

A Lionel Puzzlement



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Come, all you Rounders, I want you to hear The story told of a brave engineer...

The Legend of Casey Jones has long been part of the American imagination while The Ballad of Casey Jones is probably the world's best known and beloved railroad song. Unlike John Henry and other legendary figures invented to exemplify the American spirit, Casey Jones was a living, breathing, ordinary man "whose love for the rails grew to legendary proportions."

Material for this quiz was taken from Casey Jones: Epic of the American Railroad, written in 1939 by Fred J. Lee, Jones' only authorized biographer. Enjoy. 

- Casey Jones was born on March 14, 1863, in "a backwoods region" of southeastern Missouri. Thirteen years later the family would relocate near which village?
 - Cayce, Illinois
 - Cayce, Kentucky
 - Cayce, Mississippi
 - Cayce, Tennessee
- Frank and Ann Nolen Jones were the parents of four sons (in time, all became railroad engineers) and one daughter. Which of their boys would become known as "Casey" Jones?
 - Eugene Jones
 - Frank Jones
 - Luther Jones
 - Phillip Jones
- In his youth, Casey was a noted player for the Cayce Dreadnaughts. The sport was:
 - Baseball
 - Basketball
 - Football
 - Lacrosse
- Casey Jones' first railroad job was as a(n):
 - Brakeman
 - Call-boy
 - Engine wiper
 - Telegraph operator
- Casey's last promotion was to engineer on the:
 - Cannonball Express
 - Chicago Mercury
 - Continental
 - Panama Limited
- At the time of Casey's tragic death, he was an employee of the:
 - Great Southern
 - Gulf, Mobile & Northern
 - Illinois Central
 - Mobile & Ohio

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2. H
1. I
6. A
5. B
4. J
9. E
8. L
7. D
12. N
11. F
10. O
15. G
14. K
13. M

Answers to this puzzle

- The consist of Casey's final run was:
 - Coaches and sleepers
 - Fast baggage and mail
 - Fast freight
 - Mixed baggage, mail, coaches and sleepers
- The fireman on Casey's last run was"
 - Sam T. Webb
 - Sim T. Webb
 - Tim S. Webb
 - Tom S. Webb
- The accident that claimed Casey's life occurred in:
 - 1890
 - 1895
 - 1900
 - 1905
- When they located Casey's body in the wreckage of engine 638, they found one hand on the air-brake lever, the other on the whistle chord, and a bolt through his neck. The site of the accident was:
 - Canton, Mississippi
 - Durant, Mississippi
 - Vaughan, Mississippi
 - Water Valley, Mississippi
- From the provided options, select the three that were not factors in Casey's fatal accident:
 - Caboose and freight cars stalled on the main line
 - Didn't hear warning torpedo
 - Didn't see warning signal from flagman
 - Engine and tender stalled on the main line
 - Excessive speed
 - Roadbed washed out
 - Switch in wrong position
- The number of casualties in the accident was:
 - 1
 - 9
 - 17
 - 25
- In the "official" investigation that followed the accident, Engineer Jones was:
 - Absolved from causing the collision
 - Found solely responsible for the collision
- The Casey Jones Home, Museum, and his final resting place are in:
 - Canton, Mississippi
 - Vaughan, Mississippi
 - Jackson, Tennessee
 - Memphis, Tennessee

Illustration for this puzzle is the "Honoring Railroad Engineers of America" postage stamp issued by the USPS in 1950