NORTH PLATTE

Business Car – Stabled at Houston

The North Platte was built in 1926 by Pullman Standard Manufacturing Company as the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Observation car No. 4403. The car was rebuilt in 1942 as Cafe Observation car No. 1563.

In 1945, the car was remodeled and became LAe-SL business car No. 123. The car was renumbered to No. 102 in 1952 and to No. 104 in 1957. No. 104 was remodeled in 1968 and stored in 1990. The car was brought out of storage, remodeled and named the North Platte in 1995.

The North Platte is named after North Platte, Neb., the most important operating point on the Union Pacific system. North Platte is home to the world’s largest railroad classification yard, Bailey Yard, recognized as such by Guinness World Records in 1995.

Since Bailey Yard’s opening in 1948, more than $100 million has been spent to modernize and expand it. The yard today covers 2,850 acres, is eight miles long and has 324 miles of track. In 1968, the yard was named Bailey Yard in honor of former Union Pacific President Edd H. Bailey.