



**Chessie System GP40-2 4388, GP40 3758, and another GP40-2 are on the head end of a mixed freight barreling through Musgrove, PA on October 11, 1981.
- John King photo. Brian Bland collection.**



**Coming into Cumberland, MD on a hot June day in 1978, Chessie System GP40-2 4114, leads an east-bound mixed freight into town. The GP40-2 was the jack of all trades for Chessie.
- G.E. Lloyd photo. Brian Bland collection.**

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**Three year old Chessie System SD40-2 7612 leads a big tonnage mixed freight westbound on the Mountain Sub through Oakland, MD in November 1980.
- Ray Slagle photo. Brian Bland collection.**

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On May 11, 1986 Chessie SD50 8563, 8593, and a GP40 are dragging an empty coal train through Sewell, WV. Chessie's last new power was 63 EMD SD50s expecting every 2 SD50s to replace 3 SD35s.

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**On a November day in 1979, Gary Larimer was able to photograph this set of Chessie System power in Hinton, WV. Covered in sand and coal dust one can assume that this quartet of power just hauled a coal train out of one of the many hollers in southern West Virginia.
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**Arguably the most beautiful of all Chessie paint schemes was applied to the Track Geometry Units. Here we find a trainset resting on P&LE track in Pittsburgh, PA on May 18, 1983. Just imagine the view from the theater window as the train traversed the system.
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An eastbound mixed freight led by GP40-2 4199 on 10/9/77 is passing Mexico tower and departing Cumberland Yard on Main 2. Chessie owned 348 GP40-2's which accounted for 43% of all GP40-2's built. All of Chessie's GP40-2s were equipped with standard Blomberg trucks which were trade-in trucks from predecessor units.

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Led by former B&O GP40 3724, we see a variety of Chessie System power and predecessor power street running in St. Mary's, WV on 8/22/81.
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Chessie System GP40-2, 4180, leads a westbound empty hopper train across the Potomac River at Harpers Ferry, WV on August 14, 1979. The train is just about to enter West Virginia from Maryland (Maryland's border extends to West Virginia's low water mark). Note the number of offset side hoppers still in use.

- Ray Slagle photo. Brian Bland collection.

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In the early 1980's, Chessie began to rebuild their GP30's. Generally, the only evidence of a rebuild were slotted battery door covers and "GP-30-M" stenciled on the cab. Here we find the C&O class unit basking in the sun at Riverdale, IL on 12/22/84.

- Paul Hunnell photo. Bill Carl collection.

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- Unknown photographer. Bill Carl collection.**

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- Unknown photographer. Bill Carl collection.**

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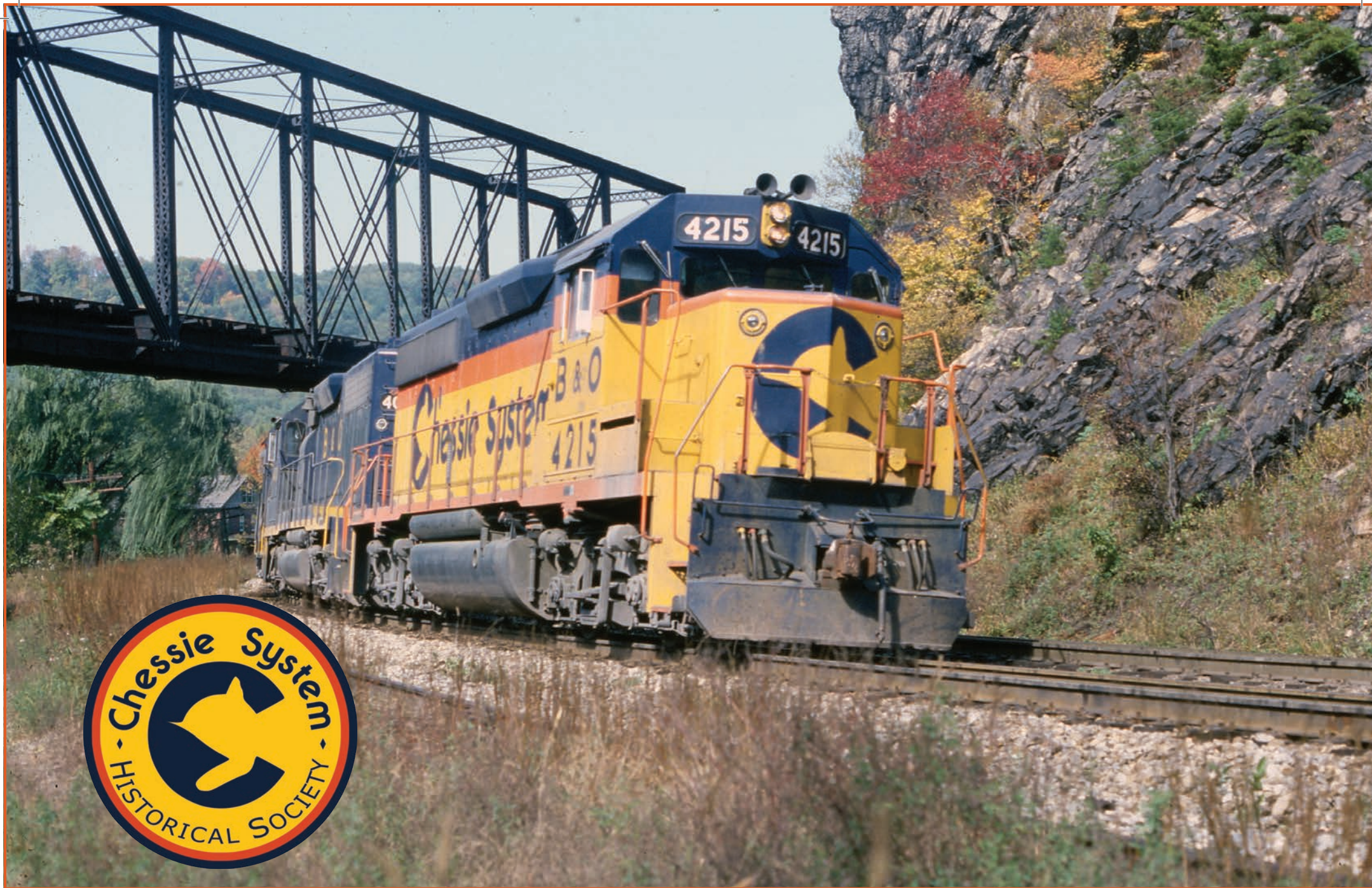
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**GP40-2, 4215, leads a loaded coal train under the Western Maryland bridge at Cumberland Gap on September 10, 1977. The train is bound for the coal docks at Port Covington, MD.
- Unknown photographer. Brain Bland collection.**



On a September day in 1983, GP40-2 GM50 is leading one of Chessie's last excursions on Main 1 in Grafton, WV. D Tower is sitting behind the locomotives and the historic Willard Hotel is in the background. The hotel was built in 1912 by Grafton attorney and industrialist John T. McGraw and named in honor of the B&O's president, Daniel Willard.

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COVER



JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH



APRIL



MAY



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JULY



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SEPTEMBER



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NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



IMAGE 1



IMAGE 2



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