORTS AND FOR Note D—Individual numbers of cars in series 54147 to 54291 differing indimensions cubic capacity and ice tank capacity from other numbers in same series; inside length 32 ft. 10 in.; capacity 1,914 cu. ft.; capacity 8,400 pounds chunk ice: SETTLING MILEAGE AND REPAIR ACCOUNTS. REPORTS OF MOVEMENTS. Send junction cards, reports of movements and tracers for cars to F. E. Evans, SuperIntendent Car Service, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 54153 54173 54180 54181 54198 54213 54242 54257 54264 54276 54279 54154 Note E—Individual numbers of cars in series 60001 to 68910 differing in dimensions, cubical and pounds capacity from other numbers in same series; inside length 35 ft. 234 in., width 8 ft. 4 in., height 7 ft. 334 in.; capacity 2,013 cu. 1t., 75.000 pounds: 60879 60927 61253 61434 62411 62791 63266 63302 63304 63307 63906 60794 61072 61383 61392 62489 62312 63300 63303 63305 63308 63310 60794 61072 61483 61702 62833 62322 63301 MILEAGE REPORTS. Report mileage to F. E. Evans. Superintendent Car Service, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington. D. C. Report mileage made by refrigerator express cars, series 100 to 199, in separate item. Balances for mileage due should be remitted to Western Fruit Express Company, owner (non-shipper), R. R. Cooke, Treasurer, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., or authority to make draft forwarded to R. G. Shorter, Comptroller, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. Note F—Individual numbers of cars in series 65000 to 66349 differing in dimensions and enbleat capacity from other numbers in same series; inside width 8 ft. 4 in., height 7 ft. 3/4 in., capacity 2,013 cu. ft.: 65134 65390 65354 REPAIR BILLS. Send bills for repairs to cars to G. E. Davis, Auditor, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. Note G-W. F. E. X. express refrigerators numbered 100 to 199 are home on Great Northern Railway, and when empty should be returned to that line on record rights. CARS RE-LIGHTWEIGHED ON FOREIGN ROADS. Reports of light weights and destruction of cars should be forwarded to E. Davis, Auditor, 1101 Verment Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. Note J—Individual numbers of ears in series 60001 to 63910 differing in inside dimensions and cubical capacity from other numbers in same series; Inside dimensions: length 32 ft. 6 in., width 8 ft. 4 in., height 7 ft. 334 in., capacity 1,960 ca. ft., 50,000 pounds: 60224 60248 66327 61023 61539 62278 62374 63054 63390 63487 63885 REQUISITIONS FOR MATERIAL TO REPAIR. Requisitions for material for repairing cars should be made on E.A. Sweeley, Mechanical Superintendent, P. O. Box 328, Alexandria, Va. Jan., 1940. A Denotes additions. • Denotes increase & Denotes reduction. (See Page xviii.)









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Appendix IV: Excerpted pages from July 1950 Official Railway Equipment Register

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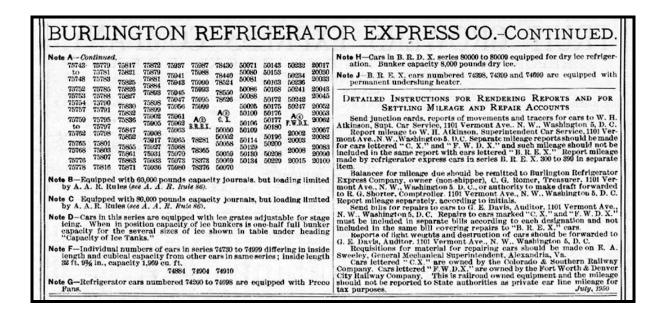


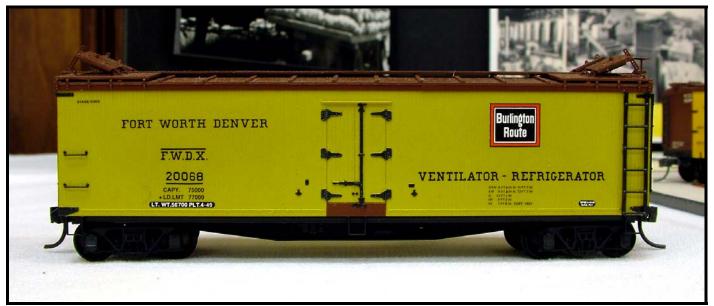




The Seaboard - Coast Line Modeler

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FWDX 20068, Accurail model upgraded with free-standing grab irons and ladders, A-Line sill steps (heated, straightened, and rebent to a more prototypical width and sharper corners), and Accurail Andrews trucks. The underframe has been modified to move the trucks nearer the ends of the car, and a scratchbuilt Murphy XLA roof replaced the kit's Hutchins roof. See *Prototype Railroad Modeling Volume One* for construction details of this model.









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The Wood Sheathed Cars of the FGEX/WFEX/BREX Freight Refrigerator Fleet: 1940-1953

FRUIT GROWERS EXPRESS COMPANY-CONTINUED. Note P—Individual numbers of cars in series 32100 to 35898 differing in inside height and cubical capacity from other cars in same series; inside height 6 ft. 9¼ in.; capacity 1800 cu. ft.; 32102 32579 33009 Note W—Car F.O.B.X. No. 784 is equipped with overhead tanks with capacity of 7,500 pounds dry ice only, and end bunkers with capacity of 14,200 pounds crushed ice, 13,700 pounds coarse ice and 12,900 pounds chunk ice. height 6 ft. 94 in.; capacity 1860 cu. ft.; 22102 23579 33069 Note Q—Total capacity of ice tanks of F. H. I. X. car No. 837 is 8,000 pounds dry ice and total capacity of F.G. E.X. car No. 854 is 5,400 pounds dry ice. Note R—Cars numbered F. O. B. X. 4000 to 4473 and F. G. E. X. 40000 are equipped with permanent undersing heaters. Note X—Cars in this series have ice grates adjustable for stage icing. When in position capacity of ice bunkers is one-half full capacity for the several sizes of ice as shown in table under heading "Capacity of Ice Tanks." Note Y—Total capacity of ice tanks of F. O. B. X. car No. 774 is 15,000 pounds dry ice. Note S—Individual numbers of ears in series 32100 to 33898 differing in dimensions and cubical capacity from other cars in same series; inside width, 8 ft. 4 in., inside height 7 ft. 33, in; outside width at eaves, 9 ft. 10% in., height from rail to caves 12 ft. 7 å in., to top of running board 13 ft. 5 å in., to extreme height 15 ft. 13 å in; capacity 2013 cu. ft.: 3249 38377 33615 33738 34233 34.04 35600 Note Z—Individual numbers of ears in series 25500 to 25000 differing in inside length and cubical capacity from other ears in same series; inside length 32 ft. 6 in., capacity 1,755 cm ft.: 25611 25669 25714 25770 25873 25951 25953 Note T—individual numbers of cars in series 32:00 to 3*606 3:000 Note T—individual numbers of cars in series 32:00 to 3*608 differing in dimensions and cubical capacity from other cars in same series; inside width 8 ft. 4 in., inside height 7 ft. 34 in.; outside width at caves 9 ft. 1124 in., height from rail to caves 12 ft. 7½ in., to top of running board 13 ft. 5½ in., to extreme height 15 ft. 135 in., capacity 2,013 cu. ft. These cars have ice grates adjustable for stage icing. When in position capacity of ice bunkers is one-half full capacity for the soveral sizes of ice as shown in table under heading "Capacity of Ice Tanks": REPORTS OF MOVEMENTS. Report movements and mileage to W. H. Atkinson, Superintendent Car Service, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington 5, D. C. Report mileage sepa-rately according to initials.

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BALANCES.

Send remitiances to Fruit Growers Express Company, owner (non-ship-per). C. G. Romer, Treasurer, and make drafts on Fruit Growers Express Company, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington 5, D. C. REPAIR BILLS.

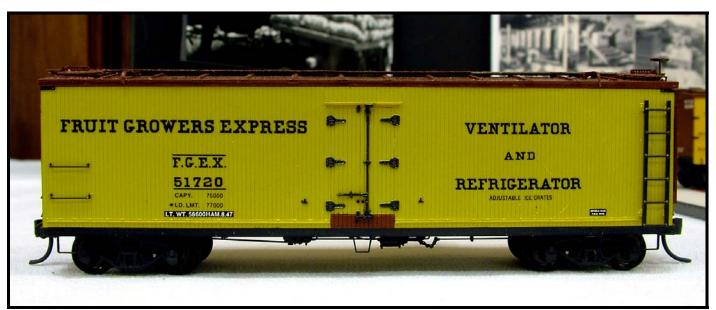
REPAIR BILLS.

Send bills for repairs to cars. re-icing, etc., and report lightweight of cars to G. E. Davis, Auditor, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington 5, D. C. Repairs to both National Car Company and Fruit Growers Express Company cars should be included in the same bill and rendered to the Fruit Growers Express Company, except cars in series N. X. 1350 to 1409 inclusive. Repairs to National Car Company cars in series 1350 to 1409 inclusive should be reported on separate bills versus National Car Company.

REQUISITIONS FOR MATERIAL TO REPAIR.

Send requisitions for material to repair cars to E. A. Sweeley, General Mechanical Superintendent, Alexandria, Va.

July, 1959.



FGEX 51720, model built from Sunshine Models kit #34.2.









THE B8-0 MODELER
The Wood Sheathed Cars of the FGEX/WFEX/BREX Freight Refrigerator Fleet: 1940-1953

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The Seaboard - Coast Line Modeler by Bill Welch

The Wood Sheathed Cars of the FGEX/WFEX/BREX Freight Refrigerator Fleet: 1940-1953

WESTERN FRUIT EXPRESS COMPANY—CONTINUED. Note H—Individual numbers of cars in series 60001 to 68910 differing in di-mensions, cubical and pounds capacity from other numbers in same series; inside length 33 ft. 234 in., width 8 ft. 4 in., height 7 ft. 334 in.; capacity 2.013 cu. ft., 75,000 pounds: 60397 60963 51072 61384 63266 63902 63908 63904 63907 63909 63910 Note F@-Continued 66162 66166 66170 66176 66177 66055 66057 67054 67795 67278 67280 to 67590 67598 to 66298 67685 to 67064 67809 67181 67182 67188 67597 67599 67690 67691 67283 66065 66067

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Note J—Refrigerator cars in series 66300 to 66790, 68000 to 71234, 72055 to 72404 and 73045 to 73299 are equipped with Preco Fans.

Note K—Individual numbers of cars in series 65000 to 66349 differing in dimensions and cubical capacity from other cars in same series: inside width \$ft. 3 in. height 7 ft. 53 in., outside width at caves 9 ft. 10% in, height from rail to caves 12 ft. 10% in., to top of running board 13 ft. 834 in., to extreme height 14 ft. 11½ in., height of side door opening 6 ft. 1½ in., capacity 2,050 cu. ft.:

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Note M—Individual numbers of cars in series 67000 to 67846 differing in dimensions and cubical capacity from other cars in same series; inside width 8 ft. 3 in., height 7 ft. 534 in., outside width at eaves 9 ft. 1054 in., height from rail to eaves 12 ft. 1054 in., to top of running board 13 ft. 854 in., to extreme height 14 ft. 11½ in., width of side door opening 6 ft. 1½ in., capacity 2,050 cu. ft.:

67018 67101 67131 67207 67326 67893 67421 67578 67645 67697 67761

Send junction cards, reports of movements and tracers for cars to W. H. Atkinson, Superintendent Car Service, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington 5. D. C.
Report mileage to W. H. Atkinson, Superintendent Car Service, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington 5. D. C. Report mileage made by refricerator express cars, series 100 to 109 and 400 to 497, in separate item.

Balances for mileage due should be remitted to Western Fruit Express Company, owner (non-shipper), C. G. Romer, Treasurer, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W. Washington 5. D. C., or authority to make draft forwarded to R. G. Shorter, Comptroller, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington 5. D. C.
Send bills for repairs to cars to G. E. Davis. Auditor, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington 5. D. C.
Reports of light weights and destruction of cars should be forwarded to G. E. Davis. Auditor, 1101 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington 5. D. C.
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