

BN 10061 (ex-Great Northern X141)



This is a strange case. We were offered this caboose by the BNSF around 2003. After several unsuccessful attempts to follow up on the donation and a delivery date, we were told that the railroad had no information. It was thought to be off the roster, and since the BNSF had very little use for cabooses, it was not surprising that with the merger of the Burlington Northern and the Santa Fe

in 1996 and the wholesale retirement of cabooses, the records of the caboose and its donation were lost. At this late date, it is a very cold case, but it is worthwhile to get this event into our history. Who knows, maybe it will turn up someday?

To give the particulars, this is/was a 30' steel wide vision cupola caboose built by Morrison International in 1969. GN X116 thru X155 were built in 1967, 1968, and 1969 and would have all been delivered in Big Sky Blue

Top. Robert West photo. Wishram, WA, 7/8/1997.

Bottom. Robert D. Ulberg photo. Vancouver WA, 3/2/2002.





Great Northern X130 at Interbay (Seattle), WA, in 1969. Not X141, but a close relative.



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“Our” caboose at Pasco WA, 9/3/2004. Maybe it’s better it was lost. Notice the stenciling at the left of the tool box that reads “RIDING PLATFORM.” So at least by 2004, it was no longer on the roster as a caboose. Looks like it ended up in MOW service to move crews around.