

Ohhhh! Railroad DQ's!

Going through some Railroad covers, and I happened upon these. Old Railroad covers are nice in and of themselves...but DQ's?! Hmmmmmm.

Looking at these covers brings back memories of times when the train was King (well, not me, personally. I wasn't born yet)...when trains had well-known names and reputations...*the Zephyr, the Blue Streak, the Gotham Limited, the Spirit of St. Louis*...and so on...when trains were a way of life, not a unique experience, as they are now for most of us. The last time I was on a train it was the Skunk Train, here in Northern California...a fun excursion with the kids...but that was many years ago. All in all, I think I've probably only ridden a train twice in my entire life...that was in Pre-Graffiti times!

Seeing that Diamond Quality footer in combination with a Railroad cover...well..you just know you're holding a bit of history in your hands...history that will never be repeated. The golden age of trains has come and gone, I'm afraid. And, as with so many other golden ages...I missed it!

We'll never know how many Railroad covers were ever issued, or how many DQ Railroad covers, but there are currently 28 listed on the DQ listing. They're tough to acquire. I don't even have half of them, and I've been collecting for over a quarter of a century. But they're out there...just another glorious challenge in this great hobby!

