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from the cleaners..

Contributions

Send your check to my...oops, sorry, you mean that type of contribution. We here at The Hotbox are always in need of new material. Here are a few examples:

Feature Articles:

This is what we're always looking for. From a railfan trip, to your home layout's story, or your own story. Size can range from a paragraph to a full page. Pictures are always appreciated.

Columns:

Full of great tips on layout improvement? Got a million reasons EMD is better than GE? Start a monthly, or bi-monthly column. Size same as features.

Photos and Drawings:

Got a great photo collection you want to show-off? Got a notebook full of railroad cartoons, or layout logos? Send them to the Hotbox staff for consideration.

Send all Submissions, or Hotbox questions to:

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Check out TAMR on the web at: www.TAMR.org
Or Join our online yahoo news group, by contacting:

pivotpin@TAMR.org

(By joining you'll receive updates on TAMR news and events, plus be connected to dozens of other TAMR members. There's no cost to join this group, do it today!)

If you have a web site relating to trains or model railroading, why not join the TAMR web ring. It costs nothing, and provides a link for all TAMR members to find other TAMR sites. To join, send your e-mail address and web site URL to:

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You know that hat has a slimming effect on you!

ON THE COVER: . The Hocking Valley Scenic Railway's GP7 #5833 pauses for photo's on the bridge over the Hocking River in Nelsonville, OH this past July..
Peter Maurath, photo.



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A message from your editor in chief.

Just two month's left in the year, and two issue's left in my duties as your Editor. Following the December issue, Ben Hawken from Single Springs, CA will be taking over. I've been in regular contact with him over these last few month's and he's gearing-up to take the reins with the January issue. He plans to keep the format just as it is, so hopefully the transition will be seamless.

I finish out the year, and my tenure as Editor, on an election year for both the nation and the TAMR. In your hands is our biannual election issue, in which you the member, get to

choose the slate of officers that will serve you over the next two years. It's pretty straightforward, the candidates for each office are listed along with a brief campaign stump (or Letter of Intent as we like to call them), and the official duties of each position. The ballot is located on pages 5-6. Simply follow the instructions on the ballot for voting and mailing and you're done in a matter of minutes, maybe even seconds (the ballot is pretty simple!).

Once again I have to remind everyone that voting is open to ALL MEMBERS. There is no age limit for voting just for running for office. Also, keep that in mind should you decide to add a write in candidate. I want a high turnout this year for ballots and I see no reason why that can't be. All it takes is two minutes of your time and a stamp. If only real voting was this simple!

NOTE: For those members getting the online Hotbox,



print out the ballot, vote and mail it in. **If any member has any questions at all about voting feel free to contact me at the**

addy's to the left.

Ok, with all that schtick out of the way, I'll also remind everybody of the coming Winter National Convention this January 24-25 in tropical Springfield, MA. Returning for this year is the Photo Contest featuring more prizes than you can shake a cat at. Check out all the info on page 7 and I hope to see you there!•

Office of President

Candidate: Sawyer Berry
Aiken, SC

Letter Of Intent for Presidency

Dear TAMR members,

I am running for president because I'd love a chance to further this great organization, and now I can focus a little more time on that now that the Schofield Middle Rams football season is over.

One main thing I would like to accomplish as president is creating a standard TAMR flyer that members could pass out wherever, whether it be at school, out walking around, or at train shows, or anywhere else. I'd also like the chance at making this organization more well-known throughout the model railroading community. I've been a model railroader, in the sense of having a layout with scenery, since I was 8 or 9, and loved trains since I can first remember. Please vote for me in the upcoming election.

Sincerely,
Sawyer J. Berry

Office of Vice-President

Candidate: Steven Goehring
Nazareth, PA

Letter Of Intent for Vice-Presidency

This'll probably be one of the shortest letters of intent ever printed here, but hey, simplicity helps sometimes. I would like to run for Vice-President since I think that the President job is better off in the hands of someone who is a better advertiser, but I will step up and stay on as President if no one else runs. In either job, I hope to build on the upswing in activity following the website redesign and encourage current members to try using the new and newly rediscovered perks of TAMR membership. With community involvement back up from its previous near-zero level, I hope to use e-mail and/or a printed publication to better welcome new members and direct them to talk with veteran members about their hobby interests and their hopes for TAMR membership. My time is limited with college, but I'll keep my tasks simple, keep my e-mail box wide open for input, and try to foster more involvement, because activity creates fun!

Duties of the office of President

- Oversee the day to day operation and coordination of the TAMR.
- To act as official representative.
- To participate in Congress.
- To appoint members to positions.
- Communicate regularly with members of Congress.

Duties of the office of Vice-President

- To assist the President in the day to day operation and coordination of the TAMR.
- To act as ceremonial leader if the President is unable to do so.
- To participate in Congress.
- To temporarily assume the office of President should the President become incapacitated or impeached, until a new President is elected.



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Office of Treasurer

Candidate: none

Office of Western Region Representative

Candidate: none

Duties of the office of Treasurer

- To set up any financial accounts he/she deems necessary to responsibly handle TAMR funds.
- To keep a detailed account of all TAMR funds and to assure all money is spent for TAMR purposes.
- To participate in Congress.
- To oversee regional budgets.
- To provide financial records to any member upon request, with the deletion of personal records.
- To produce a membership handbook.
- To keep an up to date membership roster and to distribute renewal notices.
- To produce a mailing list for the editor monthly, and to produce a mailing list quarterly for regional.

Duties of the Regional Representatives

- To oversee all region activities.
- To produce a quarterly newsletter.
- To participate in Congress.
- To organize regional fundraising.
- YOU MUST LIVE IN THE REGION TO REPRESENT IT, AND VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE. YOU CANNOT VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE IN A REGION YOU DO NOT LIVE IN.

Office of Southern Region Representative

Candidate: Matthew Robert Leander, TX

Letter Of Intent for SR Rep

I intend to run for the position of Southern Regional Representative this year, so I will be able to continue my efforts as representative that I have carried out for several months now. These include spreading the word about TAMR within my region, recruiting new members, and writing the Crescent newsletter for the Southern Region.

Recently, I have not been able to be as active as I want to in this position due to a busy school schedule, but I am adjusting to it, and am now up to the challenge. The Crescent newsletter is in development stages and contributors are welcome! It's first issue will most likely be 1-2 pages as I refine the content, and the layout. Do not expect anything extraordinary this first time, it's going to take some time to make this work.

Finally, I may print some kind of informational flier about the TAMR to distribute to local hobby shops and shows. I have had people approach me within the region about doing this, and I believe it's a good idea.

These are some of the major ideas I have relating to the TAMR and the Southern Region, so hopefully the region members will let me continue as I strive to increase participation in the region. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Office of Northeastern Region Representative

Candidate: none

Office of Central Region Representative

Candidate: you guessed it, none

Office of International Region Representative

Candidate: yup, still none



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YOUR 2008 TAMR ELECTION BALLOT

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

Please check only one box per office of the candidate you prefer. REMEMBER, you can only vote for a regional representative in your region! In the event no candidate is listed, or you don't like the candidate, you can choose a write-in candidate by checking the "write-in candidate", box, and inserting the appropriate name (Must be a TAMR member under the age of 21). When you are finished voting please sign and date the bottom, unsigned ballots will not be counted! When completed, cut out, then fold along lines on back into thirds, so mailing information faces out, staple or tape the top seam, add a postage stamp, and drop in the mail. **BALLOTS ARE DUE ONE MONTH AFTER THE POSTMARK ON THIS ISSUE (OR WHEN IT ARRIVED IN YOUR INBOX FOR YOU ONLINE MEMBERS). RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY.** If you're reading this then you're obviously a sharp egg who takes the time to take in all the necessary information before proceeding, though now your just wasting your time listening to me ramble on about how great you are, get over yourself and fill out this ballot.

For the Office of President of the TAMR:

Sawyer Berry
Write-in

For the Office of Vice-President of the TAMR:

Steven Goehring
Write-in

For the Office of Treasurer of the TAMR:

Write-in

For the Office of Northeast Region Representative of the TAMR:

Write-in

For the Office of Central Region Representative of the TAMR:

Write-in

For the Office of Southern Region Representative of the TAMR:

Matthew Roberts
Write-in

For the Office of Western Region Representative of the TAMR:

Write-in

For the Office of International Region Representative of the TAMR:

Write-in

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

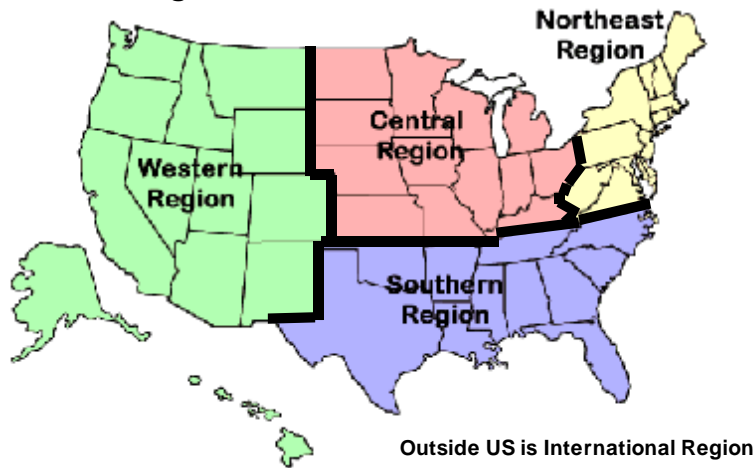
You have now completed voting. Do not pass go, do not collect two-hundred dollars. Save the cheerleader, save the world. Our state fair is a great state fair. Only time will tell if we stand the test of time. I come from the land down under where women glow and men plunder. Don't you forgot about me. Who ya gonna call, ghostbusters! Don't eat the yellow snow, and if you ever go to San Francisco where some flowers in your hair. I'm outta here!



Use scissors to cut, or very carefully tear, this page out along the fold. Fold this third in first along line below, then bottom third so address faces out. If you did this right you won't see this when you're finished.

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TAMR Regions



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Peter Maurath
13212 Wilton Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44135

Don't
Forget
Postage!

Staple or tape here

From:

The Top 7

By: Peter Maurath

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

Top Seven reasons to vote in this election

- #7. I know who you are, and I know where you live.
- #6. Steven promises everyone who votes will get a big, sloppy, wet kiss.
- #5. Gives those hand muscles a good workout.
- #4. If you don't, then the terrorists win.
- #3. Your ballot will actually be touched and handled by TAMR celebrity, and mega-star, Peter F. Maurath.
- #2. Beats watching an apple brown.

And the number one reason to vote in this election!

You can use up all those 39 cent stamps laying around the house.

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Celebrating over twenty years of attendance, the TAMR will once again be hosting a table at the Amherst Railway Society's Railroad Hobby Show, in Springfield, MA. You know what that means, Winter Convention Time! Come join us January 23-25, 2009 for a weekend of trains, slide-shows, pizza and did I mention the trains? Meet TAMR members Newton Vezina, Peter Maurath, Chris Burchett, and more, tour the second largest train show in the U.S., check out slide-shows, and just have fun hanging-out with other young railfans and hobbyists.

Back again after a six year hiatus, The *Winter National Convention Photo Contest*, will be held during the convention. Offering you a chance to show off your shutterbug skills and win some awesome prizes. All host Peter Maurath asks is that the shot is your own, taken by you, and is free of excessive digital editing. Subject can be either model or prototype related. Five prizes will be awarded ranging from locomotives to rolling stock vehicles, etc.

We will once again be offering hotel accommodations at discounted rates to our members. For \$25 a night you can stay at the palatial Marriott's Residence Inn, Springfield, in the "TAMR suite" with plenty of room the spread out, an indoor pool, and free FULL breakfast every morning! To reserve your space contact the Convention Director at the info below.

For more information on anything above, please contact Newton Vezina, Convention Director at:

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Membership to the TAMR includes an eleven month subscription to the Hotbox, the annual directory of members, quarterly regional newsletters and an election to participate in all TAMR events. The available membership categories are as follows: Regular (under 21)-\$15, Associate (21 and over)-\$20, International (outside US)-\$18

To become a part of the TAMR, or to renew, send your information to:
Tim Vermande, TAMR Pivot Pin, 11667 Tidewater Dr, Fishers, IN 46037, USA

Offer good why supplies last, negative equity applied to new loan balance, must take delivery of dealer stock, see store for complete details. No purchase necessary, void where prohibited. For a complete list of rules, regulations, and the best darn restaurants in Bellaire, OH send a SSAEBDR to the above address. If you are at all unsatisfied with this hotbox, please return unused portion for a complete blow-off by our staff. Thank you!

COMING SOON TO **THE HOTBOX:**

- James Lincoln takes us aboard CSX's Boston and Albany Line.
- More on the TAMR layout from Drew Matarazzo.

COMING SOON TO **THE TAMR:**

- TAMR Elections, this month, are you running?
- Winter National Convention in Springfield, MA, January, 09.



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