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Front & Back Covers

"F" units are "in". Our artists keep drawing them. Eric Miller has done this months cover and Ralph Heiss has done the back.

Because of the "abundance" of the really talented artwork the HOTBOX has received, there are two drawings this month.

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EXTRA BOARD

All the news that fits, we print:

MEMBERSHIP BY DEE GILBERT

Total TAMR membership (4-1-86): 108
Breakdown as follows:

REGION	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Canadian	3	2%
Central	54	50%
International	1	-1%
Northeastern	27	25%
Southern	9	8%
Western	11	10%

For those of you who have renewed your memberships months ago and are now just getting your back issues, I am sorry for the delay. The Secretary's office has been very busy since my move from Arkansas. Things have been delayed and I am now just getting the Editor the address labels for your HOTBOX's. If you have not received your back issues, drop the Editor a line and let him know. Once again, sorry for the inconvenience.

Dee Gilbert
TAMR Secretary



If it is time for you to renew this issue, and you plan to do so, do it PROMPTLY because the 1986 Directory is being prepared. The sooner you renew, the better of a chance you'll be in it. Send the TAMR Secretary your renewal application no later than MAY 15, 1986 or else you'll miss out. Make your check out to the TAMR.

Notice!

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Proposed Amendments

Claude J. Morelli has submitted the following propositions to be voted upon by the membership:

PROPOSITION A:

Because it is grammatically incorrect (i.e. because it is impossible for there to be an association of model railroading), the name of the Teen Association of Model Railroading should be changed to "Teen Association of Model Railroaders."

PROPOSITION B:

Amend Article IV, section 2 of the TAMR Constitution to read: "A region is considered organized if it has an elected regional representative who may serve as its representative to the TAMR, and if it has a written set of by-laws to regulate its general affairs."

PROPOSITION C:

Amend Article IV, section 5 of the TAMR Constitution to read: "The TAMR Executive Board shall be the final authority on all inter-regional and intra-regional disputes."

David M. Holden has submitted the following propositions to be voted upon by the membership:

PROPOSITION D:

Ad a new section to article IV stating: "Persons wishing to belong to organized regions and receive their newsletters must be TAMR members. No other benefits of the regions may be shared by non-TAMR members except for promotional purposes. This section becomes effective with all new or renewed applications to regions beginning August 1, 1986."

PROPOSITION E:

Ad a new article to the Constitution saying: "To prevent the TAMR or its members from being harmed by imprudent members, the TAMR Executive Board has the authority to do the following:

A. By a majority vote, revoke a membership to the TAMR because a member has not, on more than one occasion, not abided by the TAMR Constitution and its by-laws.

B. By a majority vote, bar a member(s) from participating in TAMR activities.

C. By a majority vote, revoke a membership to the TAMR because of a member not following TAMR Executive Board orders."

Officer Candidates

Below is the list and platforms for the respective offices from the candidates.

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR - 1986-1988

John Huseby, III

I accept the nomination for TAMR Auditor. In this election, I am stepping down as Central Region Representative to run for the office of the Auditor.

Through my two years as Rep. and four years in the TAMR, I have seen how the TAMR operates and its many problems as well as its improvements. With the experience that I have as Rep., I would like to hold this executive office to carry on my willingness to keep building the TAMR into a fun model railroading organization for teens.

My plans, if elected, are to rebuild the membership of the TAMR. The growth will carry into regions to make them grow strong too. I will try to encourage members to renew their memberships by offering more benefits. I will aid members to help them start their own local "Chapters". I will also aid the President in any way to solve

the problems of the TAMR as well as making sure TAMR funds are not spent in foolish ways.

The main reason I would like to be the Auditor is to carry on my responsibilities to help the TAMR grow. Vote for someone with experience; vote John Huseby, III for TAMR Auditor.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER - 1986-1988

Steve Schwenk

I believe that the TAMR is a worthwhile organization dedicated to teenage modelers to improve and further their enjoyment of model railroading. If this were not so, the TAMR wouldn't have lasted this long. However, as I look back over past issues of the HOTBOX, I see a decline in enthusiasm and quality articles in the club. We used to have a membership of over 300: I would like to see us surpass that.

Officers need to provide strong leadership for this organization or the club will become dormant. I feel now is the time to reorganize this leadership and provide a strong foundation for our future.

I have been a regular member for one year and a sustaining member for the last two years. As Treasurer, I have many ideas and proposals which would better the club. I plan on starting a new savings account and checking account, both of which would earn higher amounts of interest than present accounts. Also, record books will be kept on a computer as well as on paper for more efficient and quicker computation.

I am a personal friend of and live not far from our present Treasurer, Claude Morelli. Since Claude is retiring and I live near by, the transfer of materials will be smooth. Any questions I may have at first can be easily answered by him.

Not only will I manage the funds efficiently, I will help in the promotion of the TAMR, especially on the local level. I hope to increase the membership regardless of my election. I encourage every member to vote and please consider me as you make your decision.

Brian Sullinger

Hi! This is great! I have been nominated for TAMR Treasurer. I really do want to participate more in the TAMR. Now I get my chance and I really think I can do a good job.

I'm 14 years old and I am a high school freshman. I like mathematics and I can do a decent job in book-keeping. I write my fathers

checks for him and after a year of doing it, I am very good at it. Since I have a job as a drummer in a band, I put my money in the bank and manage my account.

All in all, I think the TAMR is an excellent and helpful organization. I really like the TAMR and hope to become Treasurer of this club. I would like to see it prosper and will do all I can to help it prosper.

Stan Ujka

My name is Stan Ujka and I am a railfan/photographer, model railroader from Addison, IL. That is a suburb of Chicago. You may have read about my Spooner Central Railroad in the 21st Anniversary HOTBOX.

If elected Treasurer, I promise to be stubborn enough in my distribution of TAMR funds as to insure the financial stability of the organization. I will do this and work with the other Executive Board members in the promotion of and growth of the TAMR. I will carefully examine each proposal for spending TAMR funds and accept only those which I am confident will succeed in the promotion of the TAMR.

Together with the other Executive Board members, I will use the TAMR funds wisely to promote the club and to insure its strong future.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES- 1986-1988

Canadian Region Representative Office

No platforms were recieved for this office.

Central Region Representative Office

Dave Chapman

Hello, my name is Dave Chapman and I'm running for Central Region Rep. again, as some of you may remember from the other year. If elected, I will make the Central Region the best region in the TAMR (although it already is). I will get more meets put in and I will generate more excitement so we can meet more people and have a lot of fun. I have ideas forming but I need your vote to win. So thanks for your vote, you won't regret it.

Scott Eastin

I have decided to run for Central Region Rep. I think we should have a meeting maybe once a month to discuss what we are going to do in the future and also what we're going to do at the next convention. I think we ought to go

railfanning maybe once or twice a month in other states as a group to find out more about the various railroads in that state. Also, if we could set up a money making project to raise enough money, maybe we could ride the Amtrak across the country.

I have also thought of sticking our railroads together to form a big railroad at the conventions. It would also be nice to have a TAMR holiday out of the year. Well, that's it for now; thanks for reading my platform.

Christian Johanningmeier

My name is Christian Johanningmeier and I am running for the upcoming term of Central Region Representative. I have been active in the TAMR, I've written several articles for the HOTBOX (to be published soon) and I have represented the TAMR at several local events. I am also the Vice President of the TAMR's newest "Chapter", RAILS, which is at the University of Missouri- Columbia.

The railroad industry has always been noted for its innovativeness. Even when times were not so good, the industry was always experimenting with new techniques and inventions. This is the kind of ambition and enthusiasm that I would like to take into the office of Central Region Rep. One of the primary responsibilities of a Regional Rep. is that of membership. At the present, TAMR membership is not at its highest level. One thing we as TAMR members need to do is recognize why our membership is down, come up with a solution and put it into operation. This effort needs to be made to increase membership which could only mean improvement of the TAMR in general.

One of my major goals is to increase membership in the Central Region. People sometimes forget that an elected official is a public servant, the public being the TAMR. That means any problems and questions concerning the TAMR should be directed toward TAMR officials.

If elected, I would be disappointed if I had no one ask about the TAMR or a problem concerning the TAMR. This would make my job too easy. I can guarantee a better than average job as your representative. Once again, my name is Christian Johanningmeier and I am running for Central Region Rep.

Alan Ristow

I love model railroading and the TAMR and I would love to serve as Central Region Representative. I think I could do a great job at promoting the Central Region and the TAMR as a whole. Through a local contact, I may be able to get the TAMR involved in at least one train show per year.

I really believe I can do something as the Central Region Rep., and hope you will put your trust in me and vote for me. By the way, the TAMR is structured for and by you, so do your share for your organization and vote. Vote even if not for me.

Northeastern Region Representative Office

Ralph Heiss

My name is Ralph Heiss and I am a candidate for the Northeastern Region Representative of the TAMR. I'm 16 years old and live in Rockaway, NJ, which is a suburb of northwest New York City.

Ever since last summer, I have become increasingly active in my region. I have made many friends in the region and therefore have become aware of problems in the NR. I have been told that NR's Executive Board has had difficulty in running the NR and I plan to reform it.

I had trouble getting into the NR when I first joined the TAMR last spring. I do keep up on issues of both the NR and TAMR. I also publish a newsletter and run a "Regional Chapter" of the TAMR, much like our HOTBOX Editor, David Holden, has done at his college in Columbia, MO.

A matter that greatly concerns me is the low membership in the TAMR. I am sure it bothers a lot more members than just me, but a few just don't do anything to remedy this. There are many remedies for this, such as writing an article for a magazine like MODEL RAILROADER's Student Fare and putting in a plug for the TAMR. Or you could do what I and others have done and start a "Regional Chapter" and put out your own newsletter. Your local hobby shop owner may even let you put up a poster that you make about the TAMR.

Just remember, the success of the TAMR depends on you. I feel we can strengthen both the NR and the TAMR and I will commit myself to do so if elected. Remember to vote.

Eric Miller

"If you elect me . . .", this is how most choose to start their platforms. Instead I will tell you about myself. I live in Altoona, PA and I am 17 years old. I joined the TAMR about two years ago. I have gained many new members for the NR.

If you do elect me, I plan to try many new things to better the NR. Many new programs will be established to increase participation. A newsletter will be out frequently and if this is not done, I will see to the possibility of at least getting an updated flyer out. Other

regions will be kept up to date on NR activity through the HOTBOX and other region newsletters. We need membership cards for our region, VIA train shows, etc., on a regular basis.

Together, there is nothing that can stand in the way of making the TAMR great if the members support it. Be active, voice your opinion. Our newsletters always need materials. I can't change the TAMR by myself, but if elected, and with your help from your votes to put me in office, we can make the TAMR be a step closer to greatness. Vote Eric Miller for Northeastern Region Rep. Thanks.

Dave Valentine

The Northeastern Region has needed reorganization for the past nine months. If elected to NR Rep., I hope to rectify the largest reoccurring problem facing the NR: keeping a reliable printing source. I have been a NR member for five years. In that time we have lost our printing source three times. Many new members get one or two issues and give up after nine months and loose interest.

Part of my reorganization calls for the re-election of officers in the region and making it mandatory. In order to restore the NR to its old self, I will take work not only from its officers but from the general membership.

I am a optimist and I think we can make the region better. We must all pool together for a common goal.

ELECTION RULES

Only members in good standing (current dues paid) may vote.

The right to write in names not otherwise on the ballot shall be preserved.

The candidate who recieves the largest number of votes wins. Ties are proken by the entire incumbent TAMR Executive Board.

Only members living within the geographical limits of each region shall be able to vote for the Regional Rep. of that region.

Canadian Region includes: All provinces of Canada
The Central Region includes these states: OH, KY, IN, IL, MI, WI, MN, IA, MO, NB, KS, ND, SD. North-eastern Region includes these states: ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, PA, DE, MD, VA and WV.

SEND YOUR COMPLETED BALLOT TO THE AUDITOR NOT LATER THAN MAY 20, 1986. NO LATE BALLOTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

TRAIN ORDERS



TRAIN ORDERS is a letters column in the TAMR HOTBOX where you can express your views on the TAMR, its publications and its officers. All letters for this column should be sent to the Editor of the TAMR HOTBOX.

I just received the February HOTBOX; it looks great! I sure hope you don't keep improving on it, otherwise you are going to make me look bad! Thanks for the kind words about honorary membership.

I liked the piece on Amtrak and I feel that it is certainly appropriate to feature such a nationwide rail event in the HOTBOX. Back in 1971, when Amtrak cam into being, the HOTBOX did a number of features on America's disappearing passenger train. Our members need to be kept informed on this. I will try to pass along anything I can in the way of information to you on Amtrak. Since I work for the government, I get a weekly publication entitled FEDERAL TIMES. It outlines the latest actions and budget cuts. Perhaps you could exhort our railfan oriented members to get out and take pictures of Amtrak while they can. Not just of the trains either; but of the stations and other support facilities as well.

Keep promoting the shirts for RAILS and put in a plug for Gerry Dobeys caps. Those caps have a great effect on non-rail oriented people, imagine the effect at rail meets and alike. We should use both of them as a basis for solidarity especially during our talks with the NMRA. If officials of the NMRA see groups of TAMR members regularly at their affairs, they may begin to take us seriously. Think about it.

Mark Kaszniak
Chicago, IL

Each issue of the HOTBOX you have done has been an improvement over the last one. Keep this up! I think the black edge around the cover of the March issue looks really great. I think the word "Hotbox" looks better the old way, though, with black letters on white.

Claude Morelli,
TAMR Treasurer

Good luck in your new job.

Scott Stuckey
Special Features Editor
BOYS' LIFE



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FACT: GFL now has the CS Models Express truck in N scale. It is a real nice model and can be painted to suit the individual taste. It has real nice detail considering the small size. This model is made of metal. I found this kit quite easy to put together. The kit goes very nicely with Kadee wheel sets, it also is matched to the Kadee truck pins. Use them with body mounted couplers. SUGGESTED USE: Put the Atlas and Con-Cor REA cars on a Kadee chassis, mount these trucks and the body mount couplers. This gives the train a real nice head end look. You could also remove the word "refrigerator" from the side of the car and put the Con-Cor corrugated coach diaphragms on the ends of the box cars. This gives them the REAL look of the headend equip. stuff.. It puts the flow of the train in better perspective as well as having the diaphragms in there. They're \$4.95 + \$1.00 postage.

OTHER CS MODEL STUFF OF INTEREST

Item # 501, N scale 1949 Mercedes & a 1953 Chevy. One per pack- \$2.95 + \$1.00 ship.

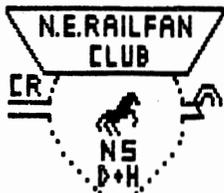
#701- N scale wood chip hopper kit, less trucks, \$6.95 + \$1.00 ship. These are used by PGE, BCR, CNR, CPR, MILW, GN, SOU, ADN.

#901, Embossed Shingle Material- 5 sheets (N only) \$1.50 + \$1.00 ship.

#CPR Water Tank, wood kit- N scale, \$16.95 + \$2.00 ship.

All of these items are for sale by GFL. Allow six weeks for delivery.

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TAMR MEMBERS! Interested in the northeast RR scene? Then the Northeast Rail Fan Club is for you. Recieve our news-letter- the Shields, Rails & Horses. It focuses on the Northeastern railroading, past present and future. Dues are

\$4.00 a year with six issues that are delivered bi-monthly. YOU MUST BE A TAMR MEMBER TO JOIN. Write: 47 Meggins Rd, Rockaway, NJ 07866

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The Conneaut Southern & the Allegheny Northern are upgrading their joint Pittview yard in Pittsburgh with glassed in inspection pits & new electropneumatic retarders. The first ANR SD 60's are due to arrive in early spring. All GP 35's will be traded in on the 60's. ANR E60CF #128 given experimental narrow yellow end stripes will not be repeated on any other loco's.

ANR is building anew line to serve five large mines. When finished, the line should handle 7 to 9 trains a day. A power crunch is foreseen when the line opens so ANR is now testing some CS C30-7A's. CS news: C36-7's are expected to arrive late spring. U28B's are being traded in on the new GE's. CS and ANR are about to start our new sizzilin hot auto train- the ACCELERATOR. It will haul new VW Jetta's & Golfs from the VW's New Stanton, PA plant to eastern & western markets. Virginia Central: Where are you?

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The RS is near completion! By the time you read this, all of the benchwork will be completed. Wiring and scenery are around the corner. We have had a problem here and there. On March 2nd last year, the RS was hit with a flood. The kitchen sink "river" was left on and the sink clogged. The basement was hit pretty hard and the RS workshop was too. Only a few magazines were lost but it left quite a mess on what we are working on. Also, on Feb. 24th, RS train with SD 40-2's, #'s 6060 and 6040 struck a stranded truck and exploded. The 6060 was torched beyond repair and the crew was saaly lost. The RS may later on make it a B unit. Our roster is growing. We may be getting some MoPac yard slugs and we are making some road slugs for older GP35's.

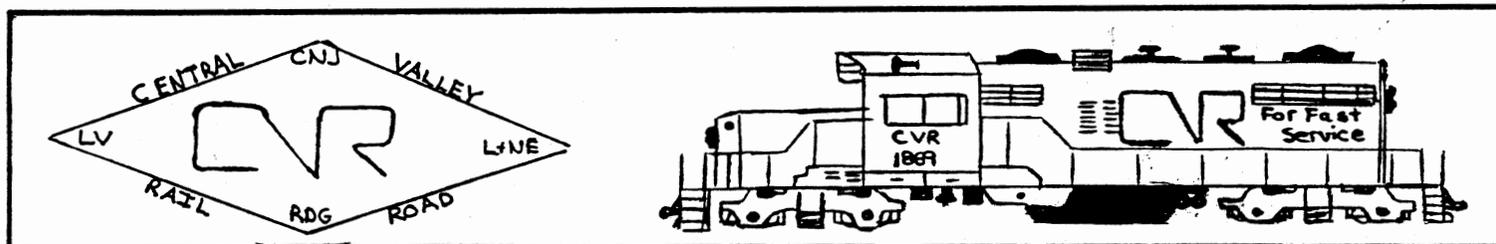
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supplies

This month will be the final call for those of you who want a TAMR sweatshirt with the lettering "LET US PUT Y - O - U ON THE RIGHT TRACK". These shirts will be a 50/50 blend and available in S, M, L and maybe XL. One could be yours for the small sum of \$15.00. Write the Editor if you are interested; SERIOUS INQUIRY'S ONLY please. SEND NO MONEY NOW, we just need to know if there is sufficient interest in having them made. Nine more persons must express interest in one in order to fill the minimum purchase of 18 shirts!

Not only are TAMR sweatshirts being offered, TAMR caps are also available. The caps are the baseball type (one size fits all). There is the TAMR herald on them with the dates 1964 to 1985 to celebrate our 21st anniversary last year. They cost only \$5.00 (shipping and handling inc.). Send your check or money order to Gerry Dobey, 145 E. Kenilworth Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181. Make checks out to Gerry Dobey.

The money made from the shirts goes toward the Regional Chapter RAILS' model RR layout that is based on TAMR TEEN TRAK specifications. Profits from the caps goes directly to the TAMR for extra expences like future photographs for the HOTBOX cover. Both are great conversation pieces for rail interested people and non-rail interested persons alike. They're a great way to show the club spirit while advertising the TAMR.



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