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MY EDITORIAL THIS ISSUE DOES NOT TAKE ITS USUAL FORM BECAUSE OF A CHANGE IN PRINTING METHODS.

FIRST THERE ARE A FEW POINTS OF NEWS TO MAKE. THERE WILL BE AN MLR CONVENTION IN LONDON IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT MIKE PLUMB WHOSE ADDRESS MAY BE FOUND IN THE MLR LISTING FOUND IN ANOTHER PART OF THIS ISSUE.

SECONDLY, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHOM I SPOKE TO IN ST. CATHERINES IN MARCH, THERE WILL BE AN EXCURSION RUN. STEAM ENGINE 6060 WILL BE RUNNING OUT OF FORT ERIE FOR A FIVE HOUR RUN ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF JUNE, THE 30TH. TICKETS ARE BY RESERVE PURCHASE AND MUST BE PICKED UP BY MAY 31, 1974. THOSE WISHING TO RESERVE TICKETS SHOULD CONTACT ME AND I WILL GIVE ALL INFORMATION AT THAT TIME. THE APPROXIMATE PRICE IS \$10.00 PER TICKET. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.

THERE IS NO EDITORIAL PORTION TO THIS ISSUE BECAUSE THERE IS ALREADY A LARGE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL TO BE PUBLISHED.

#### MODELLING TIPS

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BY THE TURKEY

1. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THAT YOU SAW CHROMED RAILS ON THE PROTOTYPE? I'M NOT REFERRING TO THE RAILHEADS BUT THE SIDES OF THE RAILS WHERE NO POLISHING IS CAUSED BY THE WHEELS. WHAT I'M GETTING AT IS THIS: WHY NOT PAINT THE SIDES OF YOUR RAILS A RUST OR GRIMY BLACK COLOUR? IT'S REALLY QUITE EASY AND VERY EFFECTIVE: JUST SLOP THE PAINT OVER THE ENTIRE RAIL THEN WHEN IT HAS DRIED, REMOVE THE PAINT FROM THE RAILHEADS WITH AN ABRASIVE. ONE WARNING THOUGH - BE VERY CAREFUL AROUND TURNOUTS SINCE THE PAINT IS AN INSULATOR AND THUS WILL WREAK HAVOC WITH CONTACT POINTS BETWEEN THE WING AND STOCK RAILS. TRY IT AND I AM SURE THAT YOU'LL BE PLEASED WITH ITS APPEARANCE.

2. THIS SOMEWHAT TIES IN WITH THE FIRST TIP IN THAT IT'S A METHOD OF PAINTING TO APPROXIMATE THE PROTOTYPE. I'M NOT PARTICULARLY ADEPT AT WEATHERING SO WHEN I HEARD OF AN EASY WAY TO 'WEATHER' A FREIGHT CAR, I REALLY JUMPED AT THE OPPORTUNITY. TAKE A LOOK AT A MODEL OF A STANDARD BOXCAR RED BOXCAR (THAT MUST BE WHERE THEY GOT THE NAME) AND COMPARE THE COLOUR OF THE BODY WITH THE SHINY BLACK TRUCKS. NOW PAINT THE SIDEFRAMES OF THE TRUCKS BOXCAR RED AND SEE IF IT DOESN'T MAKE A STARTLING IMPROVEMENT - IF IT DOESN'T THEN DON'T TELL ANYBODY ABOUT IT, ESPECIALLY ME. SERIOUSLY THOUGH, IT'S A SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE OPERATION. THE SAME CAN BE DONE WITH OTHER TYPES OF CARS BUT THE COLOUR YOU CHOOSE FOR THE TRUCKS WILL DEPEND UPON THE STYLE OF THE CAR - FOR EXAMPLE, DON'T PAINT THE TRUCKS OF YOUR NEW BURLINGTON NORTHERN BOXCAR IN B. N. GREEN. FOR A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT I MEAN, SEE THE GONDOLA ON PAGE 60 IN THE JANUARY '74 MODEL RAILROADER.

TO THE EDITOR:

AFTER A COMPLETE LACK OF ANYTHING FOR SIX MONTHS FROM ANYONE WHO HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE NATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THIS ORGANIZATION, I FEEL THAT AN EXPLANATION FROM CERTAIN PEOPLE IS DUE THE MEMBERS.

A NUMBER OF HOTBOXES WERE TO HAVE COME OUT OVER THE SUMMER; ONE DID. WE NEVER DID FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MISSING ISSUES. ONE ISSUE DID FINALLY COME, AND SINCE THAT ONE, NOTHING. A DIRECTORY WAS TO HAVE BEEN ISSUED SOME TIME LAST YEAR. THE TAMR DIRECTORY HAS ALWAYS BEEN LATE, BUT IT DID COME OUT. WE WERE TO HAVE HELD AN ELECTION; IN PAST HISTORY, ELECTIONS MIGHT HAVE BEEN LATE BY 3 MONTHS OR SO, BUT THEY WERE HELD.

IN REVIEWING NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR, WE HAD A SHORT CHRISTMAS HOTBOX SENT OUT A YEAR AGO; SENT BY TERRY BURKE (AT THAT TIME ABOUT TO BE REMOVED AS SECRETARY, AT LEAST HE DID SOMETHING) SINCE NOTHING HAD COME FOR A LONG TIME, AND HE FELT THE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD HAVE SOME CONFIRMATION THAT THE TAMR WAS AROUND. SINCE A YEAR AGO CHRISTMAS, WE DID HAVE A CONVENTION NEWSLETTER DURING THE SUMMER. SHOCKINGLY ENOUGH, A HOTBOX DID COME OUT AFTER THE CONVENTION.

AND NOW SOMEONE HAS THE NERVE TO SEND OUT MEMBERSHIP CARDS THAT STATE SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT OF ...ENTITLES \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE TAMR. BENEFITS? OH, YES. PAYING \$3.00 FOR A YEAR OF NOTHING. AND AGAIN IN APRIL I WILL BE ABLE TO PAY ANOTHER \$3. FOR A YEAR OF NOTHING, WAIT, MAKE THAT ONE HB AND A MEMBERSHIP CARD. WE HAD EXCUSES FOR THE PERIOD MARCH TO SEPTEMBER. I GUESS IT IS TIME TO HEAR THE EXCUSES FOR THE SEPTEMBER TO FEBRUARY PERIOD NOW. I HOPE YOU FELLOWS COME UP WITH SOME GOOD ONES THIS TIME: BENGT MUTEN, RALPH DEBLASI, JEAN BRISSON, JOHN HELD AND TOM PAPADEAS. PAPADEAS YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO RUN AN ELECTION (REMEMBER, YOU WROTE THE CONSTITUTION.). AND WHAT ABOUT THE DIRECTORY YOU WERE WORKING ON? RALPH, I KNOW YOU RESIGNED, WHICH REMOVES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THREE ISSUES OF THE HB FROM YOUR HANDS. AND JEAN, I UNDERSTAND YOU WERE SO BUSY, YOU HAD TO RESIGN AS SECRETARY. THERE IS SOMETHING CALLED RESPONSIBILITY.

AND NOW TO THE CONVENTION, THE ONLY THING THE TAMR DID LAST YEAR. AND THAT ALMOST FELL THROUGH, THANKS TO SOME PEOPLE IN CHICAGO. BUT THEY CAN HARDLY BE BLAMED; THEY THOUGHT THE TAMR FOLDED. AT LEAST PEOPLE FROM THE MID WEST (CLR IN PARTICULAR) WHO WERE ELECTED TO A NATIONAL POSITION DID THEIR JOBS. IF I HAD NOT STARTED PUSHING, THERE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A CONVENTION. I DID NOT VOLUNTEER CHICAGO AS THE SITE, BUT AS LONG AS SOMEONE DID, PEOPLE WERE EXPECTING A CONVENTION THERE. THERE WERE OTHER THINGS I COULD HAVE DONE OVER THE SUMMER INSTEAD OF PLANNING THE CONVENTION, BUT I REALIZED THAT IF I DIDN'T DO IT, NO ONE ELSE WOULD.

IT IS QUITE APPARENT WHO SHOULD BE PRESIDENT OF THIS ORGANIZATION, BUT THANKS TO MR. PAPADEAS' CONSTITUTION, HE DID A NICE JOB OF KEEPING ME FROM BEING ABLE TO RUN AFTER MY TWO YEARS AS SECRETARY. IF I HAD BEEN RUNNING THIS ORGANIZATION FOR THE PAST YEAR OR TWO, IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE CONDITION IT IS IN NOW.

I'M NOT TRYING TO HEAP PRAISE ON MYSELF. THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES; NO ONE HAS DONE A THING ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL FOR THE PAST YEAR ASIDE FROM MYSELF. I'VE DONE A LOT OF THINGS FOR THE TAMR DURING THE TIME I'VE BEEN IN SINCE '67 (PUBLISHED WAYFREIGHT, SECRETARY FOR TWO YEARS, TYPED WAYFREIGHT, AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE HOTBOX, WHEN I RAN THE ELECTION TWO YEARS AGO, WE HAD ONE). I'VE NEVER ASKED FOR ANY PRAISE, AND CERTAINLY NEVER RECEIVED ANY. THE ONLY THING THAT HAS HELD US TOGETHER IS THE REGIONS THAT HAVE PEOPLE WHO WILL DO SOMETHING. IT'S A SHAME THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE SOMEONE WITH LEADERSHIP CAPABILITIES SUCH AS DICK WAGIE, DOUG KOCHER AND LLOYD NEAL. THESE PEOPLE TRULY KEPT THE ORGANIZATION GOING.

SINCERELY YOURS,

GARY TEMPCO

## EDITORIAL

WELL IT LOOKS LIKE THIS WILL BE THE DECIDING YEAR FOR THE TAMR. THIS WILL BE THE YEAR THAT THE TAMR WILL EITHER MAKE A COMEBACK OR FOLD. HOPEFULLY IT WILL MAKE THE COMEBACK. AS YOU CAN SEE BY GARY TEMPCO'S LETTER, SOMEBODY IS FINALLY GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS SLOWLY DETERIORATING ASSOCIATION. EVERYTHING THAT GARY HAS SAID IN HIS LETTER IS FACT. HE HAS NOT EXAGGERATED, OR GIVEN MISLEADING FACTS. I KNOW GARY, AND HE IS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE. I AM GOING TO SUPPORT HIM FULLY AND I HOPE THE REGION WILL DO LIKEWISE UNTIL A DECISION IS MADE ABOUT THE TAMR. IF THE TAMR DOES FOLD, THEN I BELIEVE THE REGION WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE AS AN ASSOCIATION IN CANADA. BUT FOR THIS TO BE POSSIBLE, WE MUST GET MANY MORE MEMBERS AND MORE INVOLVEMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE WESTERN PROVINCES. SO FAR, I HAVE ONLY HEARD FROM GORD MIDGLEY ABOUT PUBLISHING THE SNOWPLOW, AND GEORGE REDBURN IS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE. JOHN EULL HAS MADE UP A SIMPLE, ROUGH DRAFT FOR THE CONSTITUTION AND ALL WE NEED IS A COMMITTEE TO REWORD AND SET UP THE OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION FOR THE REGION. YOU'RE PROBABLY SICK OF HEARING IT, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GET INVOLVED. IF WE CAN GET ENOUGH ADS AND ARTICLES COMING INTO THE SNOWPLOW, THERE IS A DEFINITE POSSIBILITY OF THE SNOWPLOW BECOMING A BIMONTHLY PUBLICATION.

ONE LAST THING: RICHARD MAY AND I ARE HOLDING THE REGIONAL CONVENTION IN LONDON THIS SUMMER. WE ARE WORKING ON A G. M. TOUR WITH VISITS TO THE LONDON MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, AND SOME PRIVATE LAYOUTS. THE DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET YET BECAUSE WE ARE WAITING TO HEAR A DATE ON THE NATIONAL CONVENTION (IF THERE IS ONE). CHANCES ARE, IT WILL BE WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST. TILL NEXT SNOWPLOW.

MIKE PLUMB

I BELIEVE THAT A COMPLETE REPORT SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGION'S OPERATIONS IN THE PAST YEAR. THIS I FEEL SHOULD BE FOUND IN THE FIRST SNOWPLOW OF THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR. (THIS IS DELAYED IN THAT I WAS UNCIDED WHETHER IT SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION THEN PUBLISHED, OR WHETHER THIS ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TAKEN. THE POLICY WHICH I WILL FOLLOW IS TO PRESENT A MID-YEAR REPORT AT THE CONVENTION AS WELL AS THE ANNUAL SUMMARY.)

TO SUMMARIZE, THEN, WE FINISHED THE YEAR WITH \$24.31 IN THE TREASURY, 16 MEMBERS, 2 SUBSCRIBERS, AND 14 NON-MEMBER RESIDENTS. (A RESIDENT IS DEFINED AS ANYONE WHO LIVES WITHIN THE REGION; A SUBSCRIBER IS SOMEONE OUTSIDE THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF THE REGION WHO RECIEVES THE SNOWPLOW. MOST OF THE NON-MEMBER RESIDENTS WERE GLEANED FROM THE PAGES OF OLD HOTBOXES AND THE 1972 TAMR DIRECTORY. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE UPDATED SOON.)

THE FIGURES BELOW ARE INCOMPLETE INSOFAR AS THEY ARE ONLY FROM THE POST-CONVENTION PERIOD WHEN I ASSUMED THE POSITION OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

INCOME:

HAMILTON CONVENTION SURPLUS	\$20.00
SNOWPLOW ADS	8.00
NEW MEMBERSHIPS	3.75
TOTAL	\$31.75

EXPENDITURES:

SNOWPLOW POSTAGE	\$ 7.34
TOTAL	\$ 7.34
BANK BALANCE	\$22.86
CASH ON HAND	1.55
TOTAL	\$24.41

HERE IS A LIST OF OUR MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS:

JEAN BRISSON	1456 LEPAILLEUR	MONTREAL, QUEBEC
BOB CARDWELL	845 KING ST.	REGINA, SASK. S4T 4E2 (306) - 522-2134
JOHN C. EULL	254 HADDON AVE. S.	HAMILTON, ONT. L8S 1Y1 (416) - 529-6296
RICHARD GUITAR	133 JACOBSON AVE.	ST. CATHERINES, ONT. L2T 3A6 416-684-5264
STEPHEN HAYMAN	994 MAITLAND ST.	LONDON, ONT. N5Y2X6 (519)- 434 - 5949
JOHN W. HELD	72 BELL ST.	BELLEVILLE, N.J. 07109 (201) - 759-6565
DOUGLAS JOHNSON	4855 N. PAULINA ST.	CHICAGO ILL. 60640
DAVID LOWE	85 WISHING WELL DRIVE	AGINCOURT ONT. M1T 1J2 (416) - 491-3698
DOUGLAS MALTBY	1246 53 A ST.	TSAWASSEN B.C. V4M 3E6
RICHARD MAY	1298 SPRINGBANK DRIVE	LONDON ONT. N6K 1G8
GORDON MIDGLEY	59 ST. GEORGE ST.	TORONTO, ONT. M5S 2E6 (416) - 928 - 2827
JEFF PIGDEN	3430 BLACK CREEK ROAD	STEVENSVILLE ONT. LOS 1S0 416 - 382-3528
MICHAEL PLUMB	34 ROCKWYN CRESC.	LONDON, ONT. N5W 1S9 (519) - 455 - 8724
GEORGE REDBURN	97 BELMONT AVE.	HAMILTON, ONT. (416) - 547 - 8942
CHARLES SCHEERLE	P. O. BOX 85	SOMERS POINT, N. J. 08244
	SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE	
	REID HALL, ROOM W-211	WINFIELD KANSAS 67156
GARY TEMPCO	SYDENHAM HALL, I-307	
	U. OF WESTERN ONTARIO	LONDON ONT. N6A 3K7 (519) - 679 - 3683
	18401 WILDWOOD	LANSING ILL. 60438 (312) - 474 - 1431
MICHAEL VOELKER	7 WARDENCOURT DRIVE	AGINCOURT ONT. M1T 3M8 (416) - 293-8421
PETER WILLMOTT	640 MAIN ST.	LACHUTE, QUEBEC J8H 1Y9
JEFF YOUNG	44 MC GILL ST.	TRENTON ONT. K8V 3J3

THOSE WHOSE PHONE NUMBERS DO NOT APPEAR HERE ARE ASKED TO SEND THEM TO ME, FOR THE RECORD.

TAMR NEWS:  
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JOHN HELD AND PHIL SIMONDS WERE IN THE AREA RECENTLY AND THEY ADVISED-ME THAT THE TAMR TREASURY IS NOW UP TO AROUND \$110.00. ACCORDING TO JOHN AND PHIL, THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE HOTBOX IS ALREADY PAID FOR -- DOUG JOHNSON, GREAT LAKES WAYFREIGHT EDITOR AND HOTBOX PUBLISHER, TELLS US (VIA THE FORMER NEWSLETTER) THAT THE ELECTION ISSUE WOULD HAVE BEEN MAILED BY MARCH 2 (THIS IS BEING WRITTEN 3/10) AND THAT THE TAMR HAS BOUGHT A MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE ON WHICH FUTURE HOTBOXES SHOULD BE PRINTED (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PHOTOS). THE TAMR SHOULD ALSO BE APPLYING FOR A U.S. SECOND CLASS POSTAGE PERMIT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE FEE IS \$30.00 BUT IT WILL ALLOW US TO MAIL THE HOTBOX FOR \*FIVE DOLLARS\* AN ISSUE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. THE APPLICATION WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS TO BE PROCESSED BUT SOON AFTER THAT WE SHOULD HAVE THOSE BELATED HOTBOXES ON THE WAY (HOPEFULLY).

IF THE EDITOR WILL ALLOW ME, I'D LIKE TO TAKE A LITTLE ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR A FEW COMMENTS. IF SILENCE WAS INDEED GOLDEN, WE WOULD HAVE A PRETTY RICH REGION; IF ANYTHING IT'S DEAFENING. WE RAISE THE DUES AND CUT THE SNOWPLOW TO QUARTERLY PUBLICATION AND NOT ONE WORD OF PROTEST. (INCIDENTALLY, DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GO TO OFFSET PRINTING, WE ARE RESTORING THE REGIONAL RAG TO BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION.) WE COULD PROBABLY SLIT OUR THROATS AND THERE WOULD NOT BE ONE WORD PRO OR CON. COME ON \*\*IT'S YOUR REGION AND YOUR REGIONAL PUBLICATION \*\* I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM EVERYONE ON A REGULAR BASIS. WRITE, TELEPHONE, WALK OVER, HOP A FREIGHT TRAIN -- JUST GET IN TOUCH. EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO OFFER, INCLUDING YOURSELF -- SHOW US: WRITE A LETTER, WRITE AN ARTICLE . . . IF YOU FEEL SOMEONE IS FULL OF ---- THEN LET HIM KNOW - YOU'VE GOT A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY RIGHT HERE. PRAISE -- EVERYONE LIKES IT . .

WE WANT TO MAKE THIS THE BEST REGION IN THE ORGANIZATION BUT IT CAN ONLY BE DONE IF YOU CONTRIBUTE/PARTICIPATE. KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE PROTOTYPE OR WANT TO TRADE A FEW PICTURES, LET ME KNOW; WANNA GET IN TOUCH WITH SOMEONE WITH A PARTICULAR INTEREST, LET RICHARD GUITAR KNOW; WANNA TRADE FREIGHT CARS LET GEORGE REDBURN KNOW. \*\*JOIN IN -- ITS FUN\*\*

# HAMILTON MEETING REPORT

BY GEORGE REDBURN

IT WAS A DARK RAINING NIGHT WHEN I LEFT FOR HAMILTON'S CNR STATION TO MEET GORD MIDGLEY, JOHN EULL, RICHARD GUITAR, JEFF PIGDEN, AND MIKE PLUMB FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE MAPLE LEAF REGION OF THE TAMR. ALL WET AND SOGGY MEMBERS WERE MET AND WE THEN PROCEEDED TO JOHN'S HOUSE FOR A LONG SLEEPLESS NIGHT. AFTER A LEISURELY RUN AT FULL SPEED FROM A BUS TO JOHN'S HOUSE, WE DRIED OUT AND ORDERED A PIZZA TO SATISFY OUR HUGE APPETITE (MIKE AND I HAD ALREADY TASTED ONE OF JOHN'S HOMEMADE PIZZAS SO WE ALL ELECTED TO HAVE ONE OR - DERED).

AFTER FILLING UP ON PIZZA, NONE OF US WANTED TO GET FAT SO WE CHALLENGED EACH OTHER TO SUCH NEAT GAMES AS INDIAN LEG AND ARM WRESTLING. AFTER RICHARD THREW GORD ACROSS THE ROOM IN AN INDIAN LEG WRESTLING MATCH, GORD PROMPTLY BROKE RICHARD'S ARM IN AN ARM WRESTLING MATCH. THIS EXCITEMENT WAS NOT ENOUGH SO WE ALL SETTLED DOWN TO A ROUSING GAME OF MONOPOLY. AS JOHN AND RICHARD BOUGHT UP EVERYTHING IN SIGHT, AND JEFF WAS BOUGHT OUT BY HIS PARTNER, GORD JUST SAT THERE WITH HIS TWO LITTLE HOLDINGS COUNTING HIS MILLIONS. IT SEEMS THAT THE BANKER (ME) WAS HANDING OUT \$500.00 BILLS TO GORD EVERYTIME SOMEONE ROLLED THE DICE. PRETENDING NOT TO SEE THE MONEY THROWN DOWN IN FRONT OF HIM, HE INNOCENTLY SAID "OH, THIS IS MINE", AND ADDED IT TO HIS PILE. WHEN THIS SCANDAL WAS FINALLY BROUGHT TO THE LIGHT, THE BANKER WAS FIRED AND THE GAME DISSOLVED.

NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO NEXT, SOME WISE GUY SUGGESTED THAT WE ALL TRY TO GET SOME SLEEP. AS HE WAS LAYING THERE TRYING TO GET 40 WINKS AN ICE CUBE WAS THROWN UP HIS LEG AND A RIOT BROKE OUT. DURING ALL THE CONFUSION, SOME MYSTERIOUS PERSON MYSTERIOUSLY DROPPED AN ICE CUBE DOWN GORD'S BACK. WE ALL SAT BACK AND WATCHED GORD DO HIS INDIAN ICE CUBE DOWN THE BACK DANCE.

THE NEXT DAY (OR SHOULD I SAY LATER THAT DAY) WE ALL SET OFF FOR TORONTO VIA GO TRANSIT. ONCE IN UNION STATION WE WENT OFF AND HAD SOME BREAKFAST AND THEN WENT ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE TO GET A CLEARANCE FORM TO STAND ON THE PLAT - FORM AND MEET PHIL SIMONDS COMING IN FROM NIAGARA FALLS. WE FOUND THE PLACE BUT IT WASN'T OPEN SO WE ALL DECIDED TO TAKE A LITTLE WALK TO SEE HOW UNION STATION TICKS. SUDDENLY WE HEARD FOOT STEPS SO EVERYONE RAN FOR THE WINDOW. AROUND THE CORNER CAME THE FOOTSTEPS, WHICH BELONGED TO A FRAGILE LOOKING GIRL WHO WAS ABOUT TO OPEN THE OFFICE. KNOWING THAT THIS FRAGILE GIRL WAS NOT GOING TO THROW SIX BIG HEALTHY BOYS OUT, WE ASKED FOR THE CLEARANCE. WE GOT THE FORMS AND JOHN SIGNED HIS JOHN HENRY ON THEM AND WE PROCEEDED ONTO THE PLATFORM. THERE WE MET PHIL AND HEADED FOR AGINCOURT YARD. ON THE WAY, WE PICKED UP MIKE VOELKER AND NOW OUR GROUP OF CLOWNS WAS COMPLETE.

ONCE THERE WE GOT A RIDE INTO THE YARDS ON THE COMPANY BUS AND ATE IN THE CREW MEMBER'S CAFETERIA (WITH THE DIRTY LOOKS FROM EVERYONE IN THERE). WE GOT SOME BEAUTIFUL PICTURES THEN WE LEFT FOR A COUPLE OF HOBBY SHOPS, THE SPADINA YARDS, AND THEN ON TO GORD'S APARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO FOR A MEETING.

ANYONE READING THIS ACCOUNT WHO WASN'T THERE WOULD THINK THIS WASN'T MUCH OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING BUT BETWEEN ALL THE FUN AND CLOWNING AROUND, THE MEMBERS GOT DOWN TO SOME SERIOUS TALKING, AND MUCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED. TO FULLY APPRECIATE WHAT HAPPENED AT THIS AND OTHER MEETINGS YOU HAVE TO ATTEND AND SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.



THIS IS A QUESTIONAIRRE FOR YOU MEMBERS TO FILL OUT AND SEND BACK TO ME, MARK THOMPSON. WHEN THE RETURNS ARE COMPILED SHOWING A GOOD RESPONSE WE WILL MAKE A BID FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR THE 1975 TAMR NATIONAL ...

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\* CONVENTION \*  
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IN ORDER TO HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE CONVENTION EVER WE HOPE YOU WILL TAKE THE TIME AND FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING. WE WANT YOU TO TELL US WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE AT THE CONVENTION, AS WELL AS WHAT YOU WOULD NOT CARE TO SEE. ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS OF YOUR OWN ARE MORE THAN WELCOME.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU COMING?

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| | YES, DEFINITELY  
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| | PROBABLY, BUT NOT SURE  
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| | SORRY, NO  
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WHAT SCALE(S) WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?

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| | LIVE STEAM | | OO  
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| | N | | NARROW GAUGE  
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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE MORE EMPHASIS PUT ON?

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| | FAN TRIP | | CONTESTS  
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| | CLINICS, MOVIES, SLIDES  
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| | OPERATIONS | | TOURS  
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| | EXHIBITS | | HOBBY SHOPS  
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IS AUGUST OF '75 A GOOD MONTH?  
(THIS IS 18 MONTHS AWAY)

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| | YES  
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| | NO  
-- (IF NO, WHAT THEN?\_\_\_\_\_)

WHAT PROTOTYPE POWER WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?

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| | STEAM | | DIESEL  
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| | TRACTION  
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HOW DOES 4 MEMBERS TO A ROOM SOUND WITH A COST OF ABOUT \$5. A NIGHT PER PERSON? (EVERYONE WOULD BE SLEEPING IN BEDS, NO COTS)

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| | GREAT | | TOO CROWDED  
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| | NOT CROWDED ENOUGH  
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DUE TO LIMITED SPACE WE CAN ONLY SCAN A SMALL PART OF THE CONVENTION, HOWEVER PLEASE FEEL FREE TO WRITE WHATEVER YOU WISH BELOW OR ON THE BACK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS. PLEASE MAIL IT TO:

TAMR NATIONAL CONVENTION  
17292 BERGEN  
TUSTIN, CA. 92680