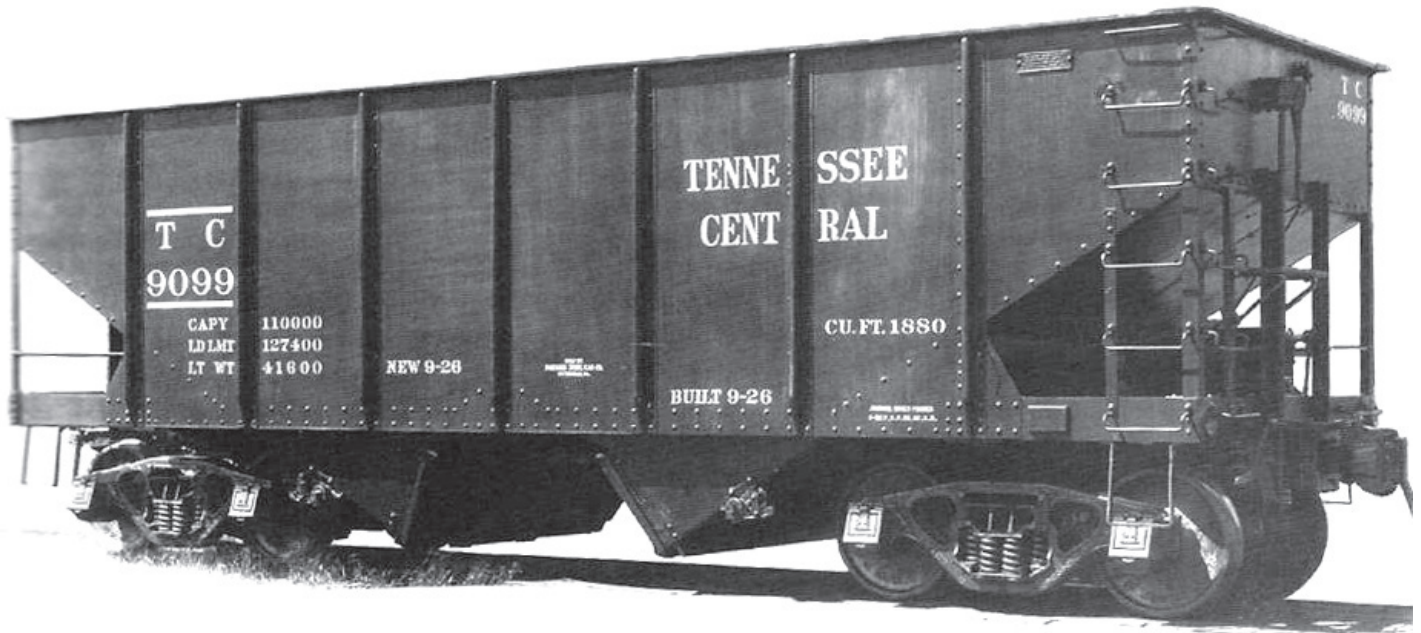


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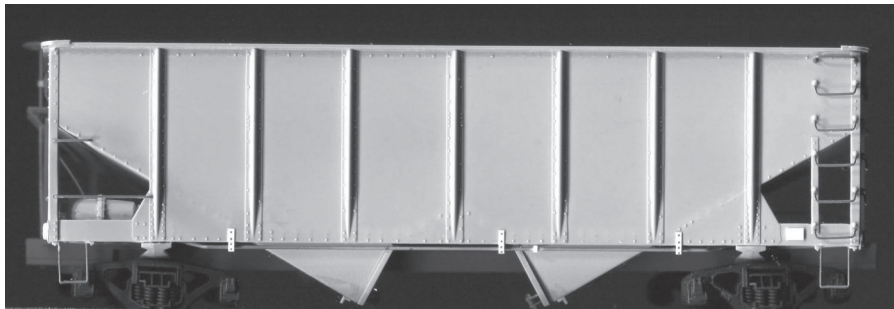


The Tennessee Central purchased 100 of these cars built to the U.S.R.A. design from the Pressed Steel Car Company in 1926. They were in the series numbered 9001 - 9101. All 101 of these cars were still in service in 1948 and five of these cars were still in service in 1966. *Walter A. Lucas collection, Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania Archives.*



The Tennessee Central had several relatively small groups of these composite gondolas in the 4401, 4501, and 4601 series. Although originally classified GA, by the time of the April 1948 ORER almost all remaining cars were classified GT (an open-top car having high fixed sides and ends, suitable for unloading coal on dumping machines only, but not suitable for mill trade. The Tennessee Central entry specifies them as "Coal, Gon., Stl. Underframe, Wood Floor." IL 41-1, IW 9-4, IH 4-8. Capacity was 1753 cu. ft. level full and 100,000 lbs. *Bill Welch collection.*

Many of us in the RPM community fondly remember Bill Welch, extraordinary modeler and presenter at our meets, particularly on the subject of the “Y’all” railroads of the South. In one of my last conversations with him, he asked about the possibility of decals for two Tennessee Central cars he was considering. One was a U.S.R.A. design hopper car built in 1926 by Pressed Steel Car Company, and the other was a 41’ composite gondola based on Intermountain’s kit. He had assembled and detailed the kits and had them ready for painting and decals. Bill’s hopper kit was a Tichy product, but an Accurail kit could also be used. I told Bill that I would tack the decals onto a Resin Car Works order from Microscale at the time. The white lettering is based on photos Bill provided. Both cars were painted black. The decals were produced and Bill saw them and was excited to apply them to his finished cars. Unfortunately, he wasn’t able to complete the models before his passing. Since orders for Microscale decals had a high minimum to be produced, Resin Car Works has many of these small sets available. Use these pages as lettering guides. Microscale’s Micro Set and Micro Sol are recommended. *Ken Soroos, RCW Minion*



Shown here are scans of Bill’s completed kits with added detailing and lettering diagrams for the decals. The models were to be painted black with white lettering.

