

Dispatcher's Fireside Chat Resources

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- **Elements of Train Dispatching, Vol. 1 & Vol. 2** by Thomas White, 2003, VTD Rail Publishing. History and overview of train dispatching and train handling.
- **A Compendium of Model Railroad Operations: from Design to Implementation**, 2017, Published by OPSIG. A guide to all things operations, covers every aspect of prototype operations and how to apply them to your model railroad - from design and staffing to yards and paperwork, from communications and signals to dispatching and car forwarding..
- **19 EAST, COPY THREE** by Dave Sprau & Steve King, 2012, Published by OPSIG. A complete explanation and instruction manual on Timetable & Train Order operations, as well as an entire new section on how to teach, implement and enjoy this from of train dispatching.
- **The railroad--what it is, what it does** by John Armstrong, 1982, published by Simmons-Boardman. Written for the railroader. Explains railroad technology, the railroad network and railroad operations as of the second half of the 20th century. Also contains a bibliography of suggested readings.



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- Union Pacific Historical Society *The Streamliner*, Fall 2011 issue, "A Day on the Wyoming Division" (in 1949), Mark Amfahr.
- - UPHS *The Streamliner*, January 1987 / Vol. 3, No. 1, "251 Territory" (in 1986), Richard Pennisi.
- - UPHS *The Streamliner*, Winter 2016 issue, "Interpreting Dispatchers' Sheets" (applies to all years), Mark Amfahr.
- - UPHS *The Streamliner*, Fall 2011 issue, "A Day on the Wyoming Division" (in 1949), Mark Amfahr.
- - UPHS *The Streamliner*, Autumn 2019 issue, "Managing 3 Million Horsepower: Overseeing Union Pacific's Fleet of Freight Locomotives" (applies to all years, focused on 1950s-60s), Mark Amfahr.



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- - UPHS *The Streamliner*, Autumn 2019 issue, "Riverside Copy Three West: Train Order Dispatching in the 1940s Between Los Angeles and Riverside" (1940s), Jeff Asay.
- - *Rights of Trains* by Peter Josserand, Simmons-Boardman Publishing Corp. In-depth analysis of operating rules/procedures.
- - *Trains* magazine, May 2004 issue, "Big Train - Every Railroad has its Big Train; the Rock Island's was 57" by Ed Brunner.
- - *Trains* magazine, July 1980 issue, "Of Rule 93, Form S-C, and the Bow and Arrow Country", by Ed Brunner.

