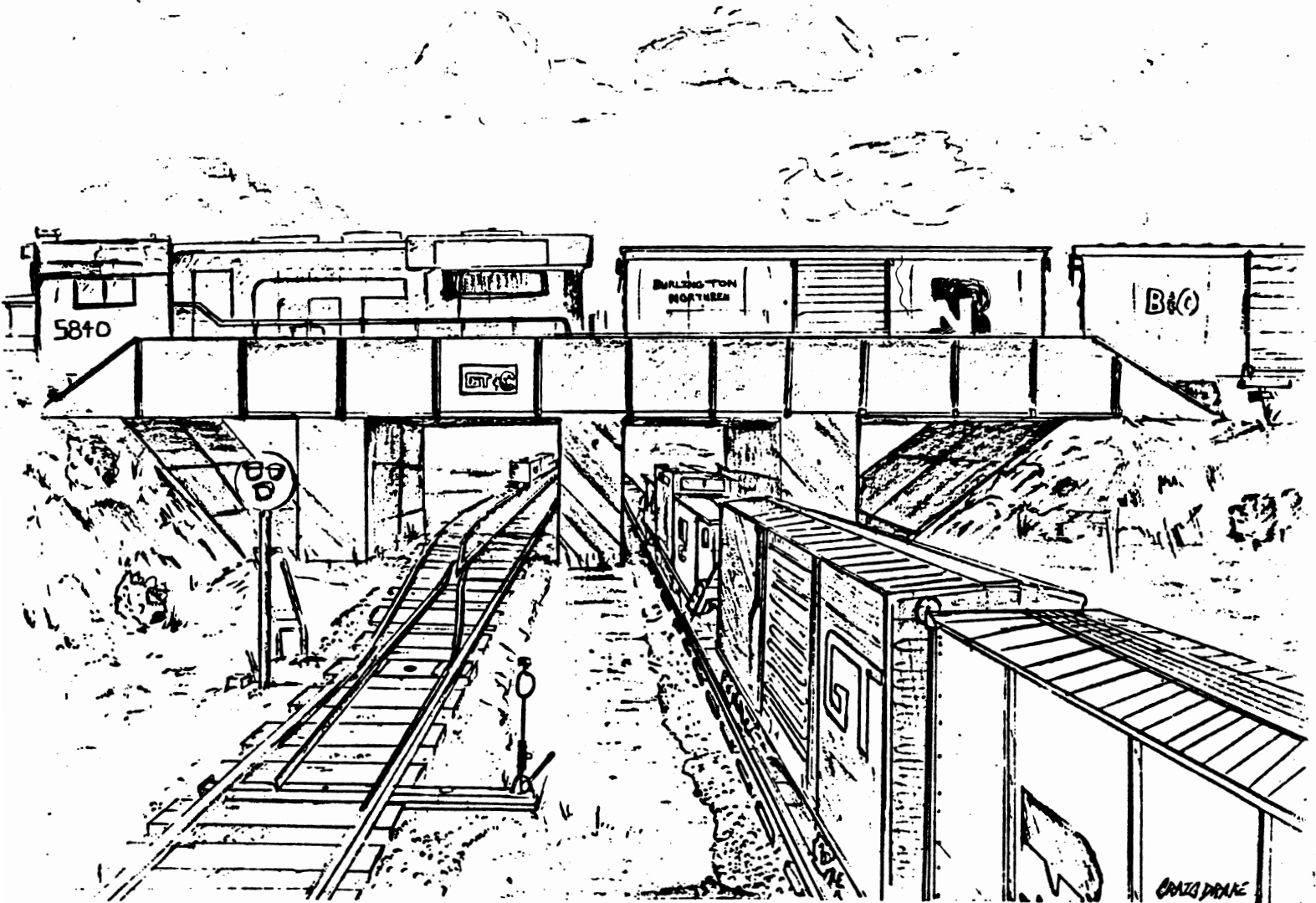


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Apparently somewhere in Michigan, a GT & W and a Chessie train cross paths. Drawing by Craig Drake.

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The Head End

By Ralph Heiss,
Editor

Yes, I know it's May already, and the Hotbox didn't show up, but spring is time to clean up, and I had more than my fair share this April. Anyway, it's election time 1987, and this issue is partly devoted to the platforms of the respective candidates. Up for reelection are the offices of President, Western Representative, Southern Representative, and International Representative. Well, I goofed again this month. I know I said this would be the first single month issue, but obviously, due to the circumstances, it can't be, and obviously won't be. This month's issue may be a boring, small, election issue, but as I've been told by a certain member, it's better to make a small Hotbox and get it out, than no Hotbox at all.

I have lots to say, but do not have time to say it, so I'll leave you with the knowledge that next month's HB will be chock full of good stuff to read, and you should get it about a week or two after this one. See you next month, and don't forget to vote!

Proposed Amendments

John Dunn has submitted the following propositions to be voted upon by the membership.

PROPOSITION A

Proposed amendment to the TAMR Constitution

Eliminate from article IV the section 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 1st, 1986"

PROPOSITION B

Proposed amendment to the TAMR Constitution

Change Article II, Section I, Paragraph F to:

"All of the above classes of membership shall be entitled to a yearly subscription to the TAMR HOTBOX which shall include twelve (12) issues of the HOTBOX plus one (1) Directory of Membership."

Currently it allows members to receive eleven issues of the HOTBOX and a Directory of Membership.

Dee Gilbert has submitted the following proposition to be voted on by the membership.

PROPOSITION C

Proposed amendment to add to the TAMR Constitution.

Add the following to Article 4, Section 2:

"While a Region Representative is in office serving the TAMR, he shall not have to pay any dues to his region for the work which he has been putting into the region. If a Region Representative isn't a member of his region's newsletter, he will automatically be a member after his appointment after winning the election. But once finished with the term, he will again, if he wishes, to keep being a member of his region."

PRESIDENT

★★ **VOTE!** ★★

VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT 1987-89

Summary of duties: Preside at meetings of the Executive Board; secure invitations to our annual convention; oversee the TAMR's regions; act as official representative of the TAMR; outline problems confronting the association as well as reporting periodically on the status of the association via the pages of the HOTBOX.

John Dunn, of St James, NI, has been a TAMR member for over four years. Currently, he is our President, as well as a member of the Northeastern and Central regions. He is currently constructing his HO Virginia Central Railway.

"When I ran for my first term, the office of the President had all but been abandoned by my predecessor. I promised, if elected, to devote my energies to four points. I have let the membership regularly know what the TAMR is up to and have kept the dues from increasing.

The NMRA situation appears to have gone nowhere despite the efforts of all officers, including myself. Rather than persue the situation more at this time, I'd like to get the TAMR going again. If re-elected, I intend to do the following:

1) Make sure that the HOTBOX comes out on a regular basis with more to offer the membership. This means more columns so that both the basics of the hobby as well as more advanced aspects are covered. In my term, we have had three editors, and the HOTBOX has gone off schedule. As it is the main benefit of a TAMR membership I intend to return the HOTBOX back to a publication that is worth the memberships' money.

2) I intend to return our regions back to their once strong activities. The best way to do that is to pass my

proposed amendment so that people may belong to the regions but not the TAMR. I'd rather have someone join a region and not the TAMR, than neither. At least we can show that person the benefits of the TAMR through the region. I also propose a joint dues rate for the TAMR/regional membership which would be subsidized by both parties to encourage people who normally couldn't afford to join both, to do so.

3) I will continue to meet the needs of our members through increased activity and programs. This means more contests and creation of things like an Achievement Program. If we wish to have our membership grow, we must offer as much as we can for the cost. I intend to keep the TAMR visable on a national basis. It is the obligation of the TAMR to serve all teens in the hobby and I intend to do so by making the TAMR a better organization. Remember, none of this can be accomplished without the support of you, the member-so vote!

Stan Ujka, of Addison, IL, is a sophomore in college, and has in the past run for both Central Region Representative and President. His N scale Spoener Central has also been published in the HOTBOX.

"My name is Stan Ujka and I am a candidate for President of the TAMR. I have been an active TAMR member for over four years and I have also been active in Region activities as well. I attended the 1985 National Convention in Milwaukee, and I am presently working on my first issue as editor of the Central Region's "Wayfreight" publication.

A subject that is on the minds of many TAMR members is our relationship with the National Model Railroad Association. As President, I would enter into new discussions with NMRA leaders about

the future of our two organizations. I will go into these discussions with an open mind and a willingness to work together and compromise.

I feel that the first, and possibly most important step to the NMRA discussions, is to set a common goal. If we are not working toward the same end result, we will not accomplish anything through our negotiations. I believe that the goal of both the TAMR and NMRA should be to promote the hobby and to keep them interested. In the discussions, I will promote an independent TAMR and work towards NMRA funding of TAMR publications and or promotional materials. I would like to work out some sort of agreement with the NMRA concerning TAMR membership for younger people and a smooth transition into NMRA for our "older" members. The result of any TAMR/NMRA agreement should be in the best interest of the future of our hobby.

As President, I will also keep in touch with other TAMR members and let them know what the latest is in TAMR matters. A column dealing with my views and TAMR happenings will be submitted to the "HOTBOX" Editor regularly.

I will work to stop the TAMR's declining membership and will find out why so many teens are not renewing their memberships. I also plan to help ease the tension between Regions. I believe that many members are upset about the constant bickering among TAMR Regions. I will work to unite all regions into a stronger association. The National Organization is not supposed to compete with the Re-

gions. The Central organization exists to regulate relations among regions and to give a wide variety of views through the HOTBOX. The regions job is to give more personal benefits to our members, such as local railfanning trips. A strong national organization along with peaceful relations among regions is necessary if the TAMR is to survive. I would like to end this platform by urging all TAMR members to vote in this election. The most important idea is not necessarily who you vote for, but rather, that you vote. It only takes a minute. Thankyou!"

Beth Wolstenholme, of Ewing, NJ, has been a TAMR member for about a year, and has had a story published in the HOTBOX last year on her layout.

"Hi! My name is Beth Wolstenholme, and I'm running for the office of President. Please don't get turned off JUST because I'm a girl. After all, I like trains too, just the same as you.

Sometimes, when an organization gets lax, it needs a women's touch, and that's what I'm here for. It seems that we have been temporarily detrained. Now, we must fix our mistakes; throw the switch and get back on the main line.

There has been a great lack of communication. The HOTBOX is coming out late and no one really is sure what is going on.

I've had experience in other youth organizations, both on state and national levels, and yes, I've even been an editor of a state newspaper in California and New Jersey. I have been a campaign manager for different groups and I know the frustrations with "once elected-turn into ghosts" candidates. Believe me, I'm not one of those.

Your vote for me will put back pride and confidence in this organization. Remember the little train that said "I can do it"; with your vote for me, "We can do it."

REGION REPS.

Summary of Duties: maintain a liaison between the TAMR and the region; transmit recommendations that are made by the regional board to the TAMR; provide information on regional activities to interested and/or prospective TAMR members; submit an annual report to the President on regional activities over the past year; serve a chief executive officer of the region.

INTERNATIONAL REGION

No platforms received by press deadline, a space for write-in candidates has been placed on the ballot. If more than one write-in candidate is received, a runoff election will be held.

WESTERN REGION

No platforms received by press deadline, a space for write-in candidates has been placed on the ballot. If more than one write-in candidate is received, a runoff election will be held.

SOUTHERN REGION REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE

Scott Gill, of Crystal River, FL, has been a TAMR member for about a year,

has recently had a series of articles in the HOTBOX with more to follow.

"Hi!, my name is Scott Gill, and I am running for the office of representative of the Southern Region TAMR. The southern region used to be strong and prosperous with around 25 members. Over the past few years, that number has dwindled down to its present size-5 members. The southern region contains 11 states, so as you can see, membership just ain't what it should be.

My primary concern would be to get the membership back up to where it used to be. Next to that I want to get the region's newsletter, "The Crescent" back on track and prepare a convention for the southern states. As you can see the southern rep. has a lot of work but I think I can handle it.

I model in HO and HO_N3. You may have seen some of the articles on the Rio Animas & Western R.R. in the HOTBOX.

Well, thats all I have to say. I'd appreciate your vote in the election and hope to serve you as the next TAMR southern district rep.

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 broken 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.

International Region; Including all countries except the United States of America and Canada.

Southern Region; Includes the states of NC, TN, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, LA, AR, OK, & TX.

Western Region; Includes the states of WA, OR, ID, MT, CO, UT, WY, NM, AZ, NV, CA, AK, & HI.

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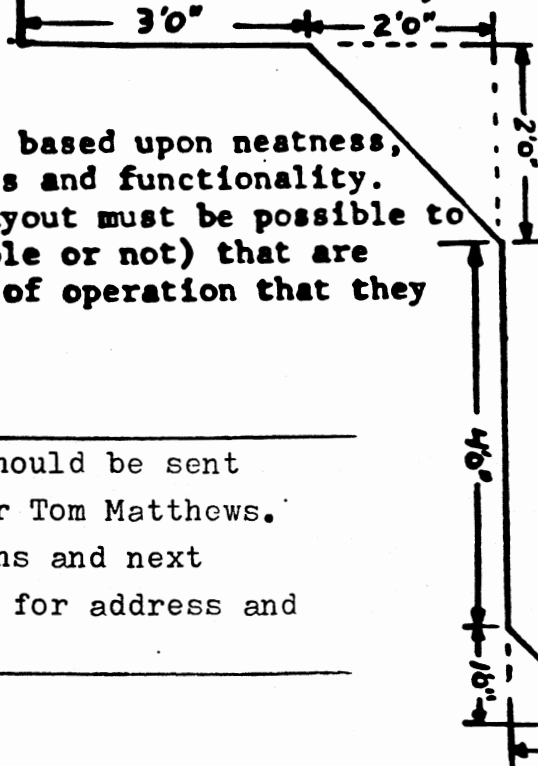
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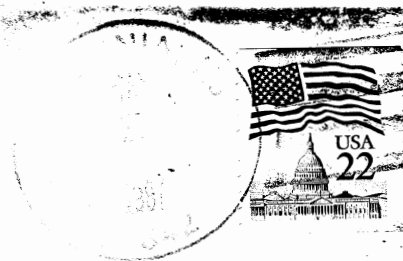
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