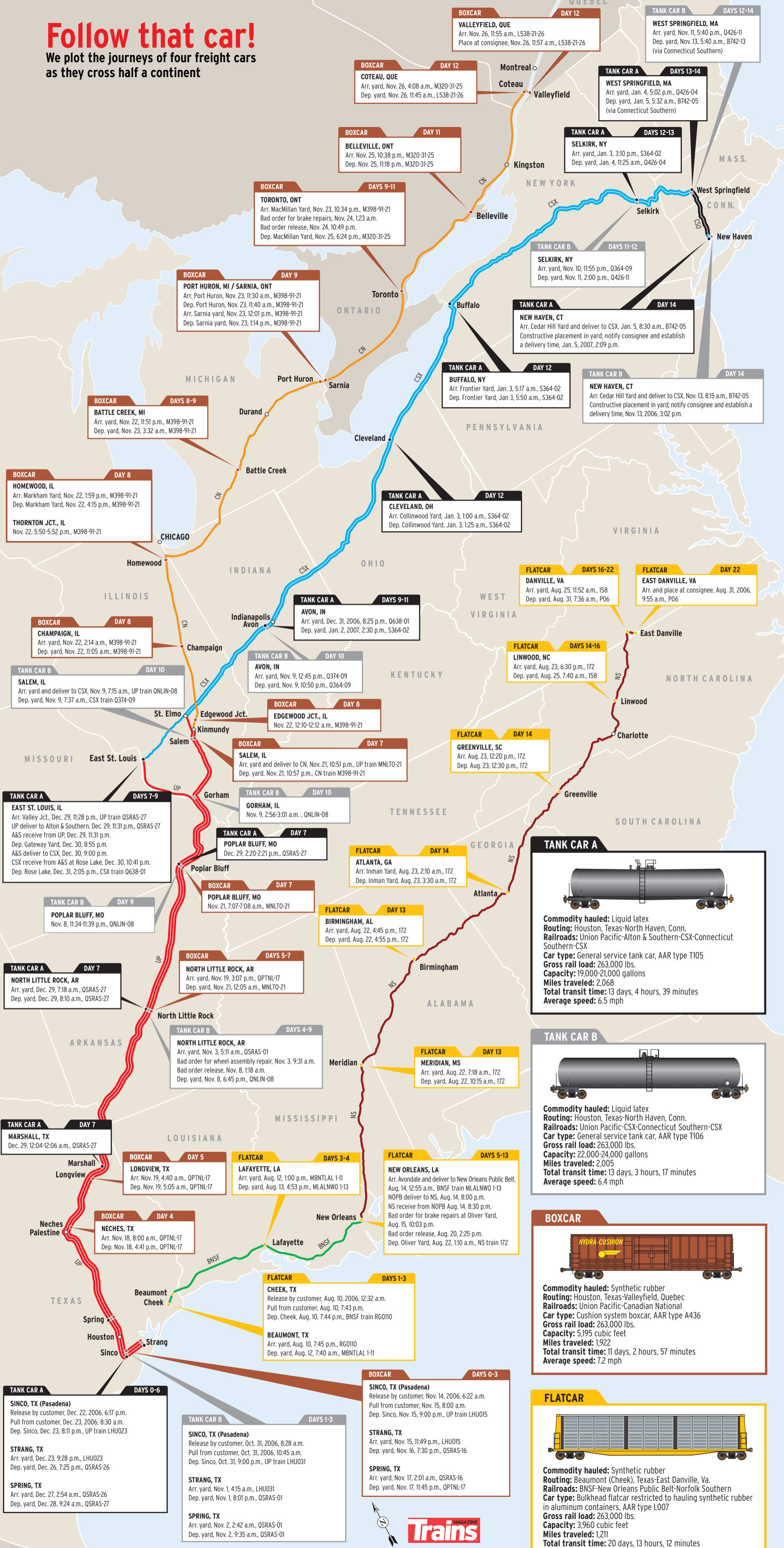
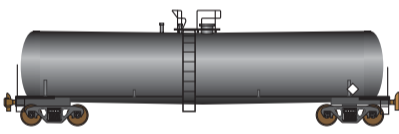


Follow that car!

We plot the journeys of four freight cars as they cross half a continent

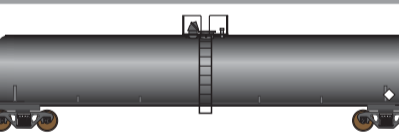


TANK CAR A




Commodity hauled: Liquid latex
Routing: Houston, Texas-North Haven, Conn.
Railroads: Union Pacific-Alton & Southern-CSX-Connecticut Southern-CSX
Car type: General service tank car, AAR type T105
Gross rail load: 263,000 lbs.
Capacity: 19,000-21,000 gallons
Miles traveled: 2,068
Total transit time: 13 days, 4 hours, 39 minutes
Average speed: 6.5 mph

TANK CAR B



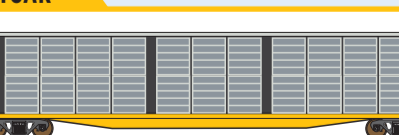
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Railroads: Union Pacific-CSX-Connecticut Southern-CSX
Car type: General service tank car, AAR type T106
Gross rail load: 263,000 lbs.
Capacity: 22,000-24,000 gallons
Miles traveled: 2,005
Total transit time: 13 days, 3 hours, 17 minutes
Average speed: 6.4 mph

BOXCAR



Commodity hauled: Synthetic rubber
Routing: Houston, Texas-Valleyfield, Quebec
Railroads: Union Pacific-Canadian National
Car type: Cushion system boxcar, AAR type A436
Gross rail load: 263,000 lbs.
Capacity: 5,195 cubic feet
Miles traveled: 1,922
Total transit time: 11 days, 2 hours, 57 minutes
Average speed: 7.2 mph

FLATCAR



Commodity hauled: Synthetic rubber
Routing: Beaumont (Cheek), Texas-East Danville, Va.
Railroads: BNSF-New Orleans Public Belt-Norfolk Southern
Car type: Bulkhead flatcar restricted to hauling synthetic rubber in aluminum containers, AAR type L007
Gross rail load: 263,000 lbs.
Capacity: 3,960 cubic feet
Miles traveled: 1,211
Total transit time: 20 days, 13 hours, 12 minutes
Average speed: 2.5 mph