

# NCAT NUT IN SPAIN

Larry Ede (The original "NCAT NUT") accompanied by his Wife Paula, along with Corky and Nancy Whitlock visited Spain in October 2001. It probably wasn't a great time to travel, what with the September 2001 tragedy just a month behind, but we had non-refundable tickets and had been very excited about our trip.

The Edes flew by way of Thunder Bay and Toronto to Paris and then took the train to Madrid, While the Whitlocks flew from Chicago directly to Madrid. We had no way of knowing whether our travels would work out in those terrifying fall days of 2001, but we met exactly on time and day at one of the Madrid train stations.

The photos show some of the railroad highlights of our trip. We rode everything from an old single-truck trolley to the modern high speed trains of Spain, and the photos reflect some of the rides we took.

We were armed with railpasses for two weeks of unlimited train rides which we purchased before leaving home. We definitely got our moneys worth from those passes. I will let the photos and their descriptions speak for themselves.



Above and below: We rode this old single-truck streetcar in Barcelona. The tracks follow a winding and steep grade up a street that ends at a funicular station. The funicular takes you up a hill to an amusement park. Finding this ride was a treat, and totally unplanned as we weren't aware of it. This is the last remaining streetcar line in Barcelona.



The car shown below is a diesel-powered regional railcar. You can get almost anywhere in Spain by train. This car was very striking, with a green underbody, white sides, and a red roof.



Photo above: A pair of high speed (electric) AVE trains in Atocha station in Madrid. We rode one of these trains to Seville.

