
GLAMOUR GIRL 3461

By David Morgan

One of my favorite “glamour girls,” unlike her stage and screen sisters, appears in few films and never haunts a movie production. She has looks and plenty of curves, but hardly of the sort seen in Carole Landis. No, the 3461 is a husky Santa Fe passenger locomotive—the type that makes speed history and performance records. Her legs, drivers I mean, are rather high—seven feet in diameter—and she rolls along on six of these giants discs. They in turn support a form, her boiler, that boasts genuinely good lines to any railroad man. This boiler, heated by a tremendous firebox, produces a pressure of 300 pounds per square inch. Yes, she is fast—a regular hot mama! Railroaders will tell you that combination is pure and simple concentrated TNT.

3461 comes of a family of six identical sisters. One, 3460, youngest of the lot, boasts a blue and silver sweater, otherwise known as streamlining, and this garb rates her somewhat more attention than her equally curvesome sisters. What has this pin-up of mine done, you ask? Where can you see her beautiful contours? 3461 works in no studio, but can be seen racing across Illinois and Kansas at eighty miles an hour—that’s her “stage.” She pulls the “Chief,” overnight Pullman hauls, and troop trains. Yes, 3461 is a wartime “glamour girl,” doing more than her share for the boys overseas.

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