

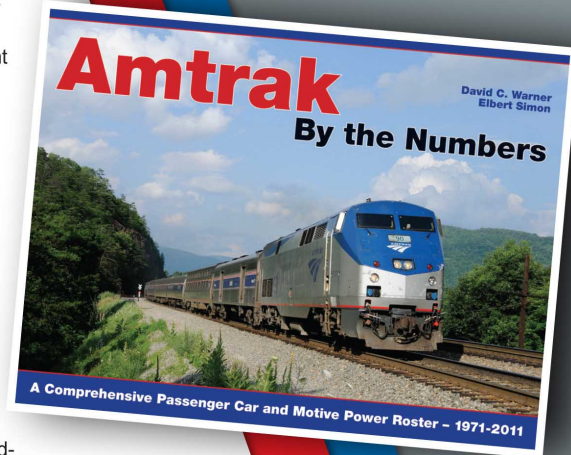
Producers White River Productions and Dale Sanders present:

Amtrak, perhaps surprisingly, has reached middle age. Begun with a diverse collection of cars and motive power from railroads that turned over the obligation of operating intercity passenger trains to the new quasi-government corporation in 1971, Amtrak's fleet has evolved into a stable collection of equipment that presents a cohesive "national" face for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

Amtrak By the Numbers is intended as a guide to 40 years of Amtrak cars and locomotives that should benefit the serious historian and the casual observer. More than that, it is a history of developments in passenger cars and locomotives over the last 65 years, as Amtrak molded the fleet that serves it today.

This book presents a chronology of these developments. Amtrak's efforts to modernize its image, adapt to changing market conditions, and take advantage of new technology can be followed in the tables within this book. The fleet is covered in five main sections: Motive Power; Self-Propelled Cars and Trainsets; Steam-Heat Rolling Stock; Head-End Power Rolling Stock; and Auto Carriers, Mail, and Express Cars. State-owned equipment used on Amtrak services is also included.

The tables are designed to enable readers to follow a particular piece of equipment "from cradle to grave" during its tenure on the railroad. Supplementing the numbers and dates in the tables is an impressive selection of over 440 color photos highlighting the variety of equipment that Amtrak has operated.



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