

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Vista Dome Car Is Rail 'Plus' Service

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A ride in one of the new Vista Dome cars now in regular day service on the Burlington between Chicago and the Twin Cities certainly gives one a reminder of how much more the railroads are giving the coach passenger for his money than ever before. It isn't only a case of throwing in at no extra cost a species of observation car privileges heretofore restricted to Pullman ticket holders. The Vista Dome gives the passenger a "kind" of ride which he has never had before at any price.

You ride just high enough to miss most unsightly things along the tracks and yet low enough to get a keen vision of trees, rivers, roads, houses and other objects of interest.

But the most outstanding thing about these dome cars is their unusual quietness. That feature gives the dome rider an unusual sense of gliding through the air. You hear very little of the track and truck noises.

Provide Extra Passenger Space

Each Vista Dome has 24 seats which are not reserved. There are enough dome compartment seats on the Twin Cities Zephyrs so that each passenger has an allotment of his regular car seat and one-half a dome seat. This feature, according to Albert Cotsworth, Burlington Passenger Traffic Manager, is greatly appreciated by passengers. Freedom to move about on the Vista Dome trains eliminates any monotony of train travel, Cotsworth added.

Besides giving coach passengers a superior observation car privilege there are fewer seats per car on the main floor. This means more main floor space per passenger.

The cars are 85 feet long. Budd Manufacturing Co., the builders, points out that the top of the dome car is only one foot four inches higher than in standard cars. The first Vista Dome car was put in service by the Burlington in 1945. It's popularity resulted in the road ordering 40 such cars.

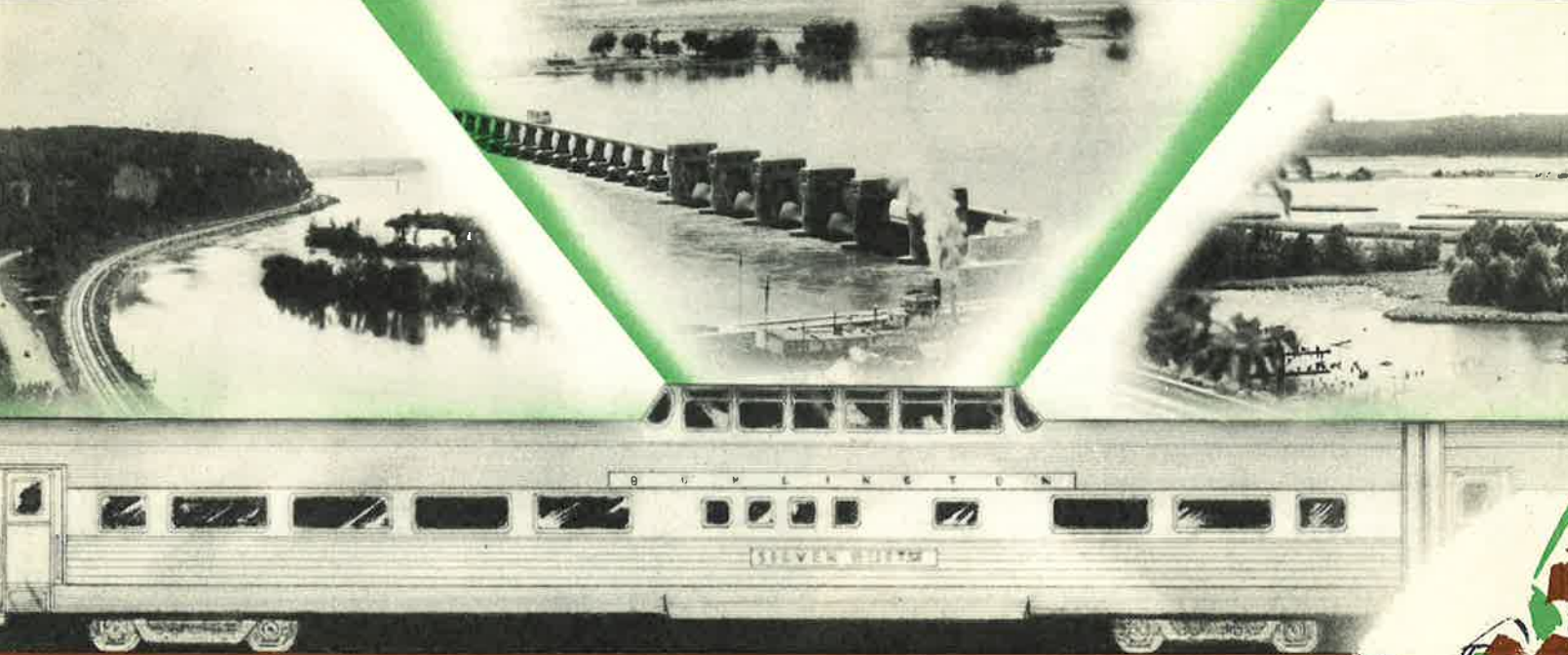
VISTA-DOME

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VISTA-DOME TWIN ZEPHYRS



VISTA - DOME

... far advanced in rail travel.

"It is seldom that I write a testimonial, but I can appreciate and enjoy your modern equipment, service, smooth speed, and last but not least the Vista Dome cars—all of which are far advanced in rail travel. It is a real pleasure for me to relax and travel on the Zephyr routes."

... the most pleasant railroad trip ever experienced.

"I thought you might be interested in a very nice compliment paid the Burlington this noon by Senator ——— of ——— at an informal address to a number of business men. He made the statement that yesterday afternoon he had the most pleasant railroad trip that he had ever experienced, on the Burlington Zephyr from Chicago to Minneapolis, which he described as the finest train he had even been privileged to ride on."

... deluxe traveling.

"I had the pleasure of riding in the Vista Dome of your westbound train Savannah to LaCrosse. I could fully appreciate the deluxe traveling in this new coach and train. Congratulations on the travel comfort your company has seen fit to make available in these days of scarcity."

... pleasant experience.

"It was recently my privilege to ride on the Vista Dome Zephyr to St. Paul. It would be most unfair not to report to you the pleasant experience which we all enjoyed on your modern equipment."

... the nicest train I have ever ridden on.

"I had the occasion to ride your Zephyr train from Chicago to Minneapolis. I spent most of my time during the trip in the Vista Dome portion of the car and enjoyed it very much. I do not hesitate to say that this was the nicest train I have ever ridden on."

"It's more like gliding of speed."

I'm highly enthusiastic about the train as a whole."

One of the most interesting features of the Vista Dome is the sky horizon to zenith.

The Vista Domes were exactly what I had expected. I found them very comfortable, too.

The quietness of the train allows you to see the whole countryside while riding in a Vista Dome and experience a person's peace of mind.

I had the sensation of being in the air and being very close to the ground.

I thought I would have enjoyed the Vista Dome more at all.

This really is the last word in modern train travel.

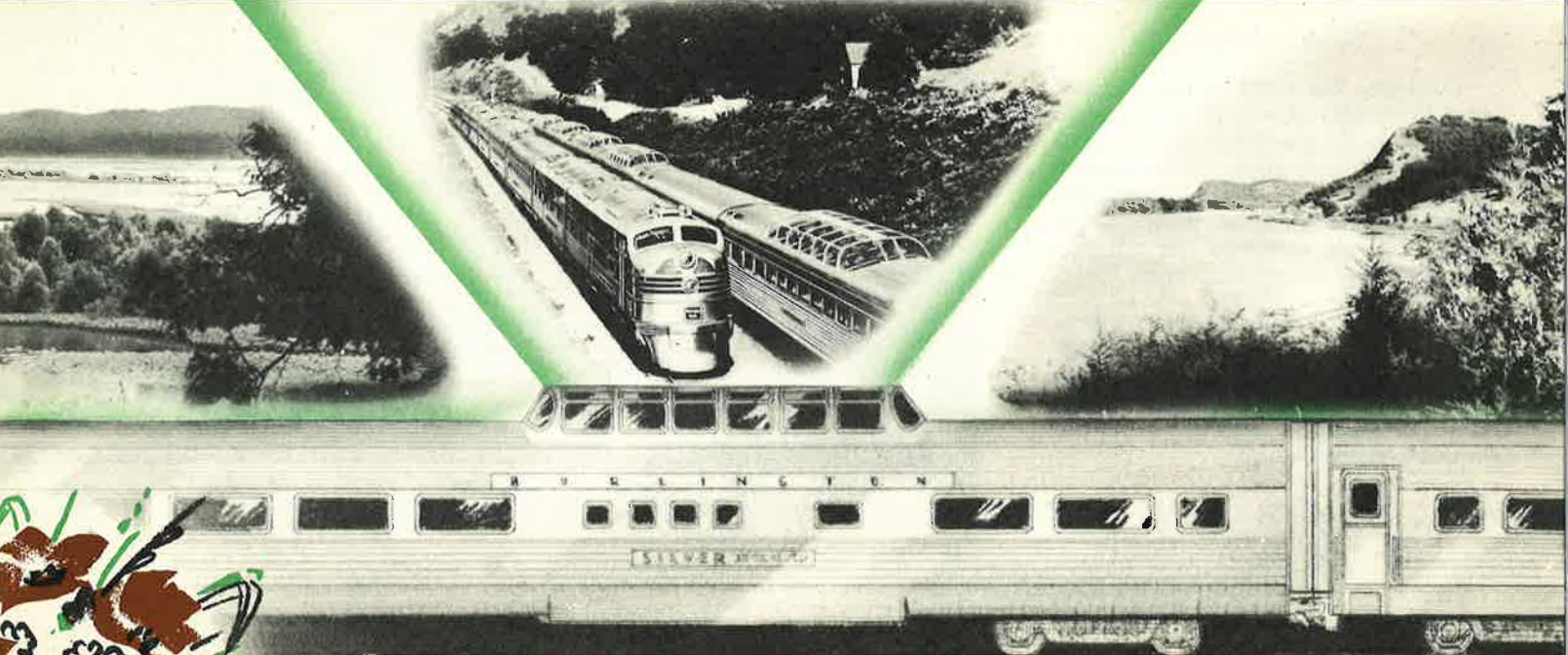
All those little details that make travel so pleasant are found in the Vista Dome.

I liked it much better than any other popular and extra fast train I have ever traveled on.

Burlington again scores with the Vista Dome as since the Pioneer.

The ventilation system keeps the air fresh and free from any noticeable smoke haze."





B O U Q U E T S

... the finest train and service in the United States.

"That Zephyr with the Vista Dome has got everything in this country beat a mile. Riding along in the Vista Dome with no lights and the beautiful moonlight—I certainly must admit that you have today, without any exceptions, the finest train and service in the United States."

... it's out of this world.

"With a party of nine others I rode the morning Zephyr to St. Paul, and we all were most enthusiastic. It was a most delightful trip, comfortable in every way and exceedingly thrilling. It seems to make every passenger an engineer . . . one can sit in the Vista Dome and feel as though he has had a hand in running the train. The trip thrilled me so much I've been telling everyone, 'You simply must take a trip on the Vista Dome Zephyr. It's out of this world.'"

... can see everything to the best advantage.

"The trip from St. Paul to Chicago along the snow-covered shores of the Mississippi is comparable only to the ride down the Hudson; and in one of the new glass-domed cars of the Burlington's Zephyr the passenger can see everything to the best advantage."

... one may relax and view the scenery.

"The novelty of the 'skylite' ride in the domes on top makes it a real pleasure, where one may relax and view the scenery, and more so when trains reach the scenic country."

... that wonderful smooth feeling of flying through space.

"'Oh for the wings of a bird' will never be sung again by my lips. Next time I am in that mood I shall simply take a ride on your wonderful Vista Dome Zephyr and experience again that wonderful smooth feeling of flying through space with the greatest of ease."

The Vista-Dome

Built into the roofs of the coaches and the parlor-observation car, each dome has 24 deep-cushioned seats enclosed in non-glare, heat-resistant safety glass, from which passengers have an unobstructed view. These seats are not reserved, so all passengers may enjoy this treat.

Camera fans find the dome a marvelous place from which to photograph the enchanting scenery along the Mississippi River. Best results are secured by using twice the normal exposure.



Completely new stainless-steel California Zephyrs are to be placed in service between Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake City and San Francisco late in 1948 (replacing the Exposition Flyer). Each Zephyr will feature three coaches, a buffet-lounge car, and a lounge-observation car all equipped with the popular Vista-Domes, from which passengers will thrill to the glorious scenery of the Colorado Rockies and California's Feather River Canyon. Sleeping cars will contain a variety of accommodations. Colorful dining car for all meals.

Watch for the new
CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR

Burlington introduced the first Vista-Dome in July, 1945, and in December, 1947, placed in service between Chicago and St. Paul-Minneapolis the new TWIN ZEPHYRS—the first regular trains ever to be equipped with Vista-Dome cars.

Each Twin Zephyr has four spacious coaches and a luxurious parlor-observation car with Vista-Domes, a colorful diner, and a beautifully-appointed club-lounge. Traveling, as they do, the scenic route along the upper Mississippi River, these thrilling trains have met with tremendous approval by the traveling public.

Set forth herein are extracts from a few of the authentic and voluntary expressions of commendation that have come to us from revenue passengers who have ridden the new Twin Zephyrs. They speak so well of these fine trains that we are happy to have others read them.

