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Anniversy Arriving

The TMR is about to celebrate its first sminversy of a close-knit organization. For some time we were locally formed, but one year ago, dues some into existence. If we could make the through the first year, all of us, realized we would be around for a long time. ell, we've made it, so looks like you'll be hearing about the TAMS even when your a vetern modelar, telling everyone else the way it use to be. I think we have a good organization, and I hope, and I think, it'll be around for a long time. Let's hope that future teen modelere, won't have somy of the problems we have faced. We're now one, still growing, and a bright future is seen by most.



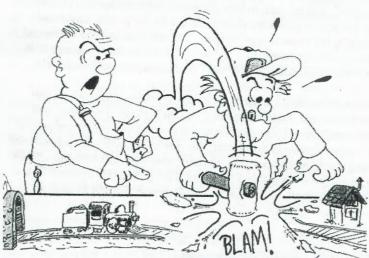
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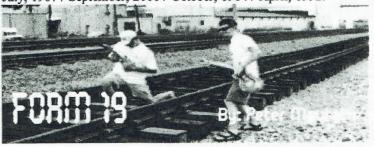
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ON THE COVER: A sample of Hotbox's through the years: July, 1967 / September, 2000 / October, 1984 / April, 1992.



Happy New Year! What a year it will be for the TAMR! Unless you've been living in a spider hole (seems to be the buzz word lately) you know that this year the Teen Association of Model Railroading will be celebrating its fortieth anniversary. Exactly forty years ago, give or take a few months, David Burris, along with some friends, got together, and created what you are all now a part of. David and his friends never imagined this group they created would last even a few years, let alone forty. We've dealt with bouts of inactivity, a few scandals, and even a fight with the NMRA. Despite all that, we're still here, and gaining strength. To kick off the anniversary I've dedicated this entire issue to the TAMR, and it's last forty years. Back in August, when I first began as editor, several member's reminded me of the TAMR's coming birthday. Since this would be quite a milestone for the group I decided an anniversary issue was in order, and began laying the goundwork for January 2004. After month's of retrieving archives, contacting veteran member's, and compiling mountains of materials from letters, to vintage articles, I assembled them into what would become the issue you presently hold in your hands. I wanted this to be a moment for the group new and old to look back on how far we've come, and show the accomplishements that so many made over those years. I hope you enjoy it as much as I toiled putting it together.

In other news, I want to apologize for last month's issue. This issue has now been dubbed, "The Murphy's Law Issue". Everything that could go wrong with it, did. Between computer meltdowns, and Kinko's paper-munching machines, I was just thankful to get it assembled, and out before they spontaneously combusted. In doing so, a few minor problems slipped past. I do my best to avoid such disaster's, but these things happen. I thank you for your continued patience with my work, and hopefully we can make it through this year without smoking harddrive's, and possesed copy machine's.

In other, other news, Nick Wilson has announced his resignation from his official TAMR positions, which include: Treasurer, and Northeast Region Representative. He feels he can no longer devote the time necessary to those postions, due to his now busy schedule of school, work, and social life. He will however, still host the TAMR National Convention this July (dates TBA). Anyone interested in these positions should contact Chris Burchett, TAMR President, at the addresses below.

Chris Burchett

or cburchett@chescweb.com

[Anyone chosen for either the positions, would be appointed by the President, serving a term till the elections this November.]



A word from our President...

Forty years. Hard to believe the TAMR has been around that long if you've been with the group for most of its existence, active or otherwise. While not a long time, that's not a bad record at all for an organization operated by teens all these years, with some guidance from time to time by the adults within the organization—especially those adults who were regular members in the TAMR's early days of the mid-1960s and '70s. Of course, the 1980s weren't an easy time either, but the TAMR is still here today supporting the teen railfan and model railroader.

The names at the top of my list for helping the TAMR out throughout the past twenty years or so include Tim Vermande, Newton Vezina. Lone Eagle Payne and Peter Maurath. Of course, indeed there are others. However, these fellows have been great assets to the group, even after each one's membership elevated to "Associate" status. Now this column isn't specifically about these four individuals, but it wouldn't be fitting not to include them with a little background alongside. They have helped the TAMR in ways they themselves probably don't even realize. Lone Eagle was the TAMR's Pivot Pin for a good many years and helped foster along a lot of excellent leaders, including Newton Vezina. Peter, well, I'd hope most of you know all that he has done for the group being president, Hotbox editor and all around TAMR spokesman with his assistant Chuck Zehner. Newton has done more for the group than can be said when one gets right down to it. He began the outstanding idea of TAMR Video Exchange, put together an excellent team of Hotbox coeditors, has been another great TAMR spokesman, was a former promotions manager and helped keep the group together in some of its tougher times.



A SIGHT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN CONTEMPORARY TO DUR FOUNDERS. NYC EB #4074 PAUSES AT SOUTH BEND, IN, SPRING 1964. TIM VERMANDE, PHOTO.

Tim Vermande has been another invaluable asset to the group, assisting as our current Pivot Pin and in a variety of other "unofficial" duties. While I honestly can't say what additional functions he has performed in years past, since I've been with the group (that would be six years by the way), he has helped in many ways as well. To think that all of these guys have done most of their more known work after becoming "associate members." Now that doesn't mean that adults do more than teens, but what I'm saying is that takes some dedication to juggle life's experiences with the needs of TAMR and that deserves some recognition.

A lot has changed in forty years though. To think that teens back in the 1960s were wondering what would happen to the New York Central System and the Pennsylvania Railroad, the new C&O/B&O alliance, and the loss of the Nickel Plate Road to the Norfolk & Western. To think that GP30's, GP35's, SD40's and U-boats were the hot motive power topics of the TAMR's early years. To think that Amtrak was on the verge of acquiring most of the country's nationwide passenger operations, although at the time it was being called Railpax. And of course the coming of age of N and HO scales as viable scales to model in. And the TAMR has been there to witness it all.

So I close with this hope, that as the new year dawns, we really get involved with the TAMR to keep it going for another forty years and beyond. This group benefits those who are truly active in more ways than they themselves even realize at that particular point in time. Therefore, have a great year, stay active and above all, keep the TAMR fun. Quoting Bill S. Preston, Esq., "Be excellent to each other."

Chris Burchett, two term TAMR President, has himself been a major contributor over the years, hosting numerous regional conventions, and one national.



"From the home office in Cleveland, OH, it's tonight's Top Seven List..."

THE TOP SEVEN GREATEST THINGS ABOUT THE TAMR. (PROVIDED BY GUEST CONTRIBUTORS)

#7. "MEETING PEOPLE WHO WILL BECOME FRIENDS FOR LIFE." Dave Honan

#6. "TAMR INADVERTENTLY REVOLUTIONED TELEVISION BY STARTING "REALITY TV" CRAZE WITH 1994 DAYTON CONVENTION VIDEO." Brad Beaubien #5. "TAMR IS EASY TO SAY." Jonathan Schoen #4. "THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAILFAN THE BAY COLONY GARBAGE TRAIN ... FROM THE INSIDE!" John Reichel #3. "THE PLACE YOU CAN LEARN TO BUILD THINGS FROM PASTA - YOU CAN HAVE YOUR LAYOUT AND EAT IT

#2. "TAMR POSSESSES NO WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION." Brad Beaubien

#1. "TEENS, TRAINS, AND PIZZA./ FAITHFUL WORKERS WHO DEDICATE THEIR TIME." (TIE) Jonathan Schoen



TOO!" Andy Inserra



A LITTLE HUMOR FROM HOTBOX'S PAST LEFT: APRIL 1994, RIGHT: OCTOBER 1984



TAMR TIMELINE

Penn Central created

Amtrak Created

B&O/C&O officially merge

1964...

-TAMR is founded by David Burris.

PENNSYLVANIA RR, AND NYC RR RESUME MERGER TALKS.

-EMD introduces the GP35 Diesel Locomotive.

THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT STATES THERE WAS NO conspiracy in the assassination of President Kennedy.

-THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL REPORTS THAT CIGARETTE smoking is a HEAlth HAZARD.

-World Series: St. Louis Cardinals d. NY Yankees (4-3)

Big Movies that year: Dr. STRANGELOVE, My FAIR LADY and Mary Poppins.



Through the Years, a TAMR history.

By: Peter Maurath

[Writers Note: What follows is the history of the TAMR as best as I could put it together. Due to the fact our founding fathers never planned on the group "catching on", or lasting more than a few years, most of the early documents have been long lost to history. Compounding the problem was the difficulty in finding early members and getting them to speak about the group they were a part of many years ago (including our founders). With that in mind, this history cannot be complete in every detail. I did what I could with what material was found. Perhaps someday, somebody can archive this material properly, and assemble a full account of our past.]

The founding of our group could almost be looked upon as an accident. David Burris (approximately 15-16 years old) from Baker Oregon had noticed there wasn't much for teens in the hobby. The NMRA seemed to adult for him, so he decided to create a national organization just for teens. With the help of his father and close friend Micheal Denuty of Spokane, WA (while many consider him a cofounder, he only provided ideas to Dave early on and was not active after the group's founding) he created the Teen Association of Model Railroading.

The founding year most have is sometime in 1964. Though conflicting reports put it both a year before, or after that. The general consensus seems to think 1964, though no one really know for sure. Even a 1982 letter from the founder himself, places 1964 as the founding year, then contradicts it seven years later, stating 63. For the sake of arguing and the fact I've assembled this whole anniversary shindig around 64', that's the date I'm sticking with.

EMD introduces '40 series

CB&O, NP, and Great Northern merge to create the Burlington Northern

The group initially was very small (even by our standard's). Member's were David's friends and friend of friends. The group was held together through correspondence, and the group publication, TAMR Newsletter, sent out at regular intervals by David. It was very informal, with no Board of Directors, or Constitution, but that would all change soon.

By summer of 1966 the TAMR was closing in on almost seventy member's. What had started out as a group of friends, was catching on as a national organization. It was then, that David along with member's Steve Siedel, Richard Wagie, and other's, that the first election be held. Before then, David had served as a sort-of selfappointed leader, and handled all duties of the group. With the growth, and his increasingly busy schedule, it was time to pass the torch. The first ever TAMR elections were held that fall, September 1966. Richard Wagie became the first elected President, Steve Seidel; Vice President, David Burris; Secretary, and Doug Kocher; Treasurer. Results were posted in the newly renamed October issue of the TAMR Hotbox (winning entry from a contest earlier that year), the name first used in the August-September issue (another change was monthly publication).

At the same time the first TAMR constitution was published courtesy of Richard Wagie. It was official voted in by member's the following year. The constitution would bring a new level of structure to the group, including the assembly of regions (Originally the group had the U.S. broken up into eight regions).

Following the first election was the adoption of the first and only TAMR logo. Designed by Steve Seidel (who was inspired by the nose D&RGW F-unit) it is a testament to Steve's excellent work, having stood the test of time.

The group is now established, with a constitution, officer's, and a logo. It was at that point, we bid farewell to our founder. David, having invested so much of his time and money into this group felt he deserved at least some compensation for his work. Unfortunately, other's felt differently and David parted ways with the group he had founded just two years earlier. While it was a sour ending then, David holds no grudge, and remains a member to this day.

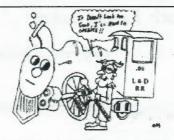
Over the next four years TAMR would experience phenomenal growth with membership climbing to over three-hundred members. With that growth came many active member's who founded numerous committees such as a Car Exchange, Member Services, and even a Stock Exchange Committee. Regions were also formally organizing themselves, producing quarterly or monthly regional newsletters, and even going so far as writing constitutions of their own. The group was riding high, but the best was yet to come, the first TAMR convention. Catch that and other exciting tidbits in the second part of TAMR History, later this year.

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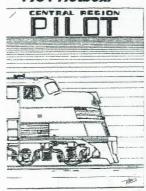
- -EMD introduces the F-40.
- -TAMR at ten, nearly collapses following mis-management, and erratic Hotbox schedule.
- -House Judiciary Committee <u>adopts three articles of impeachment</u> charging President Nixon with obstruction of justice, failure to uphold laws, and refusal to produce material subpoenaed by the committee (July 30).
- -Richard M. Nixon announces he will resign the next day, the first President to do so (Aug. 8).
- Super Bowl: Miami d. Minnesota (24-7)
- Movies that year: The Godfather Part II, Blazing Saddles, Towering Inferno.



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By Dee Gilbert

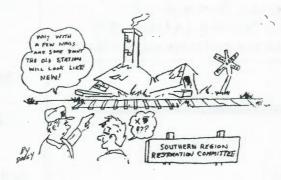
Article Header from the October 1984 Hotbox.



Central Region Newsletter April 1990.

TAMR ART OVER THE YEARS





From the back of the Southern Region Express, Febuary/March 1981





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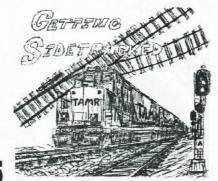
Southern Region newsletter cover, Febuary/March 1981

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BY MARK KASZNIAK EDITOR

Header from October 1984 *Hotbox*.



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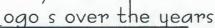
Soo Line Purchoses Milwaukee Road

meral Electric Introduces the cowl-body Dash 8-40CM



- -TAMR celebrates its 20th anniversary
- -Bell Telephone System broken up (Jan 151).
- -Ronald Reagan re-elected in lanslide with 59% of the VOTE.
- -Super Bowl: LA Raiders d. Washington (38-9)
- -World Series: Detroit d. SAN Diego (4-1)
- -NBA Championship: Boston d. LA Lakers (4-3)
- -Apple introduces new personal computer, The Macintosh.

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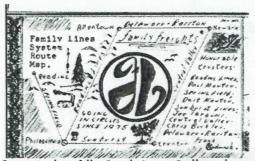
"Hauling big loads for big industry."

The O Scale empire of former active member, Zachary Gooch of Bellaire, OH. from March 1992 Hotbox.



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Forshawdowing a bit here is James Smith Jr. of E. Greenville, PA with his Pennslyvania Central RR. Possibly better than the worms? From July 1967 Hotbox.



The Allegheny Region's idea of the family Lines. To them it was a combination of regional member's railroads. From June, 1976 Allegheny Dispatcher.

TAMR TIMELINE

BNSF created

UP re-introduces "Wings Scheme"

NS introduces "horsehead logo"

1993 1993

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2004

First AMD-103's delivered to Amtrol

UP purchases D&RGW/SP

Conrail broken-up

Microsoft debuts Train Simulator



-NS cancels STEAM DROGRAM (OCTOBER).

-TAMR holds first successful convention in years, at Dayton, OH. Ushers in era of high attendance.

-O.J. Simpson arrested in killings of wife Nicole Brown and friend Ronald Goldman.

Four men convicted in World Trade Center Bombing.

-Baseball players strike, no world series that year.

-Movies that year: Speed, Forrest Gump, Shawshank Redemption.

-Friends, and ER debut on NBC.

"I've been a member for a couple of years now, and I would say that although we've gone through some rough times in the last couple of years, we're on the up now. I know for a fact that numbers were down pretty low the last couple of years, but we're coming back. Then again, the vice president may be the least informed member of the group. But seriously, with the Hotbox back on a regular schedule and membership on the rise, and with the right people at the throttle (Chris, Peter, and all the rest that are working hard for success) I think this group has a bright future. Here's to at least 40 more years!"

-Charles Warczinsky, Sandusky, MI

Former Hotbox Editor (01'-02'), presently serves as TAMR Vice-President

"I've been a member for 7 years now. Been to the 98 and 99 Western Region conventions and the 2000 National in southern California and 2001 in Ohio. Had fun with Newton, Pete, Chris B, Scott Willet, Dave Hadley, Drew M, Drew S, Ross, Benji, Hans and many others. Have taken a ton pictures from all the conventions. Met one of my best friends from the 98 convention, Joe Bohannon. Had fun in this group, hope it continues."

Jeff Wondolleck, Lafayette, CA

"I have definetly enjoyed my expirience as a TAMR member. I have met new friends, gained knowledge, and traveled across the country. When I first joined back in 1997 I wasn't really that active until I attended my first conventon in Jan. 1998. From then on I made alot of new friends and even hosted my first convention in April with Dimitrios Fradelakis in Queens and New Jersey. The same year I also atteneded the National Convention in Vermont. Since then I've been to Texas, St. Louis and Ohio, places I would have never been otherwise. In 2000 I was Hotbox editor with Newton Vezina. I learned basic editing skills and how to meet deadlines. I have also gained some great experiences railfanning, and overall railroad knowledge. Now that I'm in college I barely have any of the time that I would like to dedicate to the group and hobby, but I still try to keep in touch with the friends I've made in the TAMR. Overall, the TAMR is a great organization that I don't know where I would be without it

-Andrew Matarazzo, Old Bridge, NJ Former Hotbox Editor (00'-01'), and TAMR Promotions Director (97'-01')



DUE TO THE SPACE AVAILABLE SOME LETTERS MAY BE EDITED FOR LENGTH.

"In 67' I exchanged passes with one Steve Seidelof Kankakee, IL for his Central Valley and Illinois RR, and he asked me if I would like to join the Teen Association of Model Railroading, and I did. We have had our ups and downs, and Dave Burris, the originator, never though we would last more than the two years he was presiding, but, here we are at forty and still going."

-Lone Eagle Payne, New Carlisle, OH Former Pivot Pin (70'-90'), and all around TAMR Royalty

"I have been a member since last fall, and will be honest, I was wondering what was gonna happen when the TAMR piled up last winter. Maybe it was my cover photo on the last Hotbox (before pete started), I don't know. My taking of the Central Region rep's seat has me thinking of way's to make the central better, and more active, but no one seem's to have the time! I am glad to see that the TAMR has made it to it's 40th, and will be very glad to see it turn 50! And I hope I see it turn 100!! "

-David Cenci, Peck, MI Central Region Representative

"I first signed up for the TAMR at age 12, from a tiny classified ad in the back pages of Model Railroader magazine. Without realizing it at first, this was (and still is, to this day), the very best decision I ever made in this hobby, in my entire life. My greatest pride, with the TAMR, is the "Legacy" aspect. I do know just how "fragile" this organization had been at numerous times, though many challenging situations. Nevertheless, this still amazes me, to this day, that this All-Teen organization still is "firing on all cylinders" and prospering today, a significant tribute to the relentless determination and Leadership of dedicated Teens. The TAMR truly embodies what America is all about. In retrospective, yes, they all say that "Boys will be Boys", but, in this Hobby of Model Railroading, never "count them out", 'cause Teens can certainly "kick butt"!"

"P.S.: Model railroading is fun"

-Jean Brisson, Victoria, B.C., Canada

Former TAMR Secretary (73'-75') [position eliminated in 1996]

BEFORE | GO...

A big thank you is in order to all those who made this issue possible: Tim Vermande, Mark Kasniak, Jean Brisson, Llyod Neal, Lone Eagle, John Reichel, John Schoen, Brad Beaubien, Andy Inserra, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Thank You!!!!!

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COMING SOON TO THE HOTBOX :

- -The debut of the TAMR Photo Page, along with the return of the regular features.
- -Tim Vermande's, Photography on a Shoestring Budget.
- -Mark MacDougall tells us a little about his railroad.

COMING SOON TO THE TAME:

-Next month the TAMR will, for the upteenth consecutive year, be hosting a TAMR table at the Amherst Society's Big Train Show, Febuary 7th & 8th, 2004, in W. Springfield, MA. Come out and join the insanity!





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