Glossary -3

FLAG - An assumed name used by boomers to leave a bad record behind.

FLYING LIGHT - To pull a train of empties. Also to go on duty without eating.

FOG - Steam.

FROG - A device used in switches and crossings to allow wheels to cross other rails. Also a device for rerailing cars.

GANDY DANCER - Track laborer.

GATE - Switch.

GLORY - String of empties.

GOAT - Switch engine.

GUN - See torpedo.

GUT - Air hose.

HACK- Caboose.

HEEL - Car at end of the track with the brakes set, Sometimes it is used as a bumping block to catch other cars coming into the track.

HERALD - Company symbol.

HIGHBALL - Clear track. Signal meaning OK to go.

HIGHBALL THE GATE - Not stopping to return switch to normal position.

HIGH DADDY - Flying Switch.

HIGH IRON - Main line or high speed track.

HIGH TAIL - To go at high speed.

HOG - Locomotive.

HOGGER - Locomotive engineer or driver.

HOGHEAD - See hogger.

HOLE - Passing track on a single track line.

HOME GUARD - An employee that stays with one company.

HOPPER - A car with the bottom hinged for dumping. Used to haul coal, rock ballast, ect.

HORSE OVER - Throw the Johnson Bar into reverse.

HOT BOX - Over heated journal on a car or engine.

HOTSHOT - Fast train, extra fast employee, or a person that is or thinks he is a little better than others.