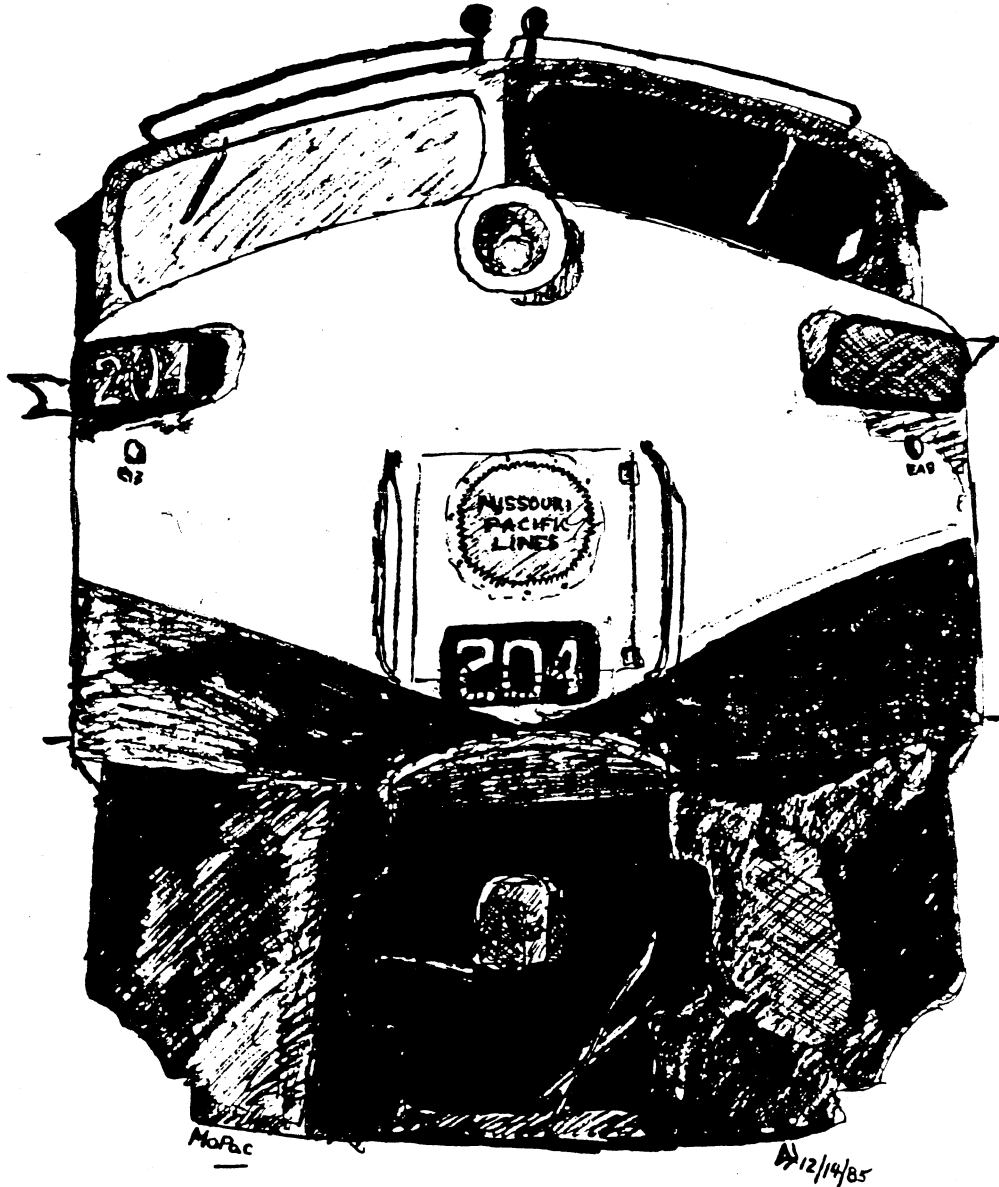


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Deep from the Ozark Mountains of Missouri - Arkansas, comes the Texas Eagle streamliner to the cover of the Hotbox courtesy of David Holden

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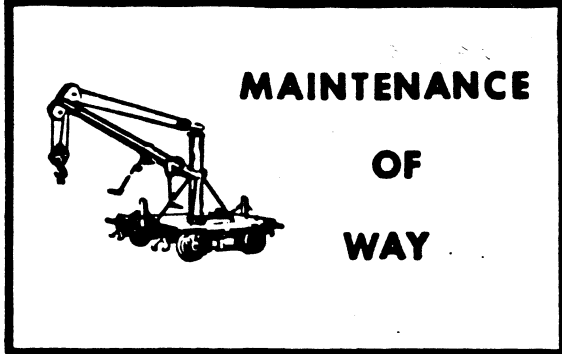
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## OF WAY

# of W is a product review column written by our members on model railroading and railfanning items that may be of interest to you. All the opinions presented are those of the reviewer and are not necessarily those of the Team or the MTR:OR. Please submit reviews to the MTR:OR Editor.

Eastman Kodak Company  
Rochester, New York 14650

Product: T-MAX black and white  
Professional film. Price  
as yet unknown, to be in the  
stores in March 1987

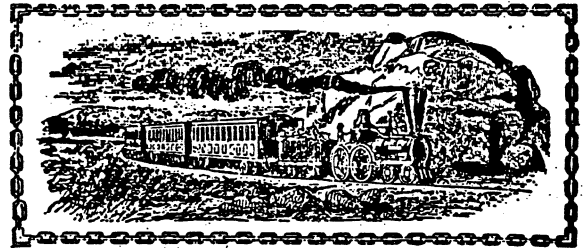
True or false: When you pick a black and white film, you can have either a fine grain or a fast film speed? False. Until recently, a photographer had to pick from one or the other. Kodak has developed a new type of black and white film. They have called it T-MAX because of their T-grainshaped silver halide crystals. The new T-MAX films offer tight grain and a high speed. According to Kodak, the T-MAX 100 (100ASA) which will replace Kodak Plus-X, has a tighter grain than Kodak Panatomic-X film, which has an ASA of 32. And the new T-MAX 400 (400 ASA) has a finer grain than their Plus-X film, yet it has the speed of Tri-X pan, which has an ASA of 400. T-MAX 400 will probably replace Tri-X. Professional photographer, Cliff Pollack, of St. Louis University Medical School, a professor of mine who also teaches at Webster University, has personally told me, "That stuff is like gold!". Cliff has let me use a roll of this film and I must admit, there is certainly nothing like it around. It will be the ideal film to use if you choose black and white when railfanning or photographing your models. Kodak also claims that the new T-MAX 400 can be pushed 2 to 3 stops and if it's rated at 400, you can over-expose it by 1 stop and not even have to increase development.

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part of a four part series: How  
to Choose Film For Railfanning  
by Dave Holden

Farm weather will be approaching soon. This will be a perfect time to get out and do a bit of railfanning. Of course, if you're like me, cold weather doesn't stop you from going out, especially since it's something I like to do. Regardless of what time of year that you railfan, you may want to take your camera along. If you do, always be prepared to take that one exceptional picture that will make the others drool. Other than having a camera that works well, the one other thing that you will be investing a lot of money in is film. Before you railfan at all though, think about what kind of film you will need. Films come in different speeds. This is often referred to as ASA, ISO or DIN. In the U.S., the term "ASA" and "ISO" are used most. Picking a film with the proper ASA/ISO will make a big difference in how your shots will turn out. The smaller the number of an ASA, the slower the film. This means that the film is less sensitive to light. For instance, ASA film of 100 is usually used on fairly bright days as opposed to 400 ASA used on a more cloudy day. The higher the ASA, the faster the film; it's more sensitive to light. If you plan to make enlargements, stick to a slower film. Next month, a look at different kinds of films you can use.

#### THE RIO ANIMAS & WESTERN RR....

The shop crew calls it the Rusty Route.  
The passengers call it the Risky Route.  
What waiting motorists call it at slow crossings is, er, unprintable

Watch for it in upcoming articles.

Hey!- Is anyone else out there a Narrow-Gauger? Anywhere?

-Scott Gill-Pres., Dispatcher, Breakman-

RA & W RR

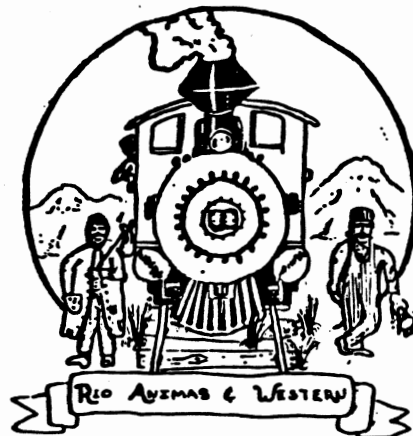


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The following is a letter I received from Dave Holden, 4722 Mehl Avenue St. Louis, MO 63129:

Dear TAMR members:

I have submitted several articles related to photography to the Hotbox. If you have any questions related to photography that you need answered for when you're railfanning, photographing your models or just a family get-together, please write me. I would be happy to help you. I don't know everything about photography and I will not claim to, however, I do have contact with many professional photographers and lots of written material on the subject. With these resources, I will get you an answer.

Please make your questions as specific as possible so I don't have to guess what you mean.

I want to thank Dave for his willingness to assist anyone with a problem in the field of photography.

## ELECTION TIME

It's time again for the TAMR to hold its election for new officers, this year the following offices are up for election; President, Southern Representative, Western Representative, and International Representative.

The 1st step in the election process is the nominations of potential candidates. ALL TAMR members in good standing may nominate candidates. ONLY TAMR members under the age of 21 can be nominated for office.

As in other years, it's nice for Regional and National officers to nominate members for office.

It must also be known, for nomination of a Region Representative, the person must reside within the geographical limits of his region.

Remember, the offices that are up in this '87 TAMR election are: President, Western, Southern & International Representatives.

All nominations must be received by me by the 20th day of March, 1987. No late nominations will be accepted.

To make the job easier on the TAMR membership, we have enclosed in this issue of Hotbox, an "Official TAMR Nomination Form", which you can use for nominating your fellow man.

Thank you for your time.

Your TAMR Auditor,

John Huseby III

Remember to vote in the '87 election!

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"OFFICIAL TAMR NOMINATION FORM"

I. a good standing TAMR member would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
for the office of \_\_\_\_\_

Those who have been nominated will be notified by me that they have been so nominated.

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Send all nominations to your TAMR Auditor:

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311 Lunar Drive  
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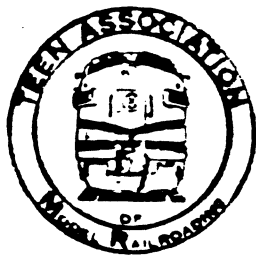
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1st Prize  
 ATHERN SD40-2  
 2nd Prize  
 ATLAS GP38  
 3rd Prize  
 "Layout Planing  
 for Realistic Oper."

Gift Certificates to  
 Model Railway Post Office  
 will be substituted at  
 winners request.



11'0"

# LAYOUT PLANNING CONTEST

Open to all members of the TAMR

Simply design an HO scale layout to fit in  
 this space (smaller is OK).

Limitations

Mainlines; Minimum radius 24"  
 Turnout minimum #6  
 Branchlines; Minimum radius 20"  
 Turnout minimum #4  
 Narrow Gauge; (HO-N3 only)  
 Minimum radius 16"  
 Turnout minimum #3

Any scheme of operation (point to point,  
 continuous, loop to loop) is OK.

Any theme of operation (industrial, mountain,  
 passenger, freight) is OK.

Do Not bother to show electrical blocks or  
 controls as the layout will have Command Control.

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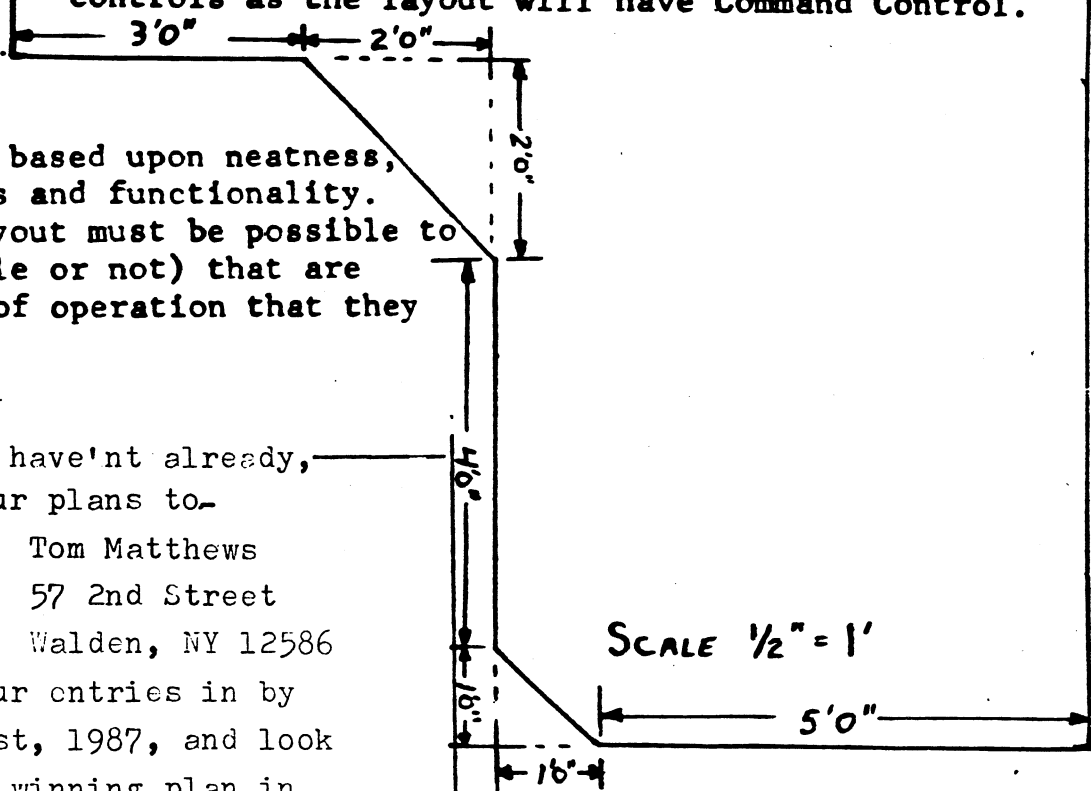
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Prizes will be awarded based upon neatness,  
 originality, completeness and functionality.  
 Keep in mind that the layout must be possible to  
 build with grades (visable or not) that are  
 reasonable for the type of operation that they  
 represent.

If you have'nt already,  
 send your plans to-

Tom Matthews  
 57 2nd Street  
 Walden, NY 12586

Have your entries in by  
 July 31st, 1987, and look  
 for the winning plan in  
 the December 1987 Hotbox



SCALE 1/2" = 1'

REGION NEWZ

Since no news from any region was received, a special list of regions and their representatives is listed below for the benefit of new members.



There are also several regions in the TAMR which print newsletters from time to time (some more regularly than others). It is suggested that, if you are interested, you contact the regional representative.

CENTRAL REGION : (ND-SD-MN-WI-MI-NE-IA-IL-IN-OH-KS-MO-KY)

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Cedar Hill, MO 63016

Gerry Dobey, Editor  
145 E. Kenilworth  
Villa Park, IL 60181

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1028 Manatawny Rd.  
Pottstown, PA 19464

Jim Lincoln, Editor  
139 Park Street  
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Bothwell, WA 98011

Claude Morelli, Editor  
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These ads employ a reusable "header" with the option of changing the text below as often as you desire. Your text can be informative, newsy, tongue-in-cheek or foot-in-mouth. Funny or dead serious, that's your choice. Either way, it makes for interesting reading.

The pike ad charge is based upon the number of typed lines (40 spaces per line) that you use. Cost is a mere 10¢ per line with the header printed FREE! Headers can be no larger than 1½ inches wide by 4 inches long. You can work up the header yourself (black ink on blank white paper, please) or we'll prepare one to your specifications for a one time fee of a \$1.00.

All pike ads should be submitted to the Editor with payment. No ad will be printed until full payment is received. Please make checks or money orders payable to the TAMk. Avoid sending cash if possible. If you would like your ad published in a particular issue, please heed the deadlines listed on page two. So come on, tell us what's happening on your railroad or your future plans for expansion.

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