

Alaskan Train Fever is Contagious
Steve Sininger & Jim Schababerle

One of the more popular trains at each of the Queen City HiRailer's train show is member Steve Sininger's Alaskan F-3 engines and passenger cars. Steve is happy to run these because he can share his experience from a trip to Alaska when he was able to enjoy a trip on the actual Alaskan Passenger train. Steve also enjoys running the Alaskan Trains to catch club members and observers by surprise because the colors are similar to the more familiar C & O, B & O, and Chessie railroad lines.

Here are the details for his Lionel set: Alaskan 6-24520 AA set, 6-24522 powered B unit, 6-15395 Alaska Superliner 4 pack, 6-29172 Alaskan Superliner Diner car with station sounds. These items can be found in Lionel 2004 catalog Volume One page 64 and on page 70 and 71. Steve is the second owner of these engines and superliner cars which were acquired at the 2013 LOTS / TTOS train swap meet in Reno, Nevada.

Pictured below are scenes from the QCHR layout of Steve's Alaskan F-3 Engines and aluminum passenger car set.





Steve's enthusiasm rubbed off on Jim Schababere as he planned for a trip to Alaska to visit his daughter. He arranged his travel plans so that he would have a layover in Anchorage to visit the Alaska train yard. Below you can see pictures of the Alaska passenger train staged for boarding before a trip north to Fairbanks.





And the Alaskan train enthusiasm spread to Jim Schababerle's daughter. While she was driving she noticed a train along the road as she was driving north of Anchorage. She sped up to find a good location for a train picture and captured these Alaska freight engines at an overpass with the mountains in the background.



