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ON THE COVER: . NS intermodal 214 with a pair of UP SD70M's at Phillipsburg, NJ on April 9th, 2006. *Mark MacDougall, photo.*



FORM 19

A message from your editor in chief.

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Start seeing Ben Murphy's.

Ahhhh, spring has finally sprung! Now's the time to get outside in the gorgeous weather for all of us who have to deal with four real seasons every year and enjoy the two month's of bliss before winter returns.

Now's the time to start planning those summer road trips trackside. I wonder what a good destination would be this summer, let me think, hmmm, hey, how about the Summer Convention in tropical Cleveland, OH! Gee, what a coincidence that I would think of that.

Anyway, it is coming-up fast, *The Burning River Limited 2008* here in my

hometown will feature museum tours, a scenic train trip, slide shows, contests, prizes, and more! Don't miss out on all the fun. So what if gas is \$4 a gallon, that's why you have a college fund, might as well start using it for something! For more info on the convention check out page 5, or contact me directly at the info to the right.

In other newts, Chris Burchett, former President and Central Region Rep.,
statement on why you want

has just put the kibosh on a series of train videos, most notably a *Winter National Convention Music Video*. It's a montage of footage from the 06' and 08' conventions set to the music of that legendary 80's band from down-under, *Men at Work!* You can check that video out, and a few others he's done at everybody's favorite altar to internet video stardom, *YouTube*. See page 4 for more info.

Otherwise things have been rather quiet out there in TAMR-land. No new members, no discussions, nada. Not even a good old fashioned fight over



some trivial matter like e-memberships, or capitalizing the A in our name (We never fought over that last one I'm just seeing if your paying attention.) So what's stopping you from participating more? Is it a real reason or just an excuse, don't be afraid to help out more than just mailing in dues once a year. This group is only as strong as it's members, without your help, we cease to grow, cease to be active and eventually just cease to exist, think about it. •



WELCOME TO AMERICAS SOON TO BE FASTEST GROWING ARTICLE SENSATION. **RAILFAN RANTINGS**. IN THIS COLUMN I POSE A QUESTION TO OUR MEMBERS VIA THE TAMR ONLINE GROUP AT YAHOO. AND HOPEFULLY COME AWAY WITH SOME INSIGHTFUL, AMUSING, AND POSSIBLY SILLY ANSWERS. THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

What are your thoughts on adding the word "railfans" to our name?

Steven Goehring, Nazareth, PA: "Hmm, as long as we still have a simple acronym for our name, it sounds good to me. After all, most of our members are active railfans, and not all of us are into model railroading. There are the few rare model-railroader- not-railfan exceptions, like me, but it's worth a name modification to make our enthusiasm to include camera-packing railfans evident to prospective members."

Willie Roberge, Wareham, MA: "Very Well Put!!!! I agree 100%. Just as you said (almost) every Model RR'er is a Railfan, not every Railfan is a Model RR'er. Case in point, I asked a friend in High School that liked trains to join the TAMR and upon hearing the name disrespectfully said "NO! I don't play with little toy choo choos!" So an including railfanning/ train watching/ enthusiasm towards the prototype would be of a great benefit to the club. Now, the tricky part what shall we call ourselves?"

Peter Maurath, Cleveland, OH: "While I normally don't post to this, I feel it is necessary to hear the other side of this issue. While a name change may sound like a good idea on the surface we must remember a few

important points if a name change were to go ahead. First it would require a change of all of our printed materials, including this newsletter, pamphlets, flyers, banners, not to mention any advertisements out there (i.e. MRN, MR), so they'll be expenses there. Second, our non-profit 501c7 tax status is with our present name, any change is going to require filings with the IRS, and I don't even want to imagine the paperwork. Third, I question if this will even help our group. The TAMR has always catered to model railroaders and railfans alike, and teen and young adults are smart enough to figure that out, why else would so many of you be here, as I know many of the younger members in this group are hardly into model railroading. We can't think a simple name change is going to fix all our problems."

WANT TO JOIN IN THE RANTING? THEN JOIN THE TAMR ONLINE GROUP AT YAHOO GROUPS.COM.

The Hotbox tip of the month

NEED INTERSTATE SIGNAGE FOR A LAYOUT TURNPIKE, OR HAVE NOTHING ELSE BETTER TO DO ON THE INTERNET? CHECK OUT: [HTTP://WWW.KURUMI.COM/ROADS/SIGNMAKER/SIGNMAKER.HTML](http://www.kurumi.com/roads/signmaker/signmaker.html) HERE YOU CAN MAKE AND PRINT YOUR OWN INTERSTATE SIGNS FOR YOUR MINIATURE OUTERBELT.



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Doug's Railfan Recommendations

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Issue 2: Selkirk, NY

Hello all, and welcome back to my column Doug's Railfan Recommendations. These are places I have been to and found to be good spots for different reasons.

Selkirk, NY is located just outside of Albany, the Capitol of New York. Fairly easy to get to and only about 2 hrs from Syracuse, NY; and W. Springfield, MA (home of the TAMR Winter Convention.) Selkirk holds the largest hump yard in the northeast. It serves all trains that go to, and come from New York City, Boston, Vermont, New Hampshire, Cleveland, Chicago, & many more points.

Great spots I have found are:

Bens Bridge - Ben's bridge is located off of RT 9w near the South Albany Airport. The great thing about Bens bridge is it goes over the heart of CSX's Selkirk Yard. From the bridge you have a clear view of the engine fueling racks, hump hill and yard, engine servicing facility, receiving/staging yard (for the hump), and an auto rack unloading facility. Selkirk Yard is owned and operated by the CSX rail corporation but welcomes all railroad locomotives.

While on some of my visits I have seen CSX, Conrail (owned before the merger), NS, UP, CP, CN, Wisconsin Central, Bay Colony, BNSF, 1 Chicago & North Western loco, and numerous leasing engines. Always good stuff on hand.

Game Farm Rd. - Game Farm Rd is located just west of the yard and crosses the double track mainline. There is a small parking area just feet from the tracks. While at the grade crossing if you look to your west you will see a signal which is great for those who don't have scanners yet. Here you can catch all the west and east bound traffic coming from Chicago and points in between.

Voorheesville, NY - Voorheesville is a small town west of Game Farm Rd. Many years ago Voorheesville was home to a diamond (as seen on older TAMR tape from there) which was used by the former D&H & Conrail. The diamond was removed about 5-6 yrs ago but the traffic continues.

An awesome parking area sits across the street from the tracks and you have a long view in both directions. on average, trains pass about every 30-35 min. There are time when, like anywhere else, you'll have the 1-2 hr lull.



Also while in Voorheesville, Stop by the Voorheesville Diner. It's located right next to the tracks and is a great breakfast location. I usually get the window seat facing the tracks and have video camera/ still camera ready for action.

That's it for this edition of *Doug's Railfan Recommendations*. I hope you enjoyed this article. If you have any questions or comments,

please email me at warehamwounder2003@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from everyone and maybe even suggestions of future places to visit.

Keep a look out for the next edition when I talk about a great route to travel for surprises: Rt 7 from Schenectady, NY to Binghanton, NY following the CP main line.●



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RAILROAD CINEMA PRESENTS: "EMPEROR OF THE NORTH" By: Willie Roberge

The Home of Number 19

We finish our review this month with some trivia

The Ernest Borgnine's character's nickname "Shack" is derived from the fact that he is the Conductor of a freight train and there place on a freight was most often in the Caboose which was commonly dubbed "The Shack." Ironically Borgnine's character was not seen inside his "namesake" as was more often seen in locomotive # 19.

The part of "Hogger" (the Engineer) was veteran actor Malcolm Atterbury's final film role. His father was once president of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Original Title of the movie was going to be "Emperor of the North Pole" which was the tongue and cheek title of the "King of the Hobos." It was felt that naming the movie this might confuse some movie goers. The Emperor of the North Pole is the Hobos way of making fun of themselves, there way of saying "So what if I am king?" "King of What?" The hobos had nothing so being there king was like being King or Emperor of the North Pole which despite the lofty title is a barren wasteland and is like being the ruler of nothing.

The opening of the moving includes a short history to set ting up the atmosphere for the movie. It is mentioned that "The Railroad Man stood between the Hobo and the Train." While it is true that crews were on the lookout to keep Hobos off the train their relationship was not as antagonistic as portrayed in the movie. Often times in the cold Railroaders would invite hobos into the locomotive or caboose to help them out. Hobos often would help the Railroad as well. One Hobo was dubbed a hero by the New Haven Railroad in 1938 during "The Hurricane of '38" by successfully warning and and stopping a passenger train on the Shoreline (the present day Northeast Corridor) successfully averting disaster.

The film was shot in and around the city of Cottage Grove, Oregon along the right-of-way of the Oregon Pacific and Eastern Railway (OP&E). Willis Kyle, President and owner of the OP&E in 1972, allowed the film company unlimited access to make the film. Oregon, Pacific and Eastern's rolling stock including two steam locomotives (one of these being #19, a type 2-8-2 Mikado), appear in the film. Also featured in the film is the Dorena Reservoir, located about 10 miles east of Cottage Grove, and OP&E's railyard in downtown Cottage Grove.

The Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Ry. Co. operated 16.6 miles from an interchange with the Southern Pacific at Cottage Grove, east to Culp Creek, OR.

The line opened in 1904 from Cottage Grove to Wildwood, 18 miles, as the Oregon & Southeastern RR. The OP&E was incorporated in 1912 and purchased the assets of the O&SE in 1914. The OP&E was reorganized in 1940 under the same name.

The OP&E was purchased by the Booth-Kelley Lumber Co. in 1947. It remained a B-K property until 1959, when Georgia-Pacific purchased Booth-Kelley, including the OP&E.

The railroad was purchased from Georgia-Pacific in 1970 by Row River Industries (itself jointly owned by Kyle Railways and Bohemia, Inc.). Passenger excursions were operated from 1972 until 1987. Bohemia, Inc., acquired Kyle Railway's shares of the line in 1987.

As of March, 1986, the line owned 3 locomotives (the 11, 21, and 602), 31 box cars, and 44 flat cars.

The line was abandoned in 1994. And the line has since become a Bike Path.

In 1926, prior to the Filming of the Emperor of the North, the first of at least three movies was filmed on the line. Silent film "The General" starring Buster Keaton about the famous Civil War locomotive chase was filmed and even involved a scene where a temporary bridge was built across the Row River and a locomotive was driven over it as it collapsed into the river.

Apparently the remains were later salvaged and nothing remains there today.

In 1986, the last major movie to be made on the line was "Stand by Me". ●

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The Top 7

By: Peter Maurath

From the Home office in Cleveland, OH, it's tonight's Top Seven List!"

Top Seven rejected words that could have been added to our name

#7. Zehner

#6. Newton

#5. Styrofoam peanut

#4. Kumquat

#3. Defenestration

#2. Toast

And the number one rejected words to add to our name!

Penn Central

The Extra Board New Memberships-0

Renewals-1

Brian Kul p

Expiring Memberships-6

Kyl e Fl asschoen

Joel Fl asschoen

Christian Friedrich

Ben Neal

Mark MacDougal I

Austin MacDougal I

Present Member Count- 53→

Editors Note: This will be a feature every month showing everyone, who's joining, who's staying and who's going. If your name is up there I hope it's in the renewal section or will be next month.

The Hotbox Definition of the month.

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\ hwī \ n : A word popluar with three-year-olds.



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Hot-off the laptop! It's TAMR productions latest release (courtesy of GrayMedia Inc.) The Winter National Convention Video 2008. Check that out along with other train video's right now on You-tube. Just go to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAQQJK_fUXo to see it today!

The Hot box Funny name of the Month

Pulled at random from the Southern Region Telephone Directory of the Penn Central Telecentral Phone Network, "There is always time for courtesy."

B.P. Inkpen

This concludes the Hotbox funny name of the month, Provided by the Penn Central, Tel ecentral Phone Network. "when you answer the phone you are the company."

It's out of control!

The Burning River Limited **2008**

Cleveland, OH/6.27-6.29

The TAMR summer convention comes to Cleveland this year as your esteemed and sharply dressed Hotbox Editor dons the cap of Convention Director, hosting this years festivities.

Join us for:

- A ride on the *Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway*.
- A tour of the *Mad River Railway Historical Societies Train museum*. Featuring over 100 pieces of equipment along with thousands of artifacts.
- A tour of the *Northern Ohio Railway Museum*. Ohio's only active trolley museum.
- Slides shows
- Clinics (including a return of layout on a Shoestring Budget by Peter Maurath)

MORE TO COME IN NEXT MONTH'S CONVENTION ISSUE OF THE HOTBOX...

Slide show and clinic spots are now available to anyone who is interested. Our convention site does have digital projection equipment available for those who wish to show digital slide presentations, or PowerPoint.

Limited sleeping accommodations will be made available at the directors home to those members who cannot afford a hotel. (Reservations are now being taken.)

To book a slide show, clinic, or any for other inquiries please contact:

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COMING SOON TO **THE HOTBOX:**

-Summer National Convention Issue next month! All you need to know about the summer convention in a convenient paper shell.

COMING SOON TO **THE TAMR:**

-The Burning River Limited 08', this summer in Cleveland!
-TAMR Elections, this November, are you running?



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Before I go...

