

Thank you for your interest in the new Digital edition of Railpace Newsmagazine!

Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about our new endeavor, and a look at where we are going with this.

Q. OK, so there's a Digital edition of Railpace online now. Is this "Railpace Lite" or is it the same thing as the printed edition?

A. It's identical to the printed version, since it's created from the same document. The Digital edition is a downloadable, high-resolution PDF file.

Q. I have an Android Smartphone, not an Apple iPhone. Would it work on my phone?

A. Yes, the Digital edition of Railpace should work on all types of mobile devices that have a "Browser" feature— i.e. you can log onto the Internet.

Just go to www.railpace.com and you can purchase and download your monthly copy.

The Digital edition is available on a desktop computer, laptop, Tablet, iPad, iPhone, Android Smartphones— virtually any device which can access the Internet.

Because it's a PDF file, it works in the Windows, Android, Mac iOS and MAC OS environment.

Q. Can I buy an annual subscription, or do I have to log in and buy a single copy each month?

A. Presently, our system is set up to allow monthly purchases. We are working diligently on software to support annual Digital subscriptions, and also print+digital "combo" subscriptions. We expect to have this up and running soon, but we didn't want to further delay making Railpace available online while we worked to make everything complete.

Q. When you get that figured out and working, will I have to buy an annual subscription to get a Digital edition, or can I buy just a single copy?

A. We plan to offer both, just as we do now with the printed editions of Railpace. When we get everything up and running this spring, you will be able to buy a single issue, or an annual subscription. And you will soon be able to buy Gift subscriptions too.

Q. I'm a photo contributor to Railpace; if one of my photos gets published, will I still receive a complimentary copy of the print edition of Railpace now that you have a Digital version? I still want my complimentary hard copy!

A. Yes, we will continue to send all published photo contributors their complimentary copy of the print edition of Railpace, via First Class mail each month. Nothing changes here.

Q. OK, so as a published photo contributor, I get my free print copy First Class, as before. Great. Hey, could I get a comp Digital copy instead?

A. We are working on software to allow that, however at the present time, the system does not have the functionality to provide "comp" or "free" or "trial" Digital issues.

Q. Are you going to put Digital versions of Back Issues for sale online?

A. Yes, we will begin working on that once we finish getting the system updated to accept annual subscriptions and print+Digital combo offers. This will be a big undertaking, since we have been publishing Railpace for over three decades, and the documents are in various formats from typewriter (!!!!) to typesetting to photo strip-in to digital. Most older copies will have to be flatbed scanned as PDFs; more recent copies can be converted directly from Digital to hi-res PDF.

Q. I have some difficulty reading smaller type. Can the Digital edition be "blown up" (enlarged) for easier reading on my computer monitor?

A. Yes, you can easily enlarge each page, which makes for easier reading. The photos and the text stay sharp and crisp even at high levels of magnification.

Q. What about some of the classic Books that you published years ago, such as Raritan River Railroad, Iron Horses Across the Garden State, The Seashore's Finest Train, Susquehanna: Shortline to StackPacks ? etc. ?

A. Yes, we are considering scanning those works and making Digital editions available for purchase online or on DVD, and potentially even as short-run Digital press reprints.

In fact, we are beginning to work on reissuing our Raritan River book, published in 1983, which has been sold out for many, many years. Best of all, we can significantly expand it with color photos— the original edition contained all-Black & White pages— this is where modern technology can really make older things better today! Stay tuned!

Q. I'm an advertiser in Railpace. Will my ad also appear in the Digital edition? And are you going to charge me extra for that?

A. Your ad will appear in the Digital edition as well as the print edition— remember it's the identical document. Our current Ad rates include your ad appearing in the Digital edition as well as the print version, so we aren't going to charge you extra for that. Consider it a bonus for advertising with Railpace!

Q. What's the long-term future for the print edition of Railpace? Am I going to be forced to go to the Digital version?

A. Relax, the print version of Railpace isn't going anywhere. We expect it to be around for a long time to come. Many readers— older and younger— like the feel, the look, and the permanency of a printed magazine. Many friends tell us that, after staring at a computer monitor all day at work, the last thing they want to do is come home and read Railpace on a monitor. But some readers like the idea of an electronic alternative (or supplement!) to print, and the concept of getting it on a mobile device, to read while on the road, commuting, or sitting trackside is enticing. Having Railpace issues containing Railfan Guides loaded on an iPad when you're on a railfan roadtrip is terrific! The Digital edition is also great for our International readers, who can enjoy lower cost and dispense with long waits for international postal delivery.

As long as many of our print edition subscribers stay onboard with us, we'll keep the print edition viable— as we have for the past 31 years!

Thanks for your loyal support of Railpace over three decades. The journey together just keeps getting better!