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On the Cover: HVSR (exUSA) Baldwin #4005 leads a train of "cabeese" around Airport Curve. *Photo by Chris Burchett - Logan, OH*

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Contributions:

The Pilot depends on its readers for material. All railroad- and model railroad-related articles, drawings, cartoons, and photographs are welcome!

Feature Articles:

The Pilot needs feature or lead articles the most. They should be roughly a page long, typed, and possibly accompanied by a drawing or photograph. Feature or lead articles can be on any number of topics such as:

- Members' layouts
- Railroad news
- Railfan trips or travel
- Modeling projects, etc.

Columns:

Columns are needed. Please contact the Editor to conduct your own column.

Photographs & Drawings:

Photographs of railroads and model railroads are needed. You can submit black & white and/or color prints - any size.

Drawings, cartoons, and artwork should be well done, in black ink, and on white paper (no lines).

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Message From The Central Region

Rep. -

Greetings! Well, the year has been great so far! Conventions already being held all over (namely NER Winter and the small CR Columbus conventions). Lewis Ableidinger and the GPD crew will be in the spotlight this month, as they will be hosting the GPD Spring Convention, lasting three days!! Much is planned for this event, so if you want to get in on it, contact Lewis!! The *Valley Flyer 2's* dates have been announced, and info is available in the "Conventions News" section.

Another interesting note, is that the first 2000 directory of Central Region members is included with this issue of the *Pilot*!! This will help you stay informed on who is in the organization right now. Renewals are also starting to be seen, as the *HOTBOX* is cranked out. Keep your eyes peeled in the "Renewals" section, to see if you're next! Remember, your membership is based on a certain *HOTBOX* issue (i.e. - #334). Get your friends involved with the group, if they aren't already! If you need applications (for yourself, hobby shop, train shows, etc.), please contact me! I will send them to you ASAP.

The *Pilot* also needs articles!!! There is no limit as to how many you can send in! If you can't spell very good, that's OK! That can be corrected right here. If you don't know what to write about, then here are some ideas: your layout, favorite railfanning spot, favorite railroad, favorite locomotive builder, cartoons, jokes, railfanning trips, modeling tips. The possibilities are endless!!

Until next time, keep it on the rails!

LOASSB - URBAN RENEWAL SERIES PART ONE ORANGE BARREL, THE OFFICIAL STATE FLOWER CONDUCTED BY PETER MAURATH

Congratulations! You have graduated **Noodlemania**, or "Noodle Theory" as we Pastaologists like to call it. Now we move on to a more advanced level of LOASSB, but don't worry, it's not difficult.

This issue, we kick off a three part (or more, depending on how much I can remember) series titled **Urban Renewal**. It will feature details to add to any urban, or even rural scene in N scale, though many of the ideas can be applied to multiple scales. We'll start simple this

time around with the ever-popular commuters' nightmare...I bring you....the sacred **Orange Barrel**.

This is an almost essential modern layout detail, whether you model big cities or rolling hills - and it's easy to do! First you'll need these supplies: a section of wood or plastic round doweling 1/8" (3mm) in diameter for N scale, a section of noodle (of course!), Elmers or white glue, and some orange, white, black, and yellow paint.

You'll start by painting the noodle yellow and the dowel orange. Once dry, you'll want to mark your barrels on the section of painted dowel; each barrel will be 3/16" (4mm) tall (Fig. 1). Now comes the striping which you'll add to each barrel using the white paint. I add a center stripe and leave it at that, though that's your preference if you want to add 2, 3, or 10 stripes. Next you'll cut the barrels loose. After the paint has dried, use a hobby knife and carefully cut away each barrel at the line you marked earlier. Now all they need is a dab of orange paint to the top and a few options.

Next we enter a few optional additions to your barrels - the light and tire base. The light is constructed of the yellow painted noodle, which you'll cut into sections no bigger than 1/16" (1mm) and apply to the top of your completed barrel. The tire base requires a bit more work. First you'll need a piece of scrap blue or pink foamboard or wax paper. Using Elmers or white glue, add a series of drops as many barrels that you have. Then simply set the barrels in the glue, letting it ooze around the edge (Fig. 2). Let dry. Afterwards, carefully remove the barrel with the ring of glue. Then apply black paint to the ring, let dry, and you have your tire base!

Well, that about does it for this edition of the fastest growing TAMR sensation. Stay tuned next issue, when we'll build some bus shelters for your rain battered layout commuters! *Peter Maurath resides at the address of 13212 Wilton Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135. This is his fifth appearance in the Pilot.*

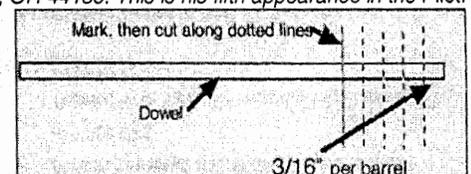


Figure 1

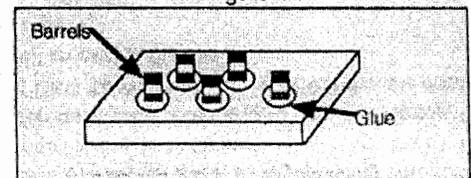


Figure 2

central region news

A new member has joined! Say hello to Jason Loudermilk of Troy, Michigan!!! Address is as follows:

Jason Loudermilk, 1692 Kirkto, Troy, Michigan 48083.
E-mail address is Darkdigler@cs.com. Phone number is (248)689-8321. DOB is 03/29/85.

Drop him a line (or phone call) and welcome him to the group!! Welcome aboard Jason!!!!

The Columbus (GATS) mini-convention was great! Attendees were Chris, David (Chris's Dad), and Debbie (Chris's Mom) Burchett; and Peter Maurath! Activities included railfanning the NS Sandusky District (right behind the GATS), CSXT Parsons Yard, Valley Crossing (diamond between NS Columbus District and the I&OC); and **operating** David Decker's HO scale Dalmatian Switching District (based out of Dayton, Ohio; traveling layout). Special thanks to all the attendees and especially Dave Decker for letting us operate his layout!

Photo Time!!

This is where TAMR Central Region members can show off their photos, whether it be the most recent, or the "oldies"!! E-mail or snail-mail your photos to me!! If snail-mailed, I will send them back upon request. So, here are some photos!!!



CSXT (exCR) SD50 #8711 and sister SD50 both set at the east end of CSXT Parsons Yard in Columbus. Photo by Chris Burchett



CR SD80MAC #4101 and CR SD60M #6342(?) set side-by-side at the crew change point just south of Crestline, OH. Photo by Chris Burchett.



Convention News

Division: The Great Plains Division will be holding their spring convention in Kensal, Carrington, and Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 17-19. Activities include railfanning, tours of private & club layouts, videos, and pizza!! For more info, contact Lewis Ableidinger at soo201@hotmail.com or by phone at (701)435-2971.

Regional: For those who missed it last year, it's back once again! The *Valley Flyer 2!* Many locations will be visited once again, including Columbus, Marion, Dayton, Toledo, Cleveland, Sandusky, Galion, and many other great areas!! Layout tours will include Peter Maurath's N scale "What If?" Penn Central layout, Chris Burchett's HO scale Logan Southern Rail System, and others! Dates are set for June 5-11 (Mon. thru Sun.). More info will be given, as the day approaches. This is the preview to the 2001 national convention in Ohio, so don't miss out! (Page 4)

TAMR Renewals

Thomas Bookout of Lexington, Kentucky, is up for renewal. TAMR membership expires on issue #333 of the *HOTBOX*.

Curtis Tate of Somerset, Kentucky, is also up for renewal. TAMR membership expires on issue #332 of the *HOTBOX*.

David Hadley of Anderson, Indiana, is also up for renewal. TAMR membership expires on issue #334 of the *HOTBOX*.

Andy Sperandeo of Waukesha, Wisconsin, is also up for renewal. TAMR membership expires on issue #334 of the *HOTBOX*.

Hocking Valley Scenic Ry. Discusses Steam Trade

By **Chris Burchett**

Well, now the HVSR might be trading the great 2-8-0 #33. Jerry Jacobson of the Ohio Central (Coshocton, Ohio) has offered to trade his 2-8-0 #13 for the #33. The #13 is in operating condition, as opposed to the #33, meaning that the Hocking Valley may have steam trains once again - the first in 4 years. Many would be saddened to see the #33 go, as she was the first locomotive the HVSR had, and has been with the railroad since 1972.

The #13 was originally built by ALCo in 1920 to C&O Class G-7 specifications for the Kelleys Creek & Northern (West Virginia-based) and was originally #6. She was later sold to the Buffalo Creek & Gauley (also West Virginia-based) and renumbered 13. In the mid-1960's, she was used in Maryland and Indiana, before being sold to Jerry Jacobson. The 13 is much lighter than the 33, as the 33 was used for mainline service in the U.P. of Michigan for the LS&I. The 13 was only used for branchline and yard-type service. The 13 would be much more practical for the Hocking Valley because the HVSR only hauls the short excursions, whereas the OHCR could even use the 33 on long freight trains (built for long ore trains). The 13 also will not need boiler work for the next 3 years.

A vote will be taken by the membership of the Hocking Valley Scenic, to determine what happens to the 33. At the last HVSR annual meeting (Feb. 26), Jerry discussed the trade with the members present. I

personally was not there, however, two of my friends at the HVSR who were there told me a little of what went on.

On a side note, the Hocking Valley Scenic also held the annual elections, and the new officers were announced. Bill Evans (former member and President of a local RR club I belonged to) was voted in as the new President, Larry Blake (former HVSR President) became Treasurer, Ralph Calvert became V.P. Maintenance of Way, Jason Oliver became V.P. of Operations, and Mike Toole became a Trustee, among others. Bill Evans will be the best President the railroad has seen yet, as he is usually the Conductor, and has awesome leadership skills.

That does it for this issue. Tune in next time to see what happens! Until then.....Keep it on the rails!

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Top Seven Uses For Duct Tape on Your Layout

7. Helps control flames if you don't get that wiring quite right.
6. Stick a piece on your Kadee coupler and you've got a factory one!
5. Wrap it around a diesel to create a "stealth" paint scheme.
4. Budget Benchwork!
3. Use it to hold track joints together when hands callous over from solder burns.
2. Crumple it up, paint it black, and you've got the Hudson River!

And the number one model railroading use for duct tape:

1. Helps keep your Amtrak trains on the track.

