Operating a Prototype Santa Fe Layout

Los Angeles Division 3rd District

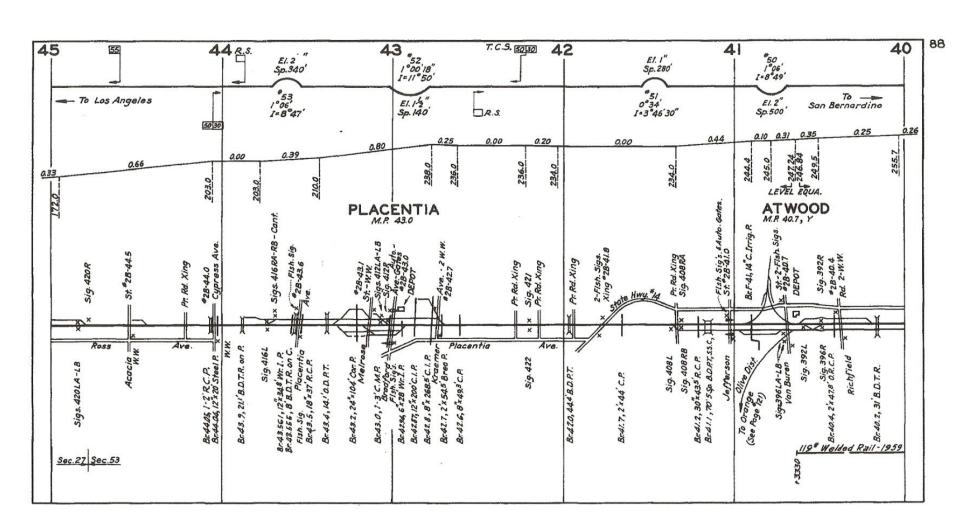
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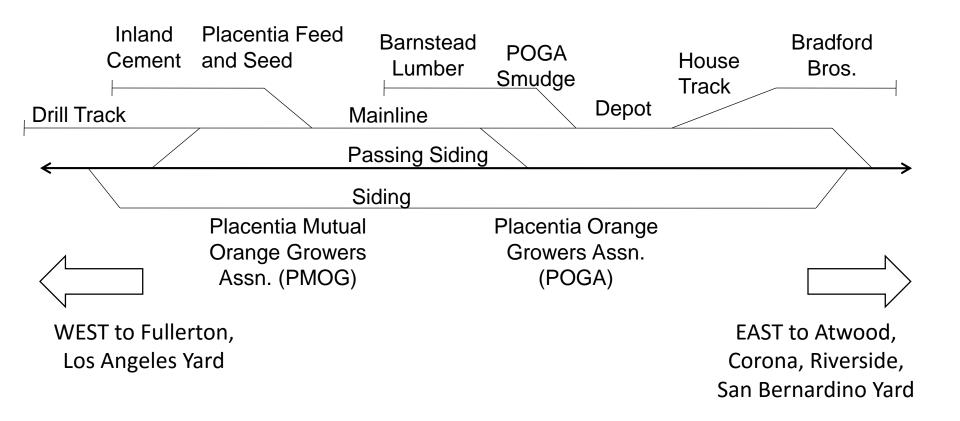
ATSF Layout Concept

- ERA Transition (Steam/Diesel)
- Theme Citrus/Packing houses
- Space 24' by 28' Garage
- One Level No duck under
- Location choices—Southern California
 - 3rd District Trains (Placentia-Riverside)
 - Thru freights
 - Fruit turns
 - Two passenger trains
 - Fast Mail

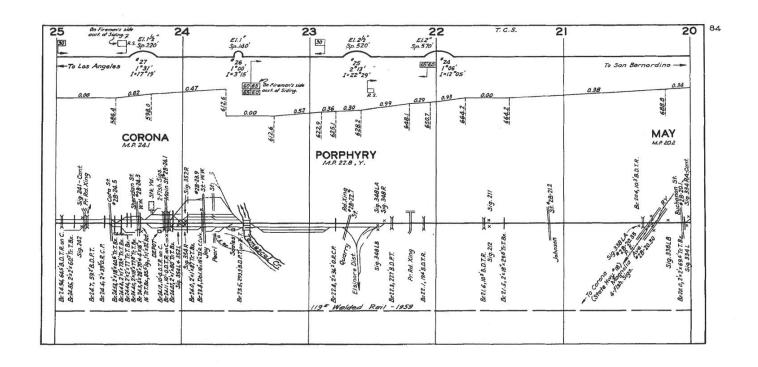
Placentia Track Chart 1960



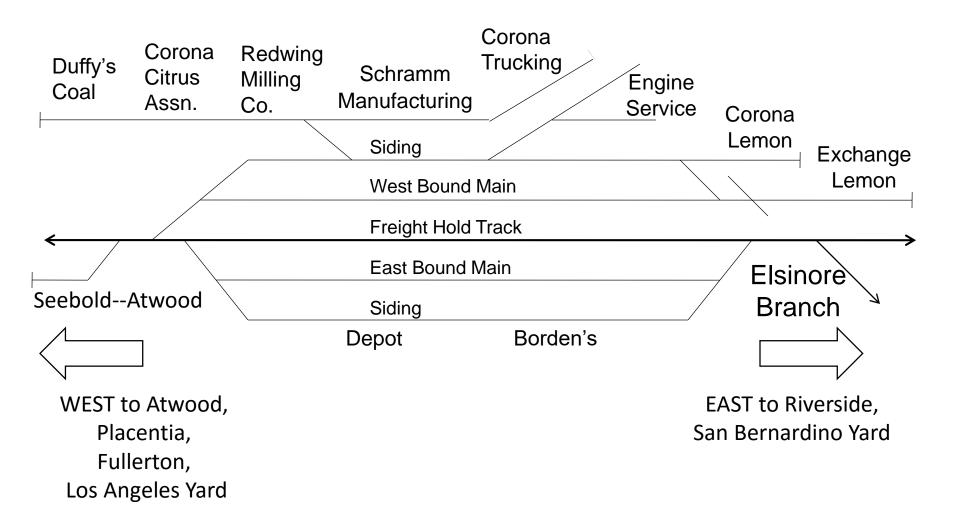
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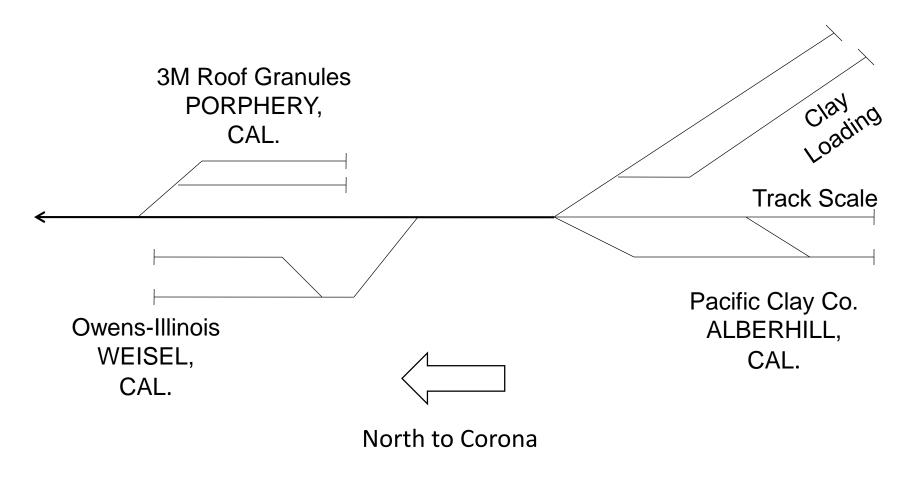
Corona Track Chart 1960



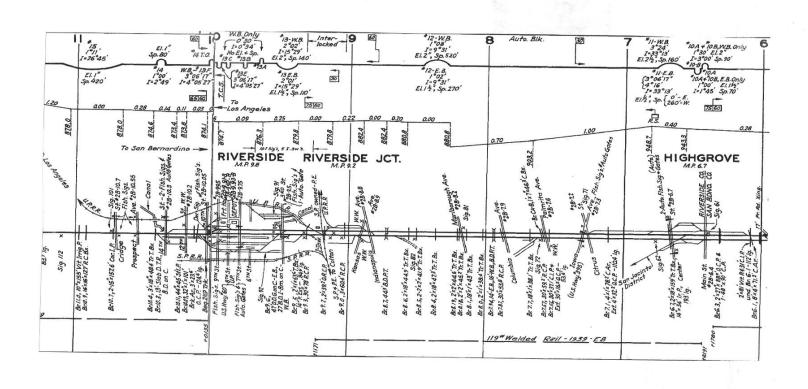
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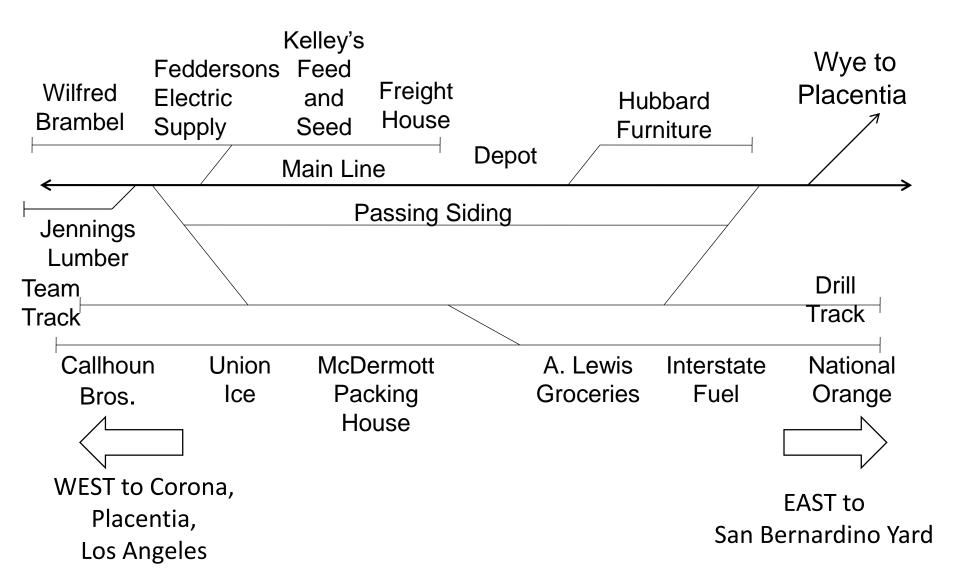
ELSINORE BRANCH Layout



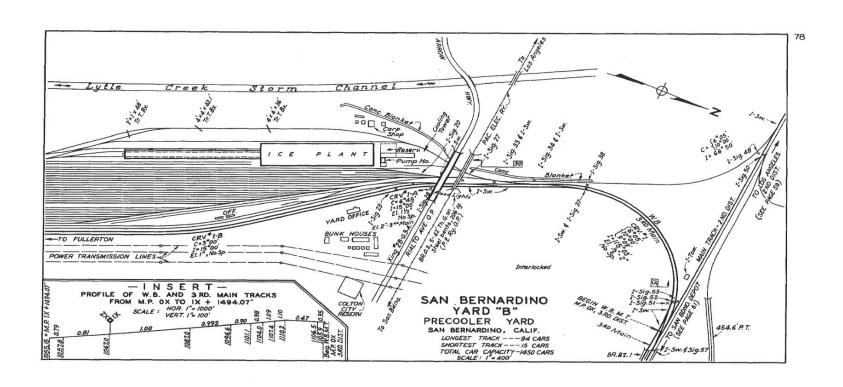
Riverside Track Chart 1960



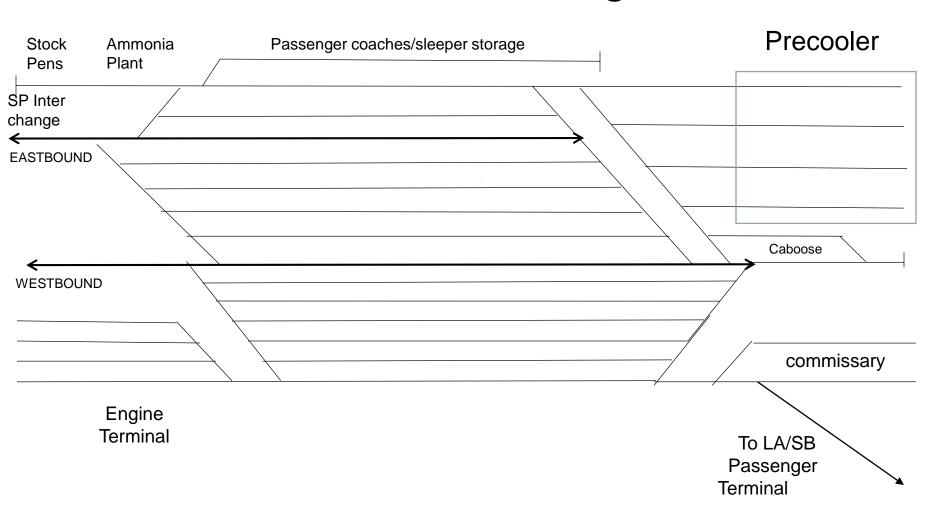
RIVERSIDE Layout



San Bernardino B Yard 1960



San Bernardino/Los Angeles Yard



LA Division 3rd District Freight Operations July 1947 Thru Trains to/from Los Angeles

<u>I raın f</u>	Number/Name West Bound Thru Freights
33	Redball Freight between Chicago – Los Angeles
41	"Hog Special" originated at Belen, NM to Los Angeles
43	Redball Freight between Chicago and Northern/Southern California
GWS	Gateway Special, GN-WP-ATSF "inside Gateway" to Pacific NW
TDF	Texas Daily Forwarder
SCX	Southern California Extra from the Bay Area

<u>Train Number/Name</u> <u>East Bound Thru Freights</u>

134 Los Angeles to San Bernardino connection for NCX

NCX Northern California Extra (opposite of SCX)

SWG Southwestern Gateway ATSF-WP-GN (opposite of GWS)

Bulldog Los Angeles to San Bernardino clean up train

- From First Street Yard—mostly loads
- Hobart Yard—mostly empties

Box Car Spl Long train of empties from Hobart to San Bernardino

3rd District Freight Operations July 1947 Frequency/Size

- Eastbound thru freights
 - ☐ Bulldog from 1st St. to San Bernardino
 - Frequency: 10 trips per week
 - Train size 47 loads/4 empties
 - ☐ Bulldog from Hobart Yard to San Bernardino
 - Frequency: 10 trips per week
 - Train size 11 loads/49 empties
 - Trains made set outs and pickups enroute
 - ☐ Train 134 Los Angeles to San Bernardino connection for NCX
 - Frequency: Daily
 - Train size 57 loads/12 empties
 - Box Car Special Empty freight cars from Hobart to San Bernardino
 - Frequency: 6 trains per week
 - Train size 0 loads and 77 empties
 - ☐ Green Fruit Express: Train of reefers heading east
 - Let's me run my reefers around the layout

3rd District Freight Operation on my Layout

- Westbound thru freights from San Bernardino
 - Train 43 Chicago to Northern California/Southern California
 - Frequency: twice daily
 - Train size 49 loads/10 empties
- Westbound Fruit Turns to/from San Bernardino
 - Placentia Turn: 3 packing houses
 - Corona Turn: 3 packing houses
 - Riverside Turn: 2 packing houses

Layout Operating Structure

- Yard represents San Bernardino and Los Angeles/San Diego
- Yard contains 14 tracks—7 east bound and 7 west bound and one passenger car storage track
- Limit of 7 freight trains both east and west bound
- Selected Freight Lineup
 - EB Bulldog, Train 134, GFX or Box Car Special
 - WB Train 43 Several Sections
 - WB Three Fruit Turns
- Freight are blocked and pre staged for operation
- Bulldog makes Eastbound local set outs
- Train 43 makes Westbound local pickups

3rd District Passenger Trains EB odd numbered

- San Bernardino Local Train 51/54
 - Operated daily between San Bernardino and Los Angeles
 - Consist one 2105 class 15' postal-baggage or Baggage express
 - One or two Hwy A/C coaches
- Grand Canyon Train 23/24
 - Operated daily between San Bernardino and Los Angeles
 - Consist one 2105 class 15' postal-baggage or Baggage express
 - One or two Hwy A/C coaches
- Fast Mail Train 7 (#8 EB on 2nd District)
 - Operated daily with express and baggage cars
 - HW Rider coach

Creating the Operating System

- Car Cards
- Way Bills
- Train Order Forms
- Train Work Description
- Yard Must Run List
- Passenger Train Consists
- Operating Session Target 3-4 hours
- Eight Operators (2X3 crews, 1 yard, 1 passenger)

Car Cards

all car cards are marked for direction

	4' TOFC AAR FC		B' TOFC AAR FC		0' Box AAR XM		34' Cov Hop AAR HL	
RR./No.	ATSF 92759	RR./No.	ATSF 92795		ATSF 138926	RR./No.	ATSF 182017	
		_		Desc. B		_		
Desc.	Ft-M	Desc.	Ft-5	El Capitai	n Slogan	Desc.	Ga-52	
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Return En	npty	Return Em	pty	Return Er	npty	Return Er	npty	
EB		WB		EB		EB		
	SF Argentine Yard		ATSF Yard	_			ATSF Yard	
To:	Kansas City, KS	To:	Oakland, CA	To:	Bakersfield, CA	To:	Barstow, CA	

Way Bills

- Way bills are marked for car type, direction and train type
- Four cycle way bills from Micro Mark
 - Consignee
 - Address
 - Routing
 - Shipper
 - Address
 - Lading

Train Order Form

- All trains are assigned a unique color
 - EB thur Blue
 - WB thru yellow
 - Turns green Riverside, orange Placentia, red Corona
- Train Instructions
 - Train Name
 - Direction
 - Motive Power
 - Decoder Address
 - Number of cars Departing
 - Work Description
 - Stations---setouts—pickups—location
 - Engineer/Conductor

Train Work Description Example 3rd District Thru Freights

•	West	bound Freights YELLOW DOT				
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•	33	Redball Freight between Midwest and Los Angeles				
•		Carries loads and empties into Los Angeles/Fullerton/San Diego—no stops				
•	43	Priority Freight between east and Los Angeles				
•	C	arries loads YELLOW DOT and empties into Los Angeles/Fullerton/San Diego.				
•	Will make stops to pick up WB loads YELLOW DOT /WB empties at					
•	Ri	verside/Corona/Placentia for Fullerton/Los Angeles/San Diego—no set outs enroute				
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•	Eastb	ound Freights BLUE DOT				
•	Bulldog (Block set outs in order of delivery-Placentia/Atwood & Corona & Elsinore Br. /Riverside					
•	Los Angeles to San Bernardino clean up train with loads and empties to San Bernardino B Yard.					
•	Leave	any BLUE DOT cars at Placentia, Atwood, Corona and Riverside in drill or storage tracks.				
•	Leave any car cards/way bills in OFF SPOT box. Do not make any pick ups					
•	Box (Car Special				
•		Los Angeles/San Diego/Fullerton empties to north, southwest, mid-west and east coast				
•		Train does not stop enroute to San Bernardino B yard				
•	134	Train from Los Angeles/San Diego/Fullerton with loads/empties to Northern California and				
	Pac	ific NW. Train does not stop enroute to San Bernardino B yard				
•	GFX	Green Fruit Express made up of all priority east bound reefer loads—see car cards.				

Yard Must Run List

Saturday January 16, 2016

3rd District Freight Operations Yard Instructions

Yard Priorities

- Assign caboose and motive power to the following trains.
 - Train 43-first
 - Train 43-second
 - Train 43-third
 - Bulldog
 - Corona Turn
 - Riverside Turn
 - Placentia Turn
- Clear precooler/icing dock, commissary, Ammonia plant, stock pen, SP Interchange and sand tower
- Complete assembling Train 134 with northbound loads/empties
- Begin assembling new fruit turns (Riverside/Corona/Placentia)

Yard Must Run List

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3rd District Freight Operations Yard Instructions

Yard Priorities

•	<u>PriorityTrain</u>			Number of Cars leaving SB	<u>Direction</u>			
•	The following trains are made up and positioned for dispatching in the following order:							
•	1	Train 43 section 1 (pic	k up cars at PLA-3)	maximum of 10 cars leaving SE	3 WB			
•	2	Train 43 section 2 (pic	k up cars at COR-7)	maximum of 5 cars leaving SB	WB			
•	3	Train 43 section 3 (pic	k up cars at RIV-6)	maximum of 5 cars leaving SB	WB			
•	4	Bulldog		maximum of 19 cars	EB			
•	5	GFX (if ready)		maximum of 18 cars	EB			
•	6	Placentia Turn		maximum of 13 cars	WB			
•	7	Corona Turn		maximum of 17 cars	WB			
•	8	Riverside Turn		maximum of 11 cars	WB			
•	• The following trains will be made up in passenger or freight yard with available loads and empties.							
•	9	San Bernardino Local	Train 51	maximum of 3 cars	WB			
•	10	Grand Canyon	Train 24	maximum of 9 cars	EB			
•	11	Fast Mail Train 7		maximum of 10 cars	WB			
•	12	Train 134 (if ready)		maximum of 18 cars	EB			

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3rd District Freight Operations Yard Instructions
 Yard Switching Status

Track 2: Riverside Turn (ready)

Track 3: Placentia Turn (ready)

Track 4: Corona Turn (ready)

Track 5: Train 43 cars (ready)

Track 6: WB overflow

Track 7: empty

Track 8: Bulldog (ready)

Track 9: empty

Track 10: empty

Track 11: GFX (ready)

Track 12: EB overflow

Track 13: Train 134 (not ready)