

CLRC (Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club) Review.
Subject: Pocahontas Streamline Passenger Set 23965
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The Norfolk and Western Pocahontas Streamline Passenger service ran its overnight service between Norfolk, Virginia and Cincinnati, Ohio. It remained on N&W's timetable all of the way until the start of Amtrak in 1971. From America Rails, I found that passenger cars were Tuscon red livery and they were powered by the famous J Class 4-8-4 steamers.

I ordered the Lionel 29365 Norfolk and Western Pocahontas Streamline Passenger set, listed in the 2012-2 catalog in early 2013, hoping to get it for that Christmas season. Rumors came out that there were troubles making the passenger cars. Earlier this year they came out and was it a thrill to see how nice they are.



Pocahontas Drum Head

I like the attention to detail. On the Observation car, one can clearly see the Pocahontas Drum Head proudly showing off the Pocahontas name. The molded in rivet detail hits high marks. Illumination is even with the passengers enjoying the ride as one can see in the observation car. I am also a big fan of recessed rear lights. The added grab-on bars and safety rails add to the richness of the car. The windows are nice and crisply added on to the car so I can see the passengers enjoying their ride.



Pocahontas Observation Car



Pocahontas Coach Car

The Passenger cars are all well painted with the Passenger Car Tuscon Red with top notch gold lettering and striping.

The cars were well worth waiting for. It is also nice that they are pulled by Norfolk and Western's infamous J Class 4-8-4 steamer.



N & W J Class Streamline Locomotive Engine

This engine just jumps out and says, "I am Powerful, I am Important, I am fast, I am Pretty and I am the Best!". One can see how nice the maroon paint with the gold numbering and striping

highlights the overall black painted engine. The engine is a puller. I will review the engine the next time. (It easily pulled 15 Lionel Streamline cars through all of Legacy's six speeds.)
The Whistle blows, until next time.