

TRAVEL BY TRAIN?

The Good News of what is about to unfold is that it was a normal day in Sharon Springs, Kansas when a Union Pacific crew boarded a loaded coal train for the long trek back to Salina.

The bad news is that just a few kilometres into the trip, a wheel bearing becomes overheated and melts off letting the truck support drop down and grind on top of the rail creating white hot molten metal droppings that spew down onto the rails.

The good news to this is that a very alert crew notices a small amount of smoke halfway back in the train and immediately stop the train in compliance with the rules.

The bad news to this is that the train just happens to stop with its hot wheels on top of a wooden trestle bridge built creosoted ties, bents and trusses.













Ooops!