



Rules were
meant to be
broken.

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What makes
a great
railroad
photograph?



Rules are meant to be broken

Wedgies are boring.

Don't blur the photo.

Keep the people out of the photo.

Make sure you get the whole train.

Tracks without trains are boring.

Focus on the subject.

Going away shots are for losers.

Don't shoot the mundane.



Wedgies are Boring





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What Made These Shots
Interesting?



Don't Blur the Photo!

The sign is a vertical rectangular panel with a black background and white text and icons. It is mounted on a light-colored pillar. The background of the entire image is a blurred subway train moving from left to right.


← **Lake-Loop 'L'**
Free transfer (farecard required)

← **Orange Line**

← **Green Line**

← **Purple Line**

← **Pink Line**

← **Brown Line**


Randolph-Washington  →
Free transfer (farecard required)

Blue Line →

 No accessible transfer to
 Blue Line. Use Jackson sta.









How Did The Blur Enhance the Image?

Keep People Out of the Photo!







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What Did You Like About
the People In The Shots?

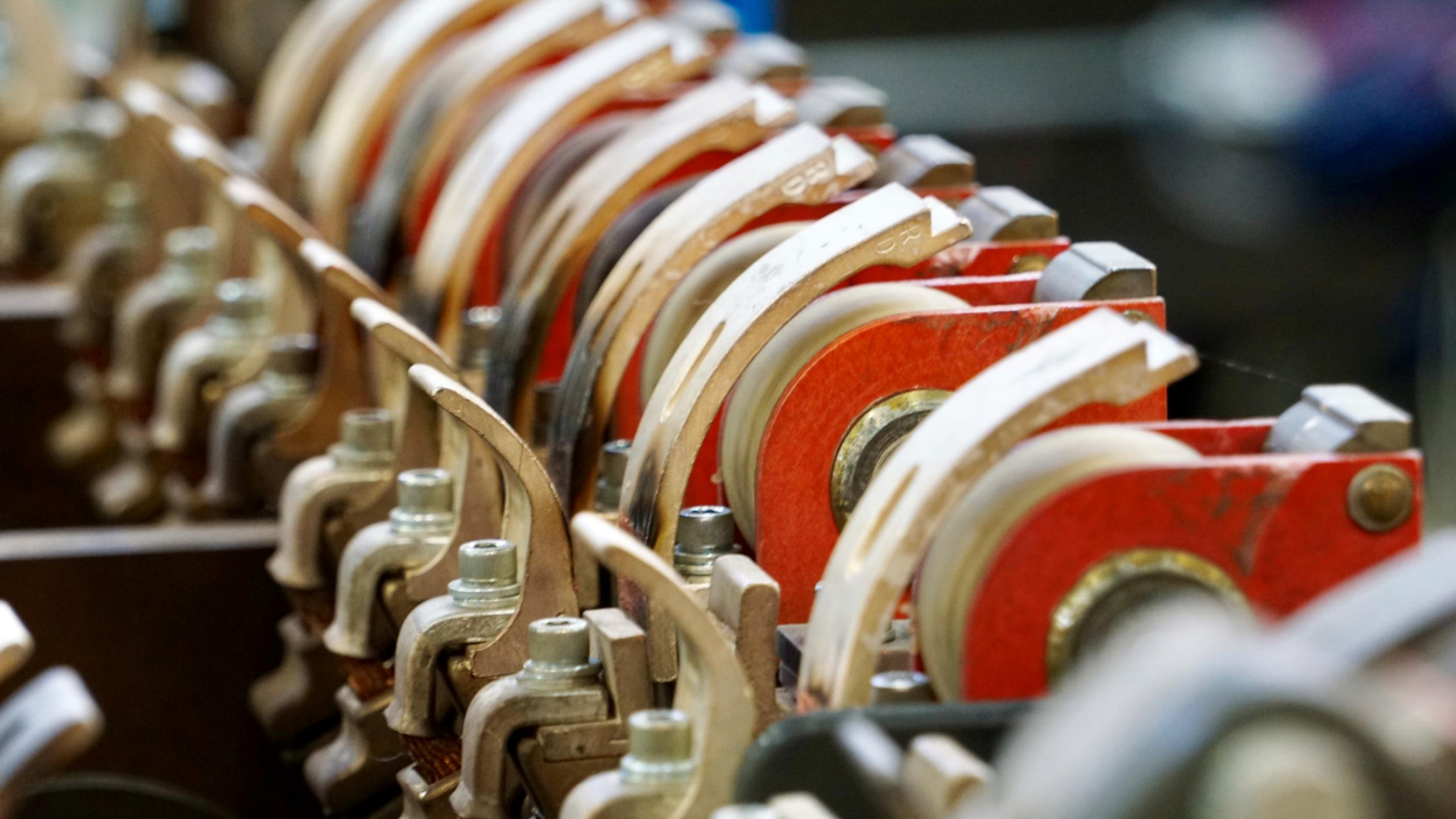


Make Sure You Get the Whole
Train!





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Why Focus on Just Part of the Train?

Tracks Without Trains Are
Boring











What Objects Have You Shot
Without a Train?

Focus on the Subject





**TRACK
ONE**



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Superliner

Northbound
Coast
STARLIGHT
Train #14

Sleeping Car
Passengers





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STOP

ALL WAY

ROAD
CONSTRUCTION
AHEAD

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Drive



What Parts Do You Like to Focus On?



Going Away Shots Are For
Losers









What Makes the Going Away
Shot Interesting?





Don't Shoot the Mundane



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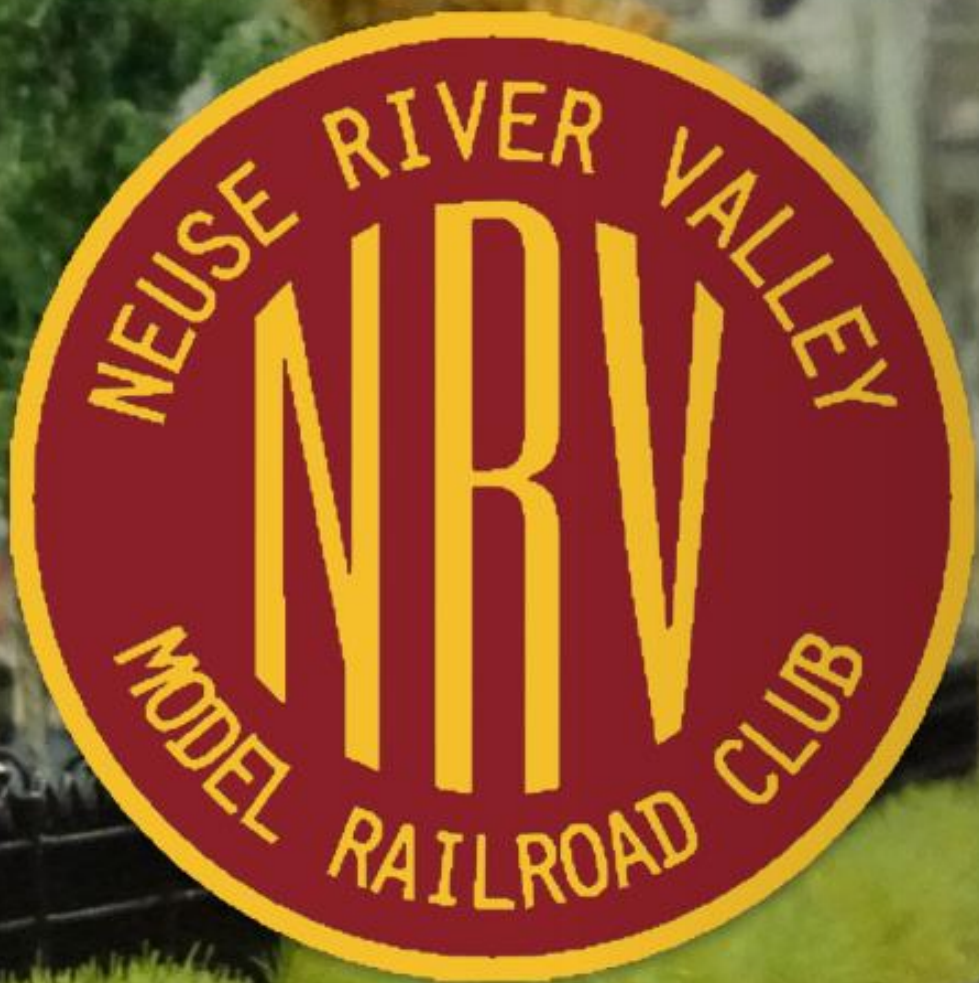
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What Mundane Parts of
Railroading Would You Like to
Go Back In Time To
Photograph?





Thank You!
Larry Pearlman

