

"Three Generations of Fun"
Lionel 2355 Western Pacific F3

The 2355 Lionel Western Pacific F3 and "Silver" passenger cars plus a ZW (needed the power) were my Christmas gift in 1953. Up to that time all of my trains were freight and I wanted a war bonnet Santa Fe and some passenger cars. While I was very pleased to receive the Western Pacific, what I really wanted was the Santa Fe. None the less, I ran the engine and had hours of fun playing and blowing the "bicycle horn" which sounded just like the tank horn on my Schwinn bicycle. I kept the Western Pacific and cars which my son played with in the early 80's. Recently I have been running it on the QCHR club layout and at the Lakota show in October pulling the Silver Cloud, Silver Range Observation car, Silver Bluff, Silver Dawn and Railway Express Agency cars. The Western Pacific still runs good, can pull a lot of cars and the horn still sounds like my bicycle. When my grandsons come to visit, they always want to run the Western Pacific. I have added an unpowered B Unit and the Railway Express Agency car in recent years. The much newer B unit blends in pretty well with the original units. I am still using the ZW having only replaced the cord.

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Pictured below is the full set described above and the 2 Original F3 Engines.



