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"I'm Bo the TAMR Wonder Dog, and I approve this Hotbox."



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Send your check to my...oops, sorry, you mean that type of contribution. We here at The Hotbox are always in need of new material, and those who wish to run for office. Here are a few examples:

FEATURE ARTICLES:

This is what we're always looking for. From a railfan trip, to your home layout's story, or your own story. Size can range from a paragraph to a full page. Pictures are always appreciated. New officers are too

COLUMNS:

Full of great tips on layout improvement? Got a million reasons EMD is better than Alco? Start a monthly, or bi-monthly column. Or send an essay about how you'd like to be our new treasurer. Size same as features.

PHOTOS AND DRAWINGS:

Got a great photo election you want to show-off? Got anotebook full of railroad cartoons, or layout logos? Send them to the Hotbox staff for consideration, along with any bids for office or votes.

SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS, CAMPAIGN NOTICES OR HOTBOX QUESTIONS TO:

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Vote or else I'll show up at your front door playing accordion music.

GET WIRED

Check out TAMR on the web at:

www.TAMR.org

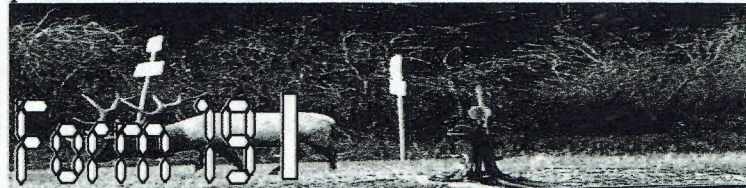
Or Join our online yahoo news group, by contacting: pivotpin@TAMR.org

(By joining you'll receive updates on TAMR news and events, plus be connected to dozens of other TAMR members, who love to vote. There's no cost to join this group, do it today!)

If you have a web site relating to trains or model railroading, why not join the TAMR web ring. It costs nothing, and provides a link for all TAMR members to find other TAMR sites. Running for office is fun!!!! To join, send your e-mail address and web site URL to pivotpin@tamr.org.

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ON THE COVER: Framed by shadows, an Amtrak Genesis pulls into the Lancaster, PA station in April, 2003. Austin MacDougall, photo.



A message from your editor-in-chief

Well, here we are, the November election issue. I can't say I'm pleased with how this has turned out. After more than three month's of advance notices, we're here today with four out of a possible ninety-two people wanting your votes for offices. Six of the nine open offices will remain open or filled by adults like myself. You can change that. You have the power to keep this group from becoming the "Twentysomething Association of Model Railroaders". Even though it's a little late to make a bid for office, you can still get a temporary appointment till the next election. Or if you want, make a bid online to the group now through TAMRgroups@yahoo.com, and be the write in candidate (ballots won't be tallied till the first of the year). At the very least vote for the four members who made the effort to run. That's all I can say anymore, something about leading a horse to water.●



It'll be here before you know it! That's right, we've gone national again, as the TAMR will hold it's annual convention around the unbe-cool-lievable Amherst Railway Society train show. Come join us for three days of layouts, clinics, slide-shows, and enough pizza to bury Boston. Meet TAMR member's Peter Maurath, Chris Burchett, and other's. Be a part of the TAMR table at the show (featuring a working layout)! You could even wind-up in the convention music video!

To reserve your discount hotel space at the convention, set-up a clinic or for more information contact convention director Newton Vezina at

TAMRVideo@aol.com, or
 Newton Vezina

YOUR 2004 TAMR ELECTION BALLOT

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS:

Please check only one box per office of the candidate you prefer. REMEMBER, you can only vote for a regional representative in your region! In the event no candidate is listed, or you don't like the candidate, you can chose a write-in candidate by checking the "write-in candidate" box, and inserting the appropriate name (Must be a TAMR member under the age of 21). When completed, fold along lines on back into thirds so mailing information faces out, staple or tape the top, and mail. Ballots are due one month after you receive them. Copywrite 2004 Zehner Productions.

For the Office of President of the TAMR:

JONATHAN SCHOEN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For the Office of Vice-President of the TAMR:

WRITE-IN ☐

For the Office of Treasurer of the TAMR:

WRITE-IN ☐

For the Office of Hotbox Editor:

WRITE-IN ☐

For the Office of Northeast Region Representative of the TAMR:

MARK MACDOUGALL ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For the Office of Central Region Representative of the TAMR:

DAVID CENCI ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For the Office of Southern Region Representative of the TAMR:

WRITE-IN ☐

For the Office of Western Region Representative of the TAMR:

BENJAMIN HAWKEN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For the Office of International Region Representative of the TAMR:

WRITE-IN ☐

Office of President

CANDIDATE: JONATHAN SCHOEN/ SIMI VALLEY, CA

Letter of Intent for Presidency

I am Jonathan Schoen. I have done many things for this organization since I joined about a year ago. I have started the Hotbox columns *87 Times Smaller*, all about HO scale, and *Trackside Fans*, where you meet teen railfans and teen railfans meet you. I also have accepted the job of Western Region representative, and have faithfully published several issues of *The Daylight*. In addition, I also write a column about Southern California railfanning for the Northeast Region *Depot* in a column called *Sunny Skies and Terrific Trains*.

I have liked trains most of my life. From Brio wooden trains and watching Thomas the Tank Engine, to HO scale modeling and railfanning Tehachapi Loop, I have always found ways to enjoy my hobby. One of my favorite ways to pass time in riding my bike to the Union Pacific mainline close to my home in Simi Valley, California, and shutter bugging Pacific Surliners, Coast Starlights, Metrolink commuters, and a wide variety of freights.

I am asking you, the member, to elect me to the office of president of the Teen Association of Model Railroaders. I have experienced all the loneliness, all the rejection of being a teen in the hobby. I have always believed the teen railfans and model railroaders are a special group of individuals that needs attention. There needs to be a place where they can come and talk about things such as their trip to Horseshoe Curve, or their new Athearn Genesis SD70MAC, and people know what they're talking about. There needs to be a place for the generation that grew up with the third generation SD70Ms and AC4400Ws. There needs to be a place where modelers can share information on modeling on a shoestring budget. There is such a place. It is called the Teen Association of Model Railroaders.

The TAMR is an organization that the railfan community needs. Like the secret sauce on a hamburger, no one really thinks it's that important, but everyone will notice if it's not there. The TAMR may look small compared to the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) and National Railroad Historical Society (NHRS), but it is a vital part of the community. Remember, many may think the railfan age is dying, but we as teen railfans are living contradictions. Indeed, we may just be a small minority of railfans that many believe to be nonexistent, but we are railfans none the less. I am determined not let this group, which has helped my life in so many ways, disintegrate. I'll do whatever I can to keep it alive. I am Jonathan Schoen, and I am asking for your vote to become president of the Teen Association of Model Railroaders.

Duties of the office of President

- OVERSEE THE DAY TO DAY OPERATION AND COORDINATION OF THE TAMR.
- TO ACT AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE.
- TO PARTICIPATE IN CONGRESS.
- TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO POSITIONS.
- COMMUNICATE REGULARLY WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

Office of Northeast Region Representative

CANDIDATE: MARK MACDOUGALL/STOCKERTOWN, PA

Letter of Intent for the office of NER Rep.

Hello,

I'm Mark MacDougall, temporary Northeast Region Representative. I've been with the TAMR for over a year and I've been the Northeastern Regional Representative for almost a year. I have been interested in trains, both model and prototype since Day 1. My three favorite railroads are Conrail, Reading & Northern, and Delaware & Hudson.

If I am elected I will improve the Depot and encourage teens to join this great organization.

Mark MacDougall

Duties of Regional Representatives

- TO OVERSEE ALL REGION ACTIVITIES.
- TO PRODUCE A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER.
- TO ORGANIZE REGIONAL FUNDRAISING.
- TO PARTICIPATE IN CONGRESS.
- YOU MUST LIVE IN THE REGION TO REPRESENT IT, AND VOTE FOR YOUR CANDIDATE.

Office of Western Region Representative


CANDIDATE: BENJAMIN HAWKEN/SHINGLE SPRINGS, CA

Letter of Intent for the office of Western Region Rep.

The reason why I would like to become the Western Region's representative is that; I am a new member. When I read that we needed people to run for office, I thought this would be the greatest way to help the TAMR. I would love to help the TAMR stay for years to come for future generations to enjoy the greatest hobby with other people with the same interest across the world. I love to write and would be interested to publish the "DAYLIGHT" for the Western Region.

Thank you for allowing me to take advantage of this opportunity, along with your time.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Hawken 

THE TAMR IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION CREATED TO PROMOTE, FOSTER, AND ENCOURAGE YOUNG PERSONS IN THE HOBBY OF MODEL RAILROADING, THE ACTIVITY OF RAILFANNING, AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THEREOF. HOLDING YEARLY ELECTIONS FOR OUR FINE, FINE OFFICERS, AND OUTSTANDING MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP TO THE TAMR INCLUDES AN ELEVEN MONTH SUBSCRIPTION TO THE HOTBOX, THE ANNUAL DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS, QUARTERLY REGIONAL NEWSLETTERS AND AN ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL TAMR EVENTS. THE AVAILABLE MEMBERSHIP CATERGORIES ARE AS FOLLOWS: REGULAR (UNDER 21)-\$15, ASSOCIATE (21 AND OVER)-\$20, INTERNATIONAL (OUTSIDE US)-\$18

TO BECOME A PART OF THE TAMR, OR TO RENEW, SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO:
NICK WILSON, TAMR TREASURER,

OFFER GOOD WHY SUPPLIES LAST, NEGATIVE EQUITY APPLIED TO NEW LOAN BALANCE, MUST TAKE DELIVERY OF DEALER STOCK, SEE STORE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY, VOID WHERE PROHIBITED. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF RULES, REGULATIONS, AND THE BEST DARN RESTUARANTS IN HULL, IA SEND A SSAEBDR TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS. IF YOU ARE AT ALL UNSATISFIED WITH THIS HOTBOX, PLEASE RETURN UNUSED PORTION FOR A COMPLETE BLOW-OFF BY OUR STAFF. THANK YOU!

COMING SOON TO THE HOTBOX :

- The usual cast of nuts returns.
- The Grafton and Greenbrier, a TAMR exclusive, continues.
- More POASSB.

COMING SOON TO THE TAMR:

- February will be here before you know it, join the party in West Springfield, MA for the Winter National Convention, Jan 28-30.

