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Problems have beset the starting of the Southern Region, and the newsletter, "Southern Crescent", ever since we started trying to get things off the ground.

First, due to costs, we are going to use only a two page format for the "Crescent" until cheaper processes can be found. And with this issue, all members that I have on the list will begin as new subscribers.

In the next issue, part one of Jerry Barthelemy's article on the use of coffee stirs will be started, and hopefully, the photos that he has provided, will turn out.

And there will be a complete list of members, whose dues are paid.

The copying process that I am using at this time may not do photos to well, but we will sure give it a try.

In order to fill our pages with well rounded news, we need to have articles from you, and we want to see something from all gauges and members. Don't forget something of interest around your location about prototype operations, equipment, and grounds.

At this time, please start thinking about the offices in the region, as hopefully, I will be able to put a nomination form in with the next issue, so that we can start our elections, and get that end off the ground. If you want to hold an office and don't know anything about it, or how well you might do, don't worry, as I'll be here to help you learn.

We need help with a cheaper printing process, for information write me.

Dues will remain at \$3.50.

My appologies, but all articals and photos previously submitted were lost by our first printer. Several issues were finished and submitted, were never returned, and no answer could be gotten from him.

Address all mail for the "Southern Crescent" to the return address on this letter.

Sincerely, the EDITOR

Wee Gilbert

Finding lost trip pins for Kadee couplers - all gauges.....

Place magnet in center of depressed center flat car (such as from a burned out Hi-Fi speaker), and place flat metal car weight under the depressed center - magnetic field of magnet will hold in place (allow a little clearance for the top of the track) - and pull the car at slowest possible speed around layout, and all side and passing tracks.

Magnet MAY effect position of any switch it passes, possibly causing derailments. Check magnet and metal weight under car before passing over switches, as trip pins picked up may catch and fall off or jam in switches.

Vacation will be June 11 - 19; will be free Saturday, June 12 - can we get together? Put note with Tim Vermande about same date - reckon we three can have a ball?

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