

Denver - June 17, 1948

Mr. W. A. Colling
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Note the following from Superintendent dated June 15th:

"Various complaints from Trainmen's Organization about rough riding cabooses and instructions that steel and steel underframe cabooses with "Q" type trucks be utilized as far as possible and that such cabooses that are not equipped with "Q" trucks to be used only when necessary.

"When conductors report any caboose as rough riding, you will immediately tie it up and advise Mechanical Department, and if they fail to correct, report to this office."

J. A. Schroeder

Denver - August 17, 1948

Mr. W. A. Colling
Mr. H. J. Ditter
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Mr. A. W. Bower
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Note the following from GSMP&M under date of August 10th and arrange:

"Work Order authority has been received authorizing exchange of trucks on 55 cabooses in pooled service on Eastern District.

"Q" trucks are to be removed from wood underframe cabooses and applied to steel underframe cabooses now equipped with other than "Q" trucks, applying the trucks removed from the steel underframe cabooses to the wood underframe cabooses. Exchange is to provide additional steel underframe cabooses equipped with "Q" trucks for pool service.

"Records indicate the following steel underframe cabooses are now equipped with other than "Q" trucks:

2526-	2571W	2596	3215-70-27nd 9/11/48	3256K
2532W	2573	2597K	3221	3263 11-9
2534	2577W	2598K	3230	3272
2537K	2581W	2650W	3231 ch 59 10-16	3274
2539K	2583	2651	3232K	3275K
2550K	2587	2668K	3233-q	3276K
2551W	2590 ch 2A	2691	3234-q	3277W
2552	2591 ch 59-10-28	2695	3237K	3278K
2553K	2592K	2699W	3239	3279K
2556	2594	3208W	3243K	3280K
2564K	2595K	3210	3244K	3281K

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"Trucks on these cars should be exchanged with "Q" trucks from any of the following wood underframe cabooses.

2011	2078	2138	2223	2273
2019	2081	2137	2224	2274
2020	2090	2138	2225	2286
2035	2091	2140	2226	2293
2038	2092	2142	2233	2330
2043	2093	2187	2237	2337
2050 cond.	2095	2190	2238	2354
2053	2096	2194	2242	2368

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2054	2099	2196	2244	2372
2057	2101 ✓	2197 ✓	2247	2406
2059	2103	2199	2252	2423
2060	2109	2201	2254	2428
2061	2115	2202	2256	2447
2062	2116	2203 ✓	2259	2459
2072	2117	2204	2260	2482
2074	2125	2205	2268	2485
2076	2127	2207	2269	2488
2077	2132	2217	2271	

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"Cylinder and floating levers should be exchanged with the trucks unless they are found to be the same on both cars. Brake rods should be exchanged or altered as required.

"Trucks should be placed in good serviceable condition, replacing any worn or broken parts.

"Program should be inaugurated immediately at the following points with weekly quota as shown:

Council Bluffs	-	3	cars	per	week
North Platte	-	2	"	"	"
Cheyenne	-	3	"	"	"
Denver	-	3	"	"	"

"Advise car numbers weekly as exchanges are made.

"Report progress on Form 2733."

J. A. Schroeder

Denver - November 4, 1948

Mr. A. W. Bower:

Note the following from Superintendent dated November 3:

"Connection changing out "Q" trucks on cabooses.

According to my records you have cabooses -

2011 - La Salle tramp and switcher

2076 - Pierce Local

2081 - La Salle - Greeley switcher

2138 - Denver - La Salle Local

2252 - Denver - Ft. Collins Local

and each of these wood cabooses equipped with "Q" trucks.

"In order to progress this matter further, these cabooses should be changed out one at a time and brought to Denver shop so Mr. Schroeder can exchange trucks with one of the cabooses on the attached list.

"I would like advice as each change is made."

J. A. Schroeder

CABOOSES TO BE EQUIPPED WITH "Q" TYPE TRUCKS

2532	2564	2595	3208	3274
2537	2577	2597	3230	3275
2539	2571	2598	3237	3276
2550	2581	2668	3243	3277
2551	2587	2650	3244	3278
2553	2590	2699	3256	3279
2556	2592		3263	3280
				3281

Denver - November 12, 1948

Mr. A. W. Bower:

Note the following from Mr. Alfreds dated November 6th and advise fully:

"Further my A-202 September 30, in connection with progress being made on program changing out "Q" type trucks on cabooses:

"This program is being progressed very slowly and it will be necessary that you cooperate closely with superintendent to insure cabooses being sent in with trucks that can be changed out and applied to cabooses included in the program.

"In the event of the closing of the beet season in the not too distant future should furnish us sufficient cabooses to progress this program satisfactorily to conclusion. It will be necessary that you keep after this to avoid severe criticism from the management and due to cold weather, no doubt will receive excessive number of complaints due to rough riding cabooses.

"Advise what you intend to do."

J. A. Schroeder