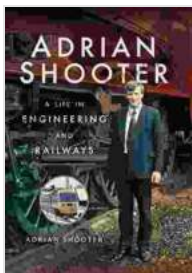


Adrian Shooter: Life in Engineering and Railways



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Adrian Shooter retired from British Railways in 1994, but he continued to work in the engineering industry as a consultant and advisor. He was also a passionate advocate for railway preservation and served as President of the Railway Heritage Trust. He died in 2019 at the age of 85.

Adrian Shooter was a true pioneer in the field of engineering and railways. His work had a lasting impact on the industry and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of engineers.

Early Life and Education

Adrian Shooter was born on 23 February 1934 in Bromley, Kent. His father was a civil engineer and his mother was a school teacher. He grew up during World War II and developed a passion for trains at a young age. He attended The Judd School in Tonbridge, Kent, and then went on to study mechanical engineering at the University of Leeds.

After graduating from university, Adrian Shooter joined British Railways in 1957 as a graduate trainee. He quickly rose through the ranks, becoming Chief Mechanical Engineer in 1977.

Career at British Railways

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The HST was a revolutionary train that was introduced in 1976. It was the first train in the world to be powered by a gas turbine engine and it set a new world speed record for a diesel-powered train. The HST was a huge success and it remains in service today.

The APT was a more ambitious project that was designed to be the world's fastest train. However, the APT was plagued by technical problems and it was never put into service. Despite its failure, the APT was an important milestone in the development of high-speed rail travel.

Adrian Shooter also played a key role in the electrification of the West Coast Main Line. This project was completed in 1974 and it significantly reduced journey times between London and the major cities of the north-west of England.

In addition to his work on major projects, Adrian Shooter also made significant contributions to the development of new signalling systems. He was responsible for the of the Automatic Warning System (AWS) and the

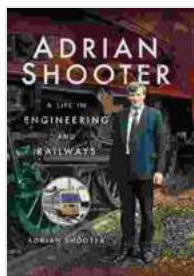
Train Protection and Warning System (TPWS). These systems have helped to improve safety on the railways.

Retirement and Later Life

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