

Western Maryland: Here Comes The Circus



The "excitement" level around the Western Maryland grew exponentially with the arrival of the railroad's new "Circus Colors" paint scheme in June 1969. Here are some incidental facts you may not have known:

- EMD-built SD40 #7445 was the first to be painted in the red/white/black
- Alco-built FA2 #304 was the only non-EMD unit to receive the circus colors
- EMD-built F7B #408 was the only B-unit to get circus treatment
- The last loco wearing circus colors was GP40 #6573
- ** According to WM shop documents, the red/white/black scheme was known as "RailBlazers"

(WM GP35 #3578 leads a freight manifest at Bellevue, Ohio on 30 March 1970 -- R. Craig photo)

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The Circus Fleet

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GP7 20

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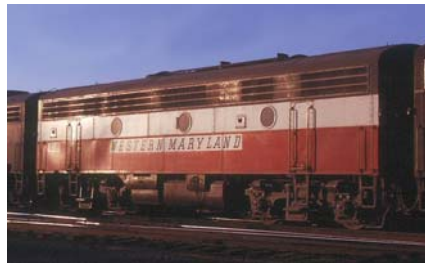


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GP40 3796
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