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P R E - C O N V E N T I O N   I S S U E ! ! ! !

Yes, folks, convention time has come around once again. The NER will hold its convention in conjunction with the Hudson Bay Region in Hamilton, Ontario. Full details were carried in last issue, but I will recap here. The dates are 20th and 21st August. Headquarters is the Sheraton-Connaught Hotel. Lodging is \$6/night/person and a deposit of \$10 is required when you write to the hotel requesting reservations. Three rooms have been reserved and 4 to a room means that there is assured space for at least 12 people. Additional space should not be any great problem to find. When you do write the hotel, be sure to mention that you are requesting space allocated to the Teen Association of Model Railroading! The registration fee is \$10.75 and can be paid when you arrive at the Connaught.

Events include tours of CN's facilities in Hamilton, Union Station and Spadina Yard in Toronto, CP's Agincourt yard in Toronto; not to mention the assorted slide presentations, NEMA clinics, guest speakers, bull sessions and generally rowdy times that the past TAMR conventions are noted for.

But that's not all of the excitement this summer. The TAMR national convention will be right after the NER/NER meet on 24, 25 and 26th August. Those attending the Chicago and Hamilton meets will be able to ride to Chicago en masse on CN's Tempo and Amtrak's Wolverine from Hamilton to Windsor/Detroit to Chicago and get a 15% discount.

Full details of the Chicago convention will be found on the next page.

Renewal time is here again for many subscribers. If there is a red "R" in front of your name in the mailing address, you owe the NER \$1 to renew your subscription to the Phoebe Snow for another year. If there is nothing before your name, you have either paid up (so indicated by a blue circle) or don't have to worry about renewing for now.

I mentioned in the last issue that nominations were open for the office of President of the NER. However, since no nominations were received, things will continue as they have until sufficient interest is exhibited to warrant holding an election with candidates.

The Toronto Convention cars have begun their tour of the TAMR system and hopefully will complete the first lap in time to make an appearance in both Hamilton and Chicago for the conventions. If you haven't sent in your reservation as of yet, do so soon so we can plan the routing of the cars after the conventions.

Articles for the HOTBOX and PHOEBE SNOW are always desperately needed. So now that school is out, turn your creative (and not-so-creative) writing talents to model railroading, railfanning, anything and help the HB and the PS. The HB can take photos also. Send anything you come up with to either John Heid/Hotbox Editor/72 Bell Street/Bellville, NJ 07109 or Dale Madison/Phoebe Snow Editor/342 Shepard Avenue/Kanmore, NY 14217.

Gary TEMPCO Tempco has sent me the following information about the Chicago convention and ~~it~~ same is presented here for the benefit of everyone.

The dates of the Convention are 24th, 25th and 26th August. Headquarters will be the LaSalle Hotel, located at the corner of Madison and LaSalle Streets in the heart of Chicago's famed Loop. The LaSalle is a top notch hotel, but one that will be withing out financial means and capabilities, and is located within short walking distance of Union, Northwestern and LaSalle Stations as well as the Greyhound terminal, the Chicago Transit Authority's surface and rapid lines, the ICG and CSS&SE electric lines at Randolph Street Station plus all those "exciting" things to see and do in Chicago'd downtown area.

The Costs? Not bad at all. A mere \$5/night/person for lodging, with 4 to a room. That would make the nightly total for one room \$20. Registration is \$12 before 1st August and \$13 after 1st August.

All reservations, monies requests, questions and so forth are to be directed to:

GARY TEMPCO  
18401 WILDWOOD AVENUE  
LANSING, IL 60438

The schedule of events, while tentative as of this writing, is a good one and will include something for everyone.

#### Friday (24th August)

- all day - registration at the LaSalle Hotel, Parkour H enter contests at this time
- 1200 - optional tour of EMD/LaGrange via private car this will be limited to 25 persons with the cost of gas, etc being extra
- afternoon - free to railfan in downtown (Amtrak, ICG, BN, Milw, CNW, RI, CSS&SE, CTA) and sightsee
- 1730 - tours of private layouts
- afterwards - contest judging

#### Saturday (25th)

- 0830 - leave Randolph Street Station via ICG electric for tour of Woodcrest Shops
- 1130/1200 - return from Woodcrest
- upon arrival - luncheon at Hotel (included in reg. fee)
- afternoon - films, clinics, bull sessions, etc
- evening - layout tours

#### Sunday (26th)

- all day tour of the Illinois Railway Museum in Union IL via private auto. The IRM has on display many old CTA (and predecessor), CA&E, CNS&M and more trolleys and is well worth the visit
- afterwards - departures, continuing bull sessions, and anything else

For the Hamilton Convention:

Registration and Gen'l Info -

John Bull  
# 254 Haddon Avenue, South  
Hamilton, Ontario L8S 1Y1  
(416) 529 - 6296

Lodging

(be sure to mention TAMR) -

HRM Sheraton-Connaught Hotel  
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For the Chicago Convention:

Registration, Lodging, Gen'l Info

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The next page contains the roster of NER members and PS subscribers. It's a bit off-centre and not perfectly alphabetised, but should be of interest and use. The following names should be added to it:

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I feel forms are an important part of operation and on my HO ROCHESTER, INDIANA AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY, I use 4 main types of forms. There are the #19 or Train Order form, the Switchlist, the Clearance form, and the Record of Car Repairs. Most model rails are familiar with the Train Order. This is the one that gives train assignments and so on. I make mine by typing up an original and making photocopies of this. For Switchlists, I use sales slip pads that can be bought in most "5&10" stores for a dime. These are stamped with my road stamp for identification (I use an industry code as to where the cars are and where they go). The Clearance forms tell us if and when there is clearance on the main line track for a train and are given to the train crew along with their orders. I reproduce these with a small printing press. The Car Repair Record is also as the name states, a record of repairs for any given day, week or even sometimes a month. I reproduce these in the same manner in which my #19's are made.

I have a good sized collection of forms and will lend these to any TAMR member for one month. Send an SSAE for details and a list to:

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