

## FAN

**1: an enthusiastic devotee (as of a sport or a performing art) usually as a spectator**

**2 an ardent admirer or enthusiast (as of a celebrity or a pursuit)**

**science-fiction fans**



**A fandom is a subculture composed of fans characterized by a feeling of empathy and camaraderie with others who share a common interest.**



**A railfan, rail buff or train buff (American English), railway enthusiast, railway buff or trainspotter (Australian/British English), or ferroequinologist is a person who is recreationally interested in trains and rail transport systems.<sup>[1][2]</sup>**



**Railfans often combine their interest with other hobbies, especially photography and videography, radio scanning, railway modelling, studying railroad history and participating in railway station and rolling stock preservation efforts. There are many magazines and websites dedicated to railfanning and railway enthusiasts, including *Trains*, *Railfan & Railroad*, *The Railway Magazine*, *Locomotive Magazine*, and *Railway Gazette International*.**

**The hobby extends to all aspects of rail transport systems. Railfans may have one or more particular concentrations of interest, such as:**

- **Railway locomotives and rolling stock**
- **Still-used or disused railroad lines, bridges, tunnels, stations, signal boxes and other infrastructure**
- **Subways and other local rail transit systems**
- **Railway history**
- **Railway photography**
- **Railway books and magazines**
- **Railtours**
- **Railway signalling**
- **Playing train simulators**
- **Railway modelling, both physical and virtual model railroading, toy train collecting, live steam and outdoor miniature railways, and model engineering.**
- **Collection of railway artifacts, in particular: tickets, timetables, railway paper, locomotive whistles, number plates, builders' plates, builder's photos, badges, uniforms, railway crockery and other railwayana. Many items, such as timetables and railway paper (i.e. internal railway documents), are collected for study and not just as collectibles.**
- **Railway art or architecture**

- **Railway operations, economics or commerce**
- **Railway preservation/restoration**
- **Level junction. This is where the railfan can also be interested in the railroad or "grade" crossing signals.**
- **Monitoring railroad radio communications with a radio scanner.**

The scope of the subject is so large that fans may additionally concentrate their interest on a particular country, town, railway company, field of operations or era in history – or a combination of any of the above.

## Resources

- **CTC Board, ISSN 0164-8373**
- **Electric Railway Journal, ISSN 0095-9715**
- **Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading**
- **Model Railroader ISSN 0026-7341**
- **Narrow Gauge and Shortline Gazette**
- **The New Electric Railway Journal; ISSN 1048-3845**
- **Pacific RailNews ISSN 8750-8486**
- **Passenger Train Journal, ISSN 0160-6913**
- **Rail News**
- **Railfan & Railroad ISSN 0163-7266**
- **Railroad Gazette**
- **Railroad Man's Magazine ISSN 0033-8761**
- **Railroad Model Craftsman<sup>[5]</sup> ISSN 0033-877X**
- **Railroads Illustrated ISSN 1071-8311**
- **Railway Age, ISSN 0079-9505**
- **Railway Track & Structures, ISSN 0033-9016**
- **Tall Timber Short Lines**
- **Trains, ISSN 0041-0934**



<https://www.trains.com/>





<https://www.american-rails.com/>

<http://www.rrpicturearchives.net/default.aspx>

<https://www.openrailwaymap.org/index.php>

<https://www.amtrak.com/track-your-train.html>

<http://dixielandsoftware.net/Amtrak/status/StatusMaps/>



<https://mvrrhs.org/>



<http://www.kvrailroad.org/>



**RailroadData.Com**  
Links to over 5,000 railroad websites.

[https://railroaddata.com/rllinks/Railroad\\_Webcams/United\\_States/](https://railroaddata.com/rllinks/Railroad_Webcams/United_States/)



<https://www.broadcastify.com/listen/>

<http://www.railroadradio.net/>

<http://www.trainweb.com/radio/>

<https://streema.com/radios/genre/Railroad>



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### **Only Live America Railroad Cams**

**Live railcams from the US and a few from Canada. Typically updated at least once daily. The sites that drop out of live feeds daily will no longer be carried in this playlist.**

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDlykLh1oq0EknIbiNWbhxya4F0Ruw2n>



### **Only Live Non-America Railroad Cams**

**Live railcams from the world outside of the US. Typically updated at least once daily. The sites that drop out of live feeds daily will no longer be carried in this playlist.**

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDlykLh1oq0GEemLo2L-xiiEteNqzIJlI>



<https://virtualrailfan.com/>

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A heritage unit or commemorative locomotive is a railroad locomotive painted in an honorary paint scheme; usually the paint scheme is that of a now-defunct railroad that merged with or was acquired by the locomotive's owner.

<https://www.heritageunits.com/>



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<https://www.youtube.com/@lorirocks777>

★ 4K Cab ride CHSt. Moritz - ITTirano, fresh snow, strong winds & snowdrifts [03.2020] :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsVJ8PCV-0M>

★ 4K ITTirano - CHSt. Moritz summer cab ride, Italy to Switzerland [06.2020] :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKOe2PuERD0&t=2144s>

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<https://www.youtube.com/@RailCowGirl/featured>

The Best Of Norway's Railway Cab Views :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7CJ3pm-e7s>

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