

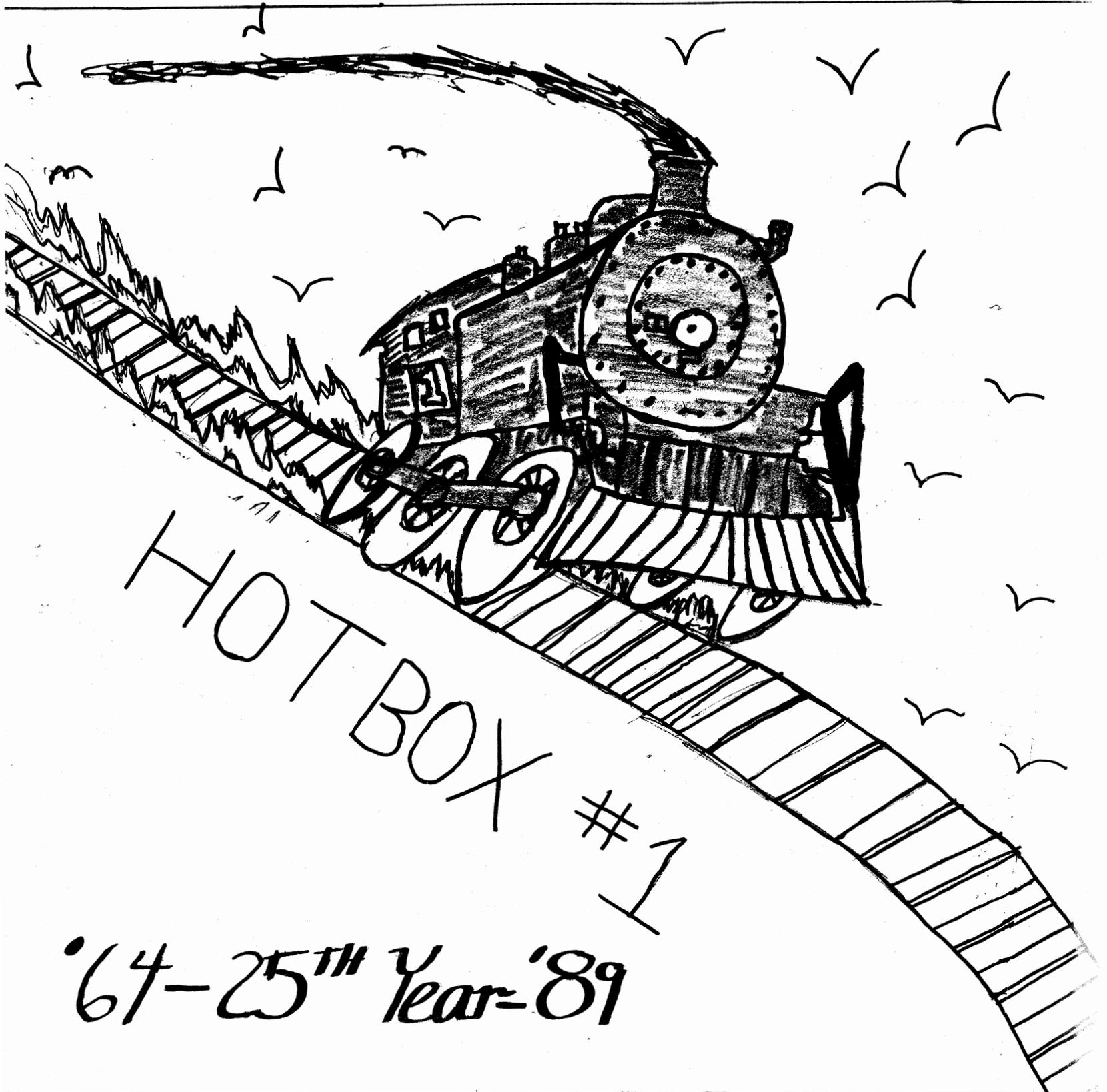
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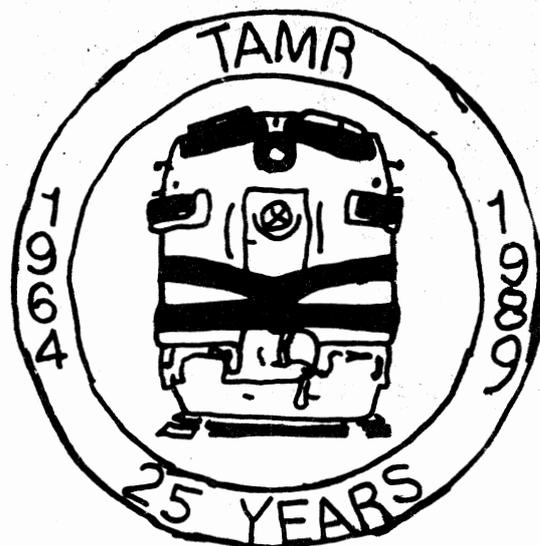
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STYLE, CONTENT--Your own writing style is fine by us; But Remember, you are among friends. Grammar trouble? Let the Editors worry about that. The ideas are what is important. As for content, anything on modeling--painting, scenery, electronics, plus articles on members layouts, and the original prototypes. Just make sure it will be interesting to most all the readers.

TYPED ARTICLES--Although not required, but it will save the eyes of Editors. The HOTBOX columns are 50 spaces wide, so set your margins. If you can't type, don't worry just simply write out in print the article and double space.

DRAWINGS--Must be done with BLACK INK (pen or fine-tip marker) on BLANK white paper (typing paper is good). Required artwork can be done by the Editors if detailed sketches are provided. If it is a scale drawing please include a scale measure with the drawing.

PHOTOGRAPHS--Must be Black & White only with a glossy finish and no larger than 8 x 10 inches, and smaller than 2 x 2 or 3 x 5 inches. All photos must be accompanied by caption material, especially cover photos.

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DEADLINE for SEPTEMBER ISSUE is  
for early October. Send in articles.

# Massachusetts Headlines.

BY NEWTON VEZINA

On the Boston commuter circuit, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) is working to build a new facility at the city's North station which will consist of two additional commuter rail tracks and a high level platform on the east side of the existing tracks. An inspection and service facility will be built near South Station for the commuter rail fleet serving southside commuters. Platforms are now extended at 10 rapid-transit stations to accommodate six-car trains. Commuter service has been extended from Attleboro, MA to Providence, RI as a train station is largely completed and ready to open in South Attleboro, MA; However, making the station fully accessible to the handicapped has delayed opening.

The urban "T" light-rail system showed a 4.3% increase in system patronage in fiscal 1988, while the commuter rail system showed an 1988 increase of 19.5%, which brings the number of total daily rail commuters to over 60,000. In late November 1988, the MBTA announced a \$16 million contract with Bombardier to upgrade and overhaul 18 commuter rail locomotives. All 18 of the MBTA's F40ph units are soon to be rebuilt at Bombardier's Montreal facility using EMD 645E3 engines. An order was also placed with Bombardier for 56 new commuter coaches, half of which will be cab control-cars, while a contractor is being selected to build 75 double-decker coaches. There's also the option to buy 51 more of the Pullman-designed Bombardier coaches for a \$46 million price tag. The MBTA is working hard to keep up with a growing passenger demand and the outlook is a booming 1989 for the "T".

All abort !!!, Farewell to the Cape Cod & Hyannis. Due to a Massive public deficit in Massachusetts, the state-subsidized Cape Cod & Hyannis passenger service has been forced to shut down after the railroad failed to get \$4.1 million of state subsidy for 1989. Effective March 1, 1989, all 140 operating employees had been laid off and all CC&H's equipment is up for sale. The CC&H was started in 1981 and had operated daily summer passenger train service between greater Boston and Cape Cod over Conrail and Bay Colony tracks. The tourist-hauler carried 113,000 passengers in 1988. The CC&H owned six GP-9s {former SP, GN, NH, and NP}, ten

## CONTEST RULES

The 25th Anniversary Contest will be a contest for a TAMR Anniversary engine, boxcar, and caboose. We will be awarding some kind of prize for first and second place.

\*\*RULES\*\*

1. Open to all TAMR Members.
2. Simply redesign to scale (Hü, O, D27, LIONEL, N, LGB) an engine, boxcar, and caboose.
3. The plans must be on tracing, or white paper, and done in black ink. The drawings must have all dimensions of added parts, and scale of engine, plus lettering, paint schemes, and name, address, and age of entrant.
4. The deadline for submissions to the contest is October 31, 1989.

The prizes will be awarded based on originality, neatness, and what best represents the TAMR.

\*\*So come on lets start redesigning, let it be you who comes up with the TAMR engine; Hurry time is running out.

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# Massachusetts Headlines

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passenger cars (ex-CN, CNJ, and PRR) another GP-9, and 23 other passenger cars were leased from MBTA have been shipped back to the Bay Colony where they will be turned over to Conrail in Braintree, MA. Uncertain is the fate of the Cape Codders weekend runs from New York to Hyannis by Amtrak which utilized some of the same portions of Bay Colony track.

In Springfield, the Guilford Transportation subsidiary, Springfield Terminal Railway had reached a new agreement with the United Transportation Union (UTU), ending labor disputes between labor and management with a new contract. Workers ratified the agreement on Feb. 24th, which also allows former Boston & Maine and Central employees to keep their earned seniority on those roads and a 12% pay hike for ST operating employees (a \$1.00/hour raise). The recent labor disputes have caused traffic to erode, causing hard times especially for Guilford's Connecticut River Line.

Conrail added four trains to the Boston Line Roster between Palmer, Boston, and Framingham, MA. Plans to upgrade the Fitchburg secondary track on the former NYNH&H began in summer 1988, which included ties, ballast, and grade crossing work. With the anticipation of bringing more automobiles east, Conrail plans to enlarge their auto unloading facility at Westboro, MA.

Rumors recently surfaced that Conrail is planning to purchase the Providence & Worcester Railroad, but both sides are presently still in the process of negotiating the sale. What this means for P&W modelers is it could be time to get out the blue paint. Read it and weep. To be continued....

## WANTED! WANTED!

Since this is our 25th year of the TAMR, I would like to contact these past members:

Lloyd Neal (Snellville, GA)  
Steven Seidel (Kankakero, IL)  
Ted Bedell (Bayville, NY)  
Bengt Muten (Concord, MA)

Do you know any of them? Have them contact me, or send to me their addresses.

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# TRAIN ORDERS

I'm the editor of BOY'S LIFE magazine who handles the hobby stories.

Occasionally, we do stories on model railroading. Unfortunately, we rarely find out about young modelers, and their layouts. Please let the editor of the HOTBOX know if you are a young person, who is working on a really special layout? Perhaps a club, even a scout troop, that is working on a display for a store, mall, or a children's hospital for the Christmas season. Please keep this in mind if you have a club layout, with a holiday display.

Thanks,  
Jeff Csatori

This is a letters column in the HOTBOX where members can express their views on the association, its officers, and its publications. Please send all items for this column to the Editor John J Rossi III.

GREAT VIDEOS FOR THE RAILFAN  
PROFESSIONALLY FILMED AND EDITED

1. "85 YEARS ON BROADWAY"

A meeting of #7002 and the 1987 edition of the Braodway Limited during 85th Anniversary ceremonies. Also seen, #7002 steamin' hard during the summer on the Strasburg RR.

ALSO on the same tape

"LITTLE OLD AND SLOW"

Featured is the #10 railcar of the old Lancaster, Oxford and Southern. See #10 pass #90 in the hole at Groff's Grove then a dramatic startup and passby.

Running time: 30 minutes \$19.95



2. "BLUE MOUNTAIN AND READING RAILFAN WEEKEND II"

An entire railfan weekend is captured in this video. See highspeed action of #425, E8s, #2102, and the grand finale double head of #425 and #2102. Hear the new BM&R song.

Running time: 26 minutes \$15.95



3. "PENNSYLVANIA SHORTLINES"

See 8 excursion railroads in Pennsylvania including: East Broad Top, Gettysburg, Wanamaker Kempton and Reading, and New Hope. Ride the cabs see the steaming action of passbys!!!

Running time: 45 minutes \$39.95



4. "SOUND OF PENNSYLVANIA SHORTLINES"

Hear all the action of the "Pennslyvania Shortlines" soundtrack. Including #31, #1223, #90, #10, and #7002 of the Strasburg Railroad. Hear BM&R's 2102, 425, E8s, and 2102 & 425 double head. Plus 5 more railroads and locomotives.

Running time: 63 minutes \$7.95



5. "RAILFAN HOME MOVIES PART #1"

See railfan action taken by amateur photographers, between 1960 and present. PAT Trolleys, Flying Scotsman, B&M RDC3, EBT, WMABA, vintage Strasburg, MA&PA, Amtrak, MHR, DC Transit PCCs, PRR, MBTA, plus much more. Live sound, silent, color, black and white.

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# EDITORIAL

THE GREAT SCALE MODEL TRAIN  
and RAILROAD COLLECTORS MEET  
10am - 4pm Daily

Upcoming Schedule:

Okay I won't dwell on the past too long, but to say it is glad to be back on the road again.

I want to wish everybody a Happy 25th Anniversary here at the Teen Association of Model Railroading. Let us make it the best year. Have you started your convention plans yet; No!; Why not?;

With school just starting for some of us I suspect things to get a little slow in the hobby world. I sincerely hope this will not affect the HOTBOX's publication. To help avoid this happening I am going to mention one word now TEAMWORK. This word means I need everybody's help elected officials and TAMR members to have this word live up to its meaning. I NEED articles for the HOTBOX they can be on any aspect of modeling or prototype, or even product reviews.

Come on time is running short for the next issue send in those articles now, whether there long, or short. I also need people to send in artwork or B/W photos for the HOTBOX covers. You may even send in advertisements for your railroad (layout) empires.

Sincerely yours,

John J Rossi III, Editor

## "A SPEEDY TRAIN FOR ORLANDO"

Here I present to you an article from The New York Times, Sunday, August, 6 1989, Section 5, Travel Section, page 3. The article is entitled A Speedy Train For Orlando.

Plans to run a high-speed, magnetically levitated train between Orlando International Airport and Epcot Center have been given initial approval. The Florida High Speed Rail Transportation Commission has approved the plans of Maglev Transit; the Governor of Florida must give final approval.

The trains, based on technology developed in West Germany, would make the 17 1/2-mile trip in seven minutes, hitting speeds up to 300 miles an hour. The developers envision that travelers will buy a single ticket for a flight to Orlando, the train and the Monorail that connects Epcot Center with Disney World or buses to hotels. The company expects the train service will begin by 1994.

SEE FIG 1-A (ON PG. V)

SEPT. 9-10, 1989 KINGSTON, NY: First Northeast "Great Scale Train Show" at the State Armory -- Exit 19 off NY Thruway, at circle take Broadway (Rt. 28), then left onto Albany (Rt. 32) left onto N. Manor Ave. Nearly 400 tables.

OCT. 7-8, 1989 MONROEVILLE, PA: The Great Scale Train Show at the Greater Pittsburgh Expo Mart -- Exit 6 from PA Turnpike, west on Rt. 22. Over 350 tables.

OCT 21-22, 1989 TIMONIUM, MD: The Great Scale Train Show at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, Exit 17 from I-83. Over 500 tables of scale model trains, equipment, and related items for sale, plus operating display layouts. Refreshments available; free parking. Open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm both days. Admission \$5 Saturday (return Sunday free) or \$4 Sunday only. Info: Howard Lane, (301) 730-1036 or Ken Young (301) 730-0796, 5240 Thunder Hill Road, Columbia, MD 21045

FLORIDA CONTINUED

I am assuming that all will want to travel to Orlando in 1994, so start saving your money now; this is actual real news.

A few things about the Great Slave Lake Division on CN. The Motive power consists of two Cary/Athearn GP9s (phase 3). Though presently unpainted, I have added 48" Screen Top Fans, Sunshaded, Armrests, Flexicoil Sideframes, NWSL wheels, etc. I still have plans of adding a few more details, but I will wait for the last moment before painting, as these seem to get broken off easily. This fleet of Motive power is a working definition of "Heavy Metal". As of now I only have fifteen freight cars with KDs, and these locomotives can walk away with all fifteen as if they were not even there. One will run short hood forward and the other will be long hood forward. The short-hooder will be painted in the yellow/orange/black 'GSL Division' scheme (programmed locomotive), and will be numbered 4343. The as delivered long-hooder will be numbered 4349, and will wear early CN modern black/red scheme. There will be one caboose, similar to the CN wood-sheathed design, only made of plywood and painted yellow/black.

I am also into electronics. So this is to say that in works is a walk-around throttle based on Kirk Wishkowskis' "walkaround" (Jan. '86 MR), and Peter Thornes' "Pulse-Tone" ('81-'82 MR). The idea would be to have a walk-around throttle with run, brake, directions, emergency stop, horn, and bell buttons. This would all be contained in a handheld box operating from a 3-wire phone cord, with self-cleaning conductor jacks. I am sure you can see why this will be a one of a kind throttle. At the moment, I use and old MRC Throttlepack, circa. 1973.

CANADIAN NATIONAL

BY MARTIN IFTODY

REGION NEWS

All region representatives please send in information on your region now to the Region News Editor.

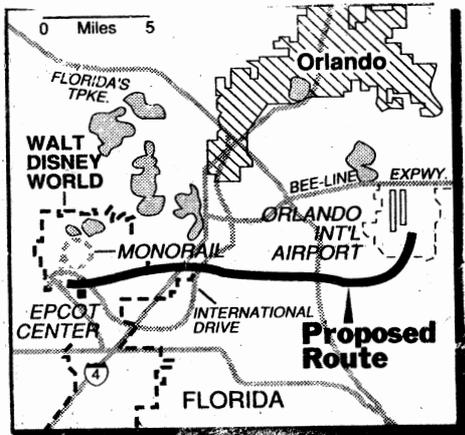
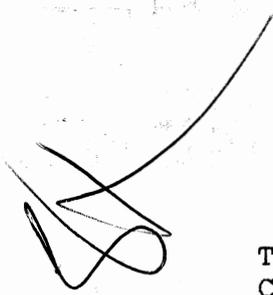


FIG. 1-A

The SLIDE/PRINT EXCHANGE is a regular feature of the HOTBOX; It is a place for all of you dedicated railfanners to list the pictures you have and what type of pictures you are looking for. If any body is interested in this please send your information to the Slide/Print Exchange Editor Jeremy Amundsen

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