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Union Pacific's CA-1 cabooses

UP's first standardized caboose design/**Chris D'Amato** and **Julian Cavalier**

In the mid-1890's the Union Pacific began standardizing their caboose fleet with the introduction of the CA-1 caboose, with almost 200 of these

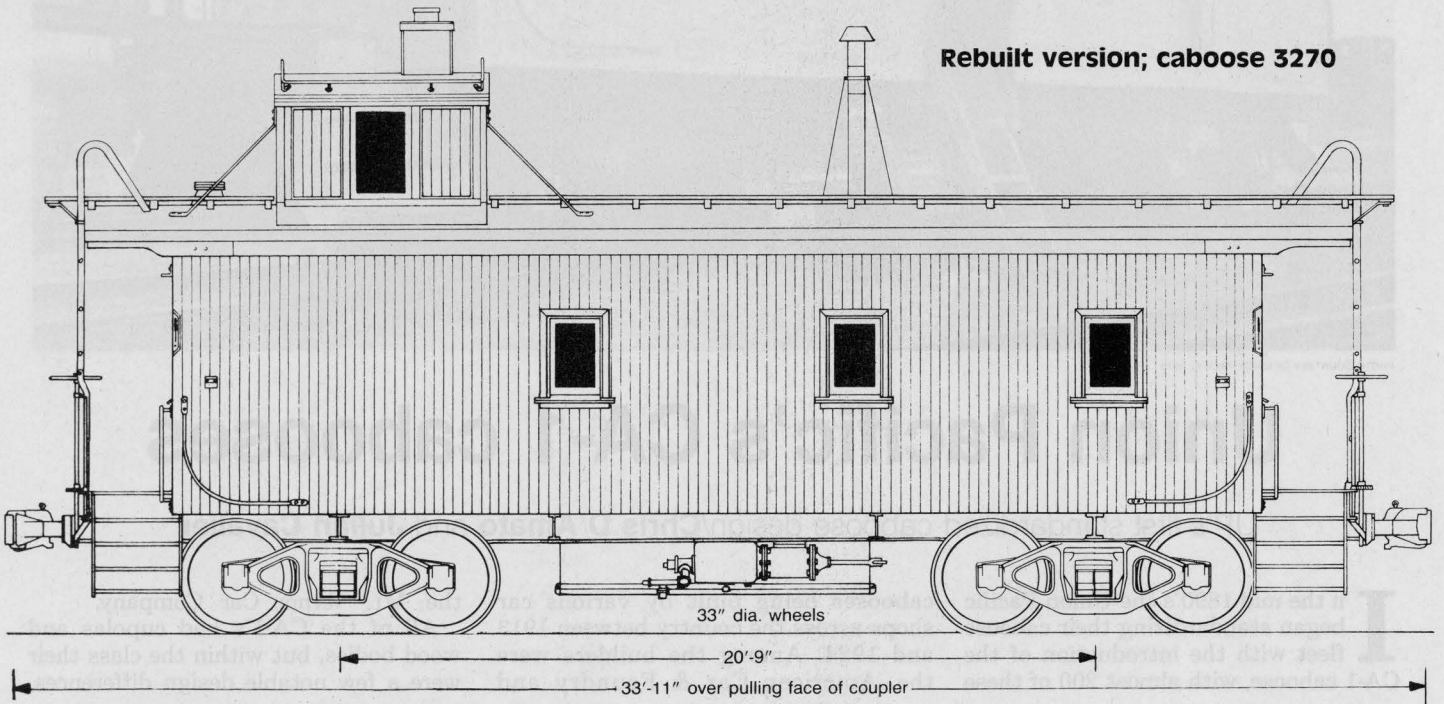
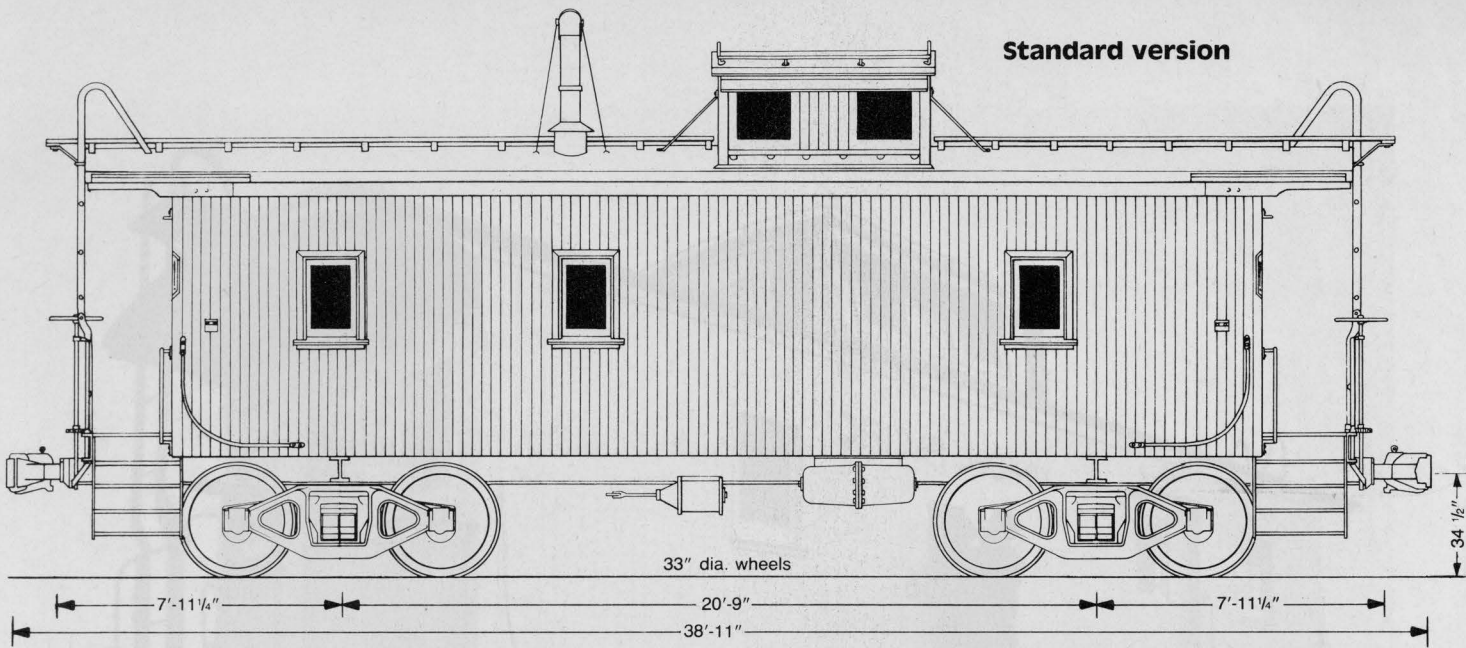
cabooses being built by various car shops across the country between 1913 and 1924. Among the builders were the American Car & Foundry and

the Mt. Vernon Car Company.

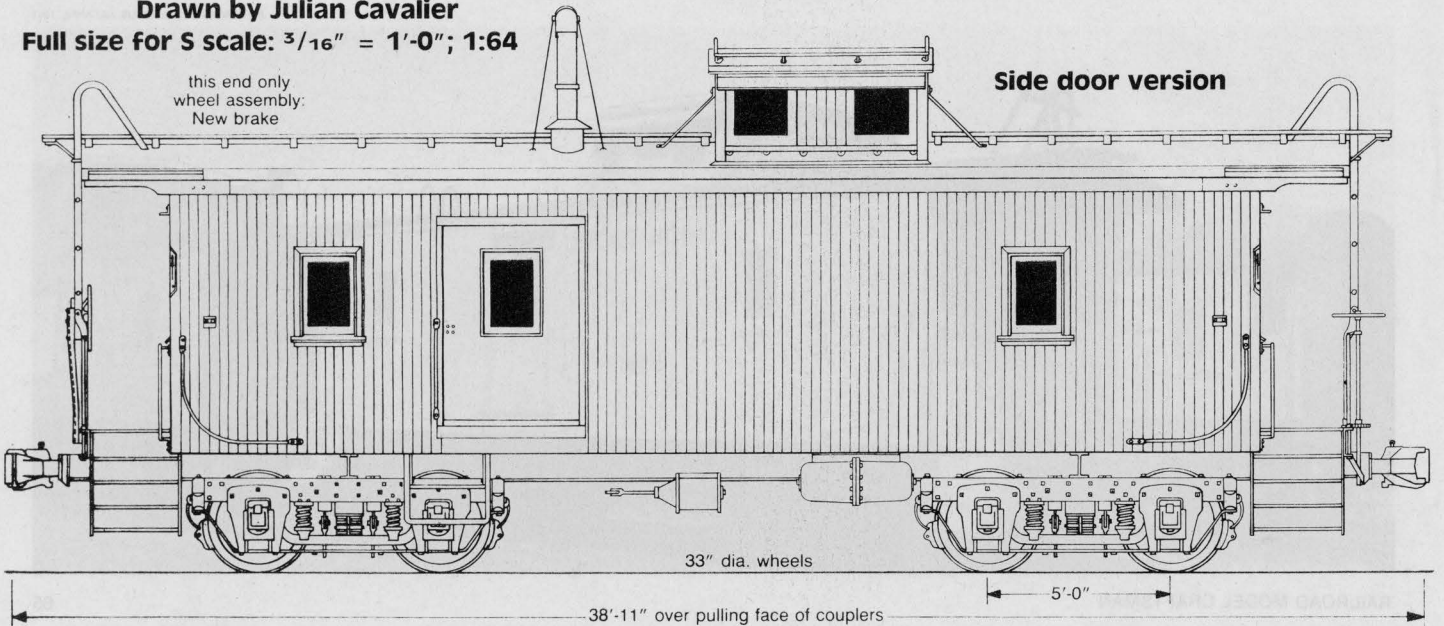
All of the CA-1's had cupolas and wood bodies, but within the class their were a few notable design differences.

JIM SEACREST, COLUMBUS, NE, APRIL, 1963





Drawn by Julian Cavalier
Full size for S scale: $\frac{3}{16}'' = 1'-0''$; 1:64

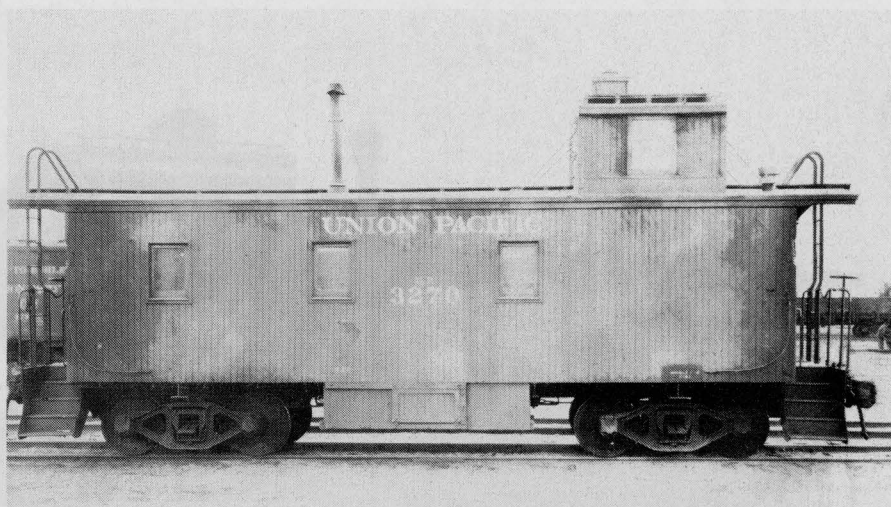


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These included a large sliding door found on the side of some cars and a re-located cupola on car 3270, which was the result of a rebuilding in 1937.

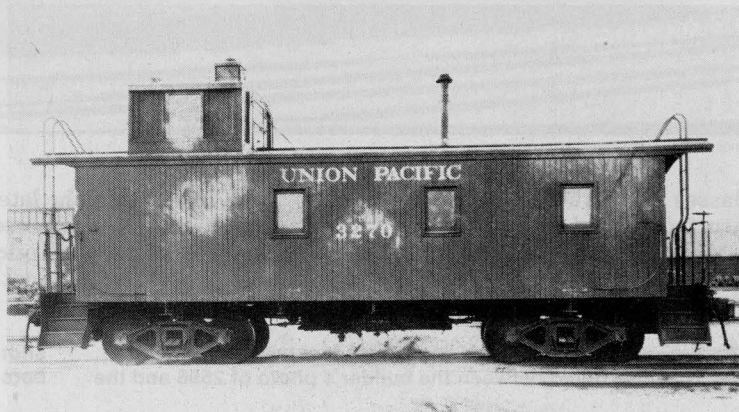
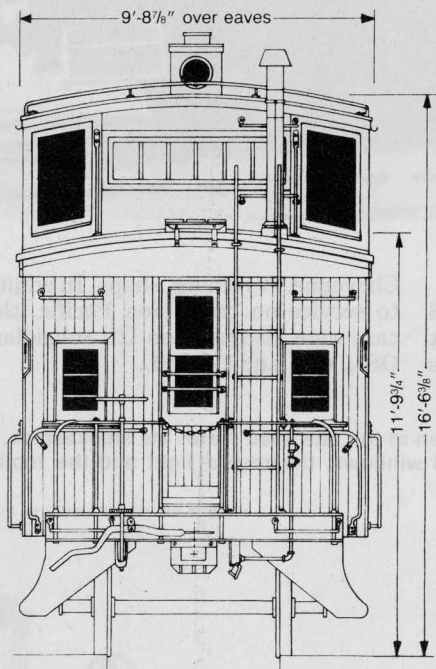
The standard paint scheme for these cars was No. 11 Metallic (very close to Tuscan Red) for the roof and body. The lettering was done in white and the trucks and all ironwork exposed to view were painted black. Inside, the car walls were done in either all dark green enamel or a combination of dark green along the walls to a height of four feet and light green above it. The floors and cupola platforms were painted maroon.

The CA-1 was the only class of standardized wooden cabooses on the UP. A proposed CA-2 class, to be built of wood, never materialized, and all of the



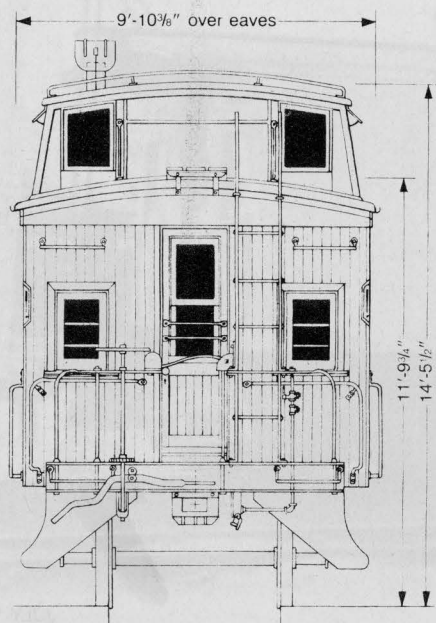
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Its different style coupla and its location at the rear of the caboose made the rebuilt 3270 (above and below) a one-of-a-kind on the UP.



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The inside of CA-12 25766 (below) featured a two-tone green paint scheme with a maroon coupla platform and floor. The cast-iron stove was painted black, as was all of the ironwork and the trucks.



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classes from the CA-3 on were constructed of steel.

Many of the CA-1's saw 30 or more years of service on the railroad and

a few lasted into the late 1960's.

In 1972 the UP restored CA-1 25766 and placed it in its historic collection. It is presently stored in the railroad's

Cheyenne, Wyoming, shops. In addition to service on the Union Pacific, these cars were also used on UP subsidiaries OSL, OW, and LA&SL. ☞

There were differences even on the standard version of the CA-1. Among those noted between the builder's photo of 2596 and the

shot of 25752 taken in the late 1960's are: the smokestack, the bars over the end windows, the coupla light and the toolbox.

HOWARD W. AMELING, NORTH PLATTE, NE, JULY, 1967

