

TEEN ASSOCIATION OF
MODEL RAILROADING

Thank you for your inquiry into the Teen Association of Model Railroading. We hope that the TAMR will be right for you. The information we have here should answer any questions you have about us. If not, please feel free to contact me for further information.

WHAT IS THE TAMR?

The TAMR is an organization which is, as its name implies, an association of teens and young people who have an interest in the different phases of model railroading or railfanning. This organization was founded in 1963 and has been active since then by helping young modelers and railfans with their hobby.

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

We provide many services to you, the modeller or railfan as a member. The main thing is our publication, the Hotbox, which is issued every other month and contains articles of interest to everyone. Member's layouts are described, techniques are presented in a manner so that the novice or pro will understand them. The main thing, however, is that the Hotbox is written by our members for our members. We encourage every member to submit articles and tips, as well as tales of their railfanning expeditions or for that matter anything that you feel will be of interest to the rest of the membership or that would make enjoyable reading.

We hold elections for various offices in the TAMR, such as President and Secretary. You may thus run or nominate someone to run for these offices. There are other elected or appointed officials that take care of advertising or photo-exchange committees. In short, there are many ways to get involved in this organization if you are prone to do so. By getting involved you not only help yourself but all are other members reap the rewards of your accomplishments as well.

OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION

Each year a convention is held in a location such that many of the members can go to it. It is a great time to meet other members of the TAMR and participate in the fun times that accompany each convention at little cost. The convention is held in the summer to avoid conflicts with school and the weather. Past conventions have been held in such places as Toronto, New York, Chicago, etc.

IS THERE MORE?

Yes! All too often, the young modeler is ignored by some clubs, organizations and model magazines. He is generally made to feel somewhat inferior. This is not right! The young modeler is just beginning and the TAMR tries to provide a framework that will allow the young modeler to learn and grow. We need you! You need us! It's that simple. The TAMR also has members over the age of 21 on an associative basis. Thus, we welcome all. Many of our older members have been with us since they were very young and now they are helping the TAMR do more for you. They know how you feel and want to help.

The TAMR is bound to make you many new friends who share your interests. We issue a directory of all our members addresses annually so you will know who lives near you or has the same interests. We encourage all members to write to one another--this way they get further involved in helping each other.

The entire membership is divided into regions. These regions often have their own newsletters which you can subscribe to. These will truly help you as people who live near you often have the same interests. You live in the _____ Region; contact

and ask him or her for information about your region. There is no obligation to join your region but it will really increase your pleasure so write to the above address and ask.

COST

For all members under the age of 21 the cost is \$4.00 per year. This covers the cost of the Hotbox, directory and all expenses that it takes to run the TAMR. The cost to those 21 and older is \$3.50 but they may not be nominated, run or vote in elections. Remember the TAMR is NON PROFIT--It is your organization. All your money goes to giving

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you all we can.

I hope this answers all your questions about the TAMR. Why not give us a chance? If you are not convinced or what to know more about the TAMR, feel free to write back and ask. You will be answered promptly.

Enclosed with this letter is an application form. If you decide to join, please answer all the questions on it and send it in. By doing this, you will start helping yourself and others to better enjoy modeling and railfanning. We can help you! One of the features in the Hotbox is a Question and Answer column. So if you'll ask, you will always get an answer!

I look forward to hearing of your membership, Thanks for your time.

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