

5 LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RR

“The Old Reliable”



The Pan-American

↑ In its heyday, the *Pan American* was unquestionably the queen of L&N's passenger fleet. The Great Depression brought an end to the train's all-Pullman status, but the *Pan American* still inspired three country songs and became the star of the famous "*Pan American* broadcasts" on clear channel WSM radio in Nashville. It still was a fine train when it was photographed leaving Birmingham's old L&N Station in the late 1950's, but its celebrity status had faded thanks to new "upstart" streamliners like the *South Wind* and *Humming Bird*. Lead unit #795 was one of just four E8A's on the roster until L&N bought four used E8A's from Frisco in the mid-1960's. (*Ed Dismukes*)