

## Santa Fe's EB Los Angeles Forwarder - Final Report

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To all:

We have incomplete info on this train so far, but I'll put together what we have and hope for more later:

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**Train:** ATSF's Los Angeles Forwarded (LAF).

**Direction:** Eastbound only.

**Description:** A fast piggyback and merchandise train. It handled cars for the QAP, TOFC to KC (N&W and CB&Q), Chicago TOFC (perishable and non perishable), and Chicago carloads and special empties.

If first appeared in ATSF freight schedules in 1960.

**Origin:** Los Angeles.

**Destination:** Kansas City and points east.

**Railroads Represented:** ATSF and railroads from all over the country, including N&W and CB&Q.

**Products:** Loads in piggyback trailers (perishable and non-perishable) and general merchandise, and special empties.

**Train Length and Weight:** About 75 cars, average weight was about 3000 to 3500 tons.

**Car Types:** Piggyback cars and general merchandise cars of all types.

**Typical Schedule:**

1964 (sample times):

Lv. San Bdno. 10:00 a.m. Ar. Bar. 1:00 p.m.

Lv. San Bdno. 11:55 a.m. Ar. Bar. 2:00 p.m.

1966: Leave LA at 7:00 AM, arrive Barstow at 12:15 PM.

**Road Power:** A mix of SD24s, SD40s, GP30s, GP35s, and RSD-15s.

**Helper Power:** TBD.

**Operations Details:**

It was the hottest piggyback train out of Los Angeles, leaving there about 8:00 a.m. Its final

destination was Chicago. It had about a one hour running time to Summit and a one hour fifteen minute running time from there to Barstow.

It did no pickups between SB and KC.

Some open questions:

About what percent of the cars in the train were piggybacks in the 1960s, and did they go up front or on the rear?

Were they loaded with products from LA, and which train(s) did they return west on, and were they loaded or empty coming west?

Were the piggyback flats and trailers all from the ATSF, or was there a mix of flat car and trailer railroad names?

Sample train data from May 19, 1966: The first part is the symbol, followed by cars-tons-perishables and engine numbers. A summary of locomotive numbers: 700 = GP9, 800 = RDS15, 900 = SD24, 1200 = GP30, 1300-1400 = GP35, 1700 = SD40 and 2650-2800 = GP7:

Adv/LAF-S

LA-SB: 44-1683-0 1708-1709-903

SB-Barstow: 71-2953-0 1439-1708-1709-903

Barstow-Needles: 77-3392-0 1439-1708-1709-903.

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LA-SB: 73-3433-? 1246-1231 (perishable shown out of LA, but two cars with same car count and weight out of Sbno),

1/LAF-S

SB-Needles: 73-3433-2 913-948-1701-1353

2/LAF-S

SB-Barstow: 59-2600-17 934-1275-946-801

**Modeling the Train:** Use a mix of piggyback cars and general merchandise cars of all types.

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If you have more info to add, please let us know. I can update the report later.

Thanks,  
John Thompson