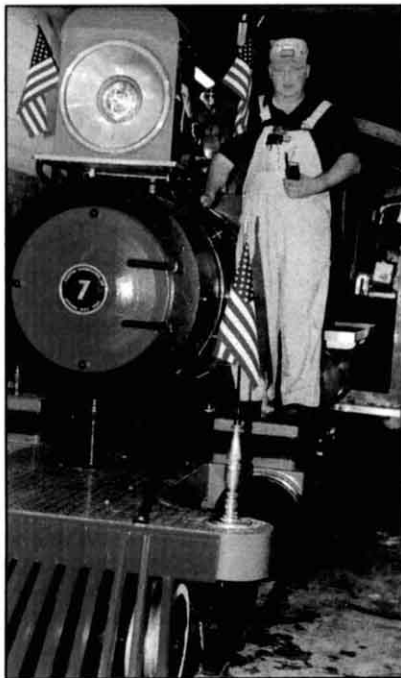
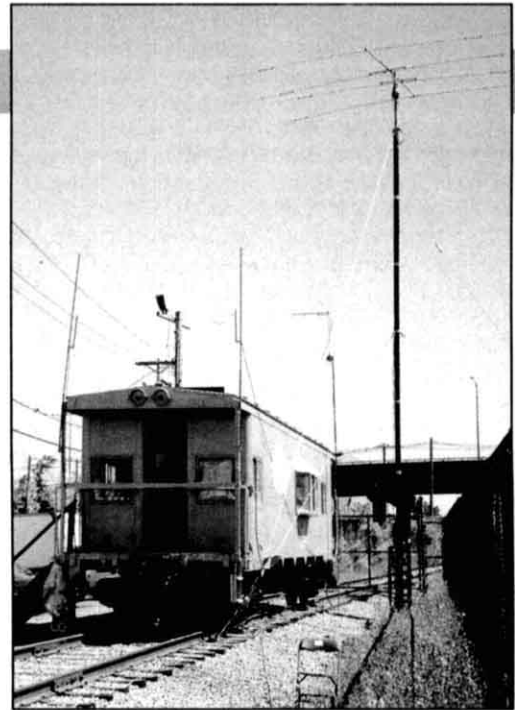


Ham Radio Training, Coast to Coast

On the East Coast, the Liverpool Amateur Repeater Club's K2YGF special event station at the New York State Fair operated 12 hours a day for 12 straight days from a caboose loaned by the Railway Historical Society. The photo on the right shows the caboose with its antenna field of several J-poles, a UHF beam, an HF multiband beam, and several vertical ground-plane antennas. The photo above captures the look of awe on the face of a young unlicensed visitor as he first experiences the magic of ham radio, while talking with a mobile operator in West Virginia.

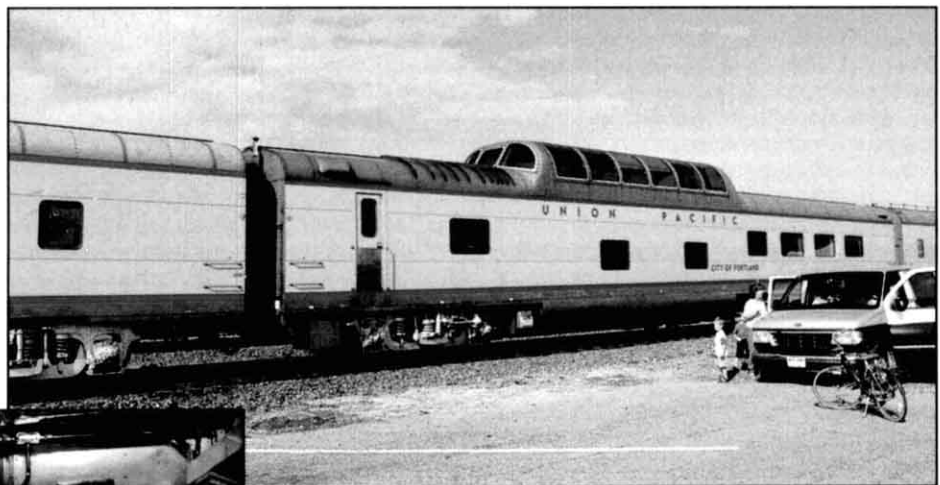


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Way out West, Bill, KA0IYS, is one of the engineers for the complimentary shuttle train that carries guests around the Ramada Express Hotel and Casino complex in Laughlin, Nevada. Bill, a past president of the Hualapi ARC of Kingman, Arizona, believes that the club's 146.76-MHz repeater was one of the first in the country to use the LITZ alerting system. Bill hangs out on that repeater a lot, and he says that many tourists hear him on the air, become interested in his train and then visit him at work!



In Middle America, the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club has a warm relationship with the people of the Union Pacific railroad, who are quite happy to have the attention that ham radio brings to the line. The photos show Hugh, K0GHK, at an operating position in the galley of the Dome Lounge car that housed the operation, and an exterior view of the car. See Club Spectrum in this issue for Hugh's story of the cooperative ventures of the AK-SAR-BEN ARC and Union Pacific.