



Cole Bros. Circus fans will be happy with the drawing of this car! Once again Norman Wilder has come up with an excellent plan. As stated on previous occasions, my part in this plan, as Superintendent of Construction, was strictly related to tracing over Norman's blueprint and getting it ready for publication.

I was only able to locate two partial pictures of cars similar to #36 and they are both on page 128 of The Circus Moves by Rail by Chappie Fox. Both photos will give you a better idea of the slotted plates covering the vents in the side of the car and some door details. I think this car was built by the Warren Car Co. as it has steel

ends and a formed metal roof, which was a detail that was quite common in their car designs. This was a center framed car, which meant that the main frame of the car was a boxed steel girder that ran down the center of the car, from end to end under the floor. Additional strength was given to the cars design through the provision

steel sills and steel bracing on the outside of the car which connected the cars floor and main frame to the roof. This made a strong, lightweight car capable of carrying a heavy load. The end of the car with the slotted steel plates probably carried elephants and the other end small lead stock.

Cole Bros. Circus Animal Stock Car No. 56

DATE: 1945 SCALE: 1/4" = 1' SCANNED & REVISED: 02/10/03 Pg 1 of 2

Circus Model Builders

Drawn By
Norman Wilder & Mike Hartigan

DRAWING NUMBER
#0373