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ON THE COVER: . Big blue soldiers-on! *James Lincoln, photo.*

FORM 19 A message from your editor in chief

Just two months left till
2008, if you're like me,
you're already cutting
back on your food intake
to have enough room for
Thanksgiving, if your not
looking forward to a fan-
tastic home-cooked din-
ner, than come-on over
there's always plenty to
go around!

As this years winds to a
close, we start looking to
2008 and plans for the fu-
ture. In the immediate
future is the Winter Na-
tional Convention, Janu-
ary 25-28. Hosted by vet-
eran convention director
Newton Vezina, this con-
vention is centered
around a TAMR table at
the Amherst Big Railroad
Hobby show held through
the weekend. This year's
looks to be extra-special
thanks to a few contests
up Newton's sleeves, for
more info check out the
ad on page 4.

Further into 2008, we'd
be looking at the plans for
the Summer National
Convention, sadly, none
is proposed at this time,
so, with that in mind, I'd
like to announce, that I'm
exploring the idea of
hosting it myself right
here in Greater Clevel-

and. There's nothing
definite yet, though if I
do decide to host this
clambake you'll know
about it within the next
month. The idea would
be to create a conven-
tion like the great ones
this group used to have
about a decade ago, that
got members like myself
involved in the first place,
complete with contests,
door-prizes, tours, clinics,
ect. First-off I have to see
about locations, sponsors
and trying to plan a multi-
day event. If anyone is in-
terested in assisting or if
you have a convention
proposal of your own,
please let me know at the
addy's to your left.

If you don't have a conven-
tion idea, then write an ar-
ticle. Once again, I'll have
barely enough to fill this
issue. Often times mem-
bers ask me, why the Hot-
box is so small, why can't
it be bigger, and this is the
reason why, I can't publish
a twenty page Hotbox with
material for four. It's-up to
you guys and gals out
there to pitch-in and fill
this baby-up. Otherwise
I'll be resorted to regaling
you all with the extended
history of the Penn Cen-
tral, and believe me, you



don't want that, you just
don't.

Another month, and no
new members. Are you
going to let Dave Swan-
son get away without
paying us a dine! Every
new member net's us
\$15, so get out there ask,
beg plead, and if all else
fails, threaten bodily
harm and get us some
new members, get the
group \$15 and earn your-
self some rewards in the
TAMRPoints program as
well (details were in the
last month's issue).

Before I go I'd like to
add, that we have a
brand new website cour-
tesy former member
Dane Watson, who gen-
erously volunteered his
time to clean-up and
pretty-much rebuild the
site. Check it out today
at the same old addy:
www.TAMR.org •



WELCOME TO AMERICA'S SOON TO BE FASTEST GROWING ARTICLE SENSATION. *RAILFAN RANTINGS*. IN THIS COLUMN I POSE A QUESTION TO OUR MEMBERS VIA THE TAMR ONLINE GROUP AT YAHOO, AND HOPEFULLY COME AWAY WITH SOME INSIGHTFUL, AMUSING, AND POSSIBLY SILLY ANSWERS. THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

**you have seen the
UP heritage units.
what heritage
scheme would
you like to see re-
vived on modern
power?**

Doug Engler, Fulton, NY- "I like all of them. The CN&W paint would look nice on the wide cabs and the Rio Grande I think would look great on some of the older GP38's-2's."

Andrew Matarazzo, Old Bridge, NJ- "It would have to be the Pennsylvania Railroad's Tuscan paint with 5 gold stripes. I think it would actually look pretty cool on the Acela train set, with a nice big Keystone logo on the nose. Also Long Island Railroad could bring back its cool "Route of the Dashing Commuter" logo and Orange and Blue paint scheme."

Also, if CSX or NS ever wanted to save some money, just paint their engines black and slap a couple of worms on there and bam... Instant Penn Central "heritage" scheme. In fact if they really want to be realistic, in true PC spirit, just slap a couple of logos right over the existing paint scheme."

Charles Warczinsky, Sandusky, MI- "That's easy. Grand Trunk Western Blue and Red, or the old GTW/CN/CV/etc. Maple Leaf Scheme. Or maybe the old Huron & Eastern Blue, Yellow and White Pere Marquette-Inspired paint scheme.."

Willie Roberge, Wareham, MA- "I also like the paint scheme that the Salzburg Family of Shortlines used on their F-Units (Red and Yellow) but the Cream and Orange Scheme used on their smaller Center-Cabs (notably the GE "Streamlined" 110 Ton Center Cab switchers on the Wellsville Addison and Galetton that formerly that belonged to Ford.)"

Tim Vermande, Fishers, IN- "Why, must you ask? the NYC lightning stripes on PC!"

Steven Goehring, Nazareth, PA- "Reading green w/ yellow band, CNJ Blue and orange scheme as used on F-M Baby Trainmasters, or LV Red with any of their several striping arrangements. The Allentown/Bethlehem area of Pennsylvania was host to plenty of great paint schemes around 40-10 B.C. (ahem, Before Conrail,) but these are the best."

**WANT TO JOIN IN THE RANTING? THEN
JOIN THE TAMR ONLINE GROUP AT YAHOO
GROUPS.COM. SEE PAGE TWO FOR MORE
INFO.**

THE HOTBOX FUNNY NAME OF THE MONTH

PULLED AT RANDOM FROM THE SOUTHERN REGION TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF THE PENN CENTRAL TELECENTRAL PHONE NETWORK,
"THERE IS ALWAYS TIME FOR COURTESY."

M.A. MUFFO

THIS CONCLUDES THE HOTBOX FUNNY NAME OF THE MONTH, PROVIDED BY THE PENN CENTRAL, TELECENTRAL PHONE NETWORK. "WHEN YOU ANSWER THE PHONE YOU ARE THE COMPANY."

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WE, MATTHEW AND MYSELF, ARE PLANNING TO HAVE A SMALL SWEEPSTAKES TO GET THE WEBSITE ACTIVITY LEVEL UP!

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Second place: 1 year free membership and a \$25 to spend at their favorite hobby shop.

Third place: 1 year free membership.

* Only regular & international members (members under 21) may win these prizes, prize value is in US dollars.

To get in on the sweepstakes:

Register - lower left corner of the main page is a "Register" link, click that, fill out the information; this gets you 1 entry.

Submit Article - After you've registered & logged in, on the lower left in the "user menu" you'll see "submit content" - you type a short article about trains in your area, your model railroad and then click save. Your article will be reviewed by the web team and we'll publish the article!

Don't think this is a long process, short articles are encouraged - I made http://www.tamr.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25 in under 20 minutes. If you have pictures, currently we don't have "upload", please send them to webmaster@tamr.org with the subject of being the same as the article title. This is worth 5 entries.

Make a suggestion - have a good idea of how the forums should be divided? Want a new section added? Fix a write-up?

Please, share your ideas, this is your website too. Worth 2 entries minimum.

Photos - submit your photo, with description to webmaster@tamr.org for 5 entries to the draw.

Draw will be conducted January 5th but get your entries in today! If you run into any problems, email webmaster@tamr.org

Thank you & good luck to you all - let's make this website good!

Dane Watson

Celebrating twenty years of attendance, the TAMR will once again be hosting a table at the Amherst Railway Society's BIG Railroad Hobby Show, in Springfield, MA. You know what that means, Winter Convention Time! Come join us January 25-29, 2008 for a weekend of trains, slide-shows, trains, pizza and did I mention the trains? Meet TAMR members Newton Vezina, Peter Maurath, Chris Burchett, and more, tour the second largest train show in the U.S., check out slide-shows, and just have fun hanging-out with other young railfans and hobbyists.

Calling all Crummies!

New for this year! All TAMR members who attend the convention and bring along a model caboose* will get free admission to the show (an \$8 savings!), your model will also be automatically entered in this year's caboose model contest for a chance at prizes. So get your "caboose" in gear, and attend this year's winter national with all your crummies, cabin cars, and caboose, you have.

We will once again be offering hotel accommodations at discounted rates to our members. For \$25 a night you can stay at the palatial Marriott's Residence Inn, Springfield, in the "TAMR suite" with plenty of room the spread out, an indoor pool, and free FULL breakfast every morning! To reserve your space contact the Convention Director at the info below.

For more information on anything above, please contact Newton Vezina, Convention Director at:
Newton Vezina,

Email: TAMRVideo@aol.com

*any scale is acceptable, you can try to bring a full size one if you want, though the TAMR is not responsible for trailer transport and storage, during the event.

RAILROADS IN NORTHWEST INDIANA

NEW YORK
CENTRAL
SYSTEM
SOUTH SHORE
LINE
GT

Written By: Charles Warczinsky

All photo's by the author

South Bend, Indiana.

Home to the National College Football Hall of Fame, and the University of Notre Dame, South Bend is not your typical mid-size city. Encircled by the US20/US131 freeway bypass, on the south and west, and the Indiana Toll Road (180/190) on the north, South Bend is also home to quite a bit of railroad action.

From the joint Canadian National/Norfolk Southern line through downtown, to the South Shore line's relatively cheap alternative to driving to Chicago to the four daily Amtrak stops in the city (2 eastbound trains, 2 westbound trains), South Bend is the host to well over 100 trains each day.



WHOSE RAILROAD IS THIS ANYWAY? NS 8350 LEADS CSX 9041 WEST OUT OF DOWNTOWN SOUTH BEND ON NS'S CHICAGO LINE. MARCH 8, 2007.

Thanks to the removal of several large, abandoned factory complexes on the west side of town, the south side of the westernmost section of the joint line is a large and open field, affording excellent opportunities to view and photograph Chicago-bound trains from a location known as Arnold Street. Although Arnold Street can be difficult to identify from the main street south of the joint line (Sample Street), and although it is a bit narrow and ends at a pair of New Jersey barricades, it is the easiest and simplest way to access some of South Bend's greatest railroad action. Keeping in mind the TAMR policy of not trespassing, it is best to park at the end of Arnold Street, clear of the RR access road.

The joint line is more than a joint line, in that CN actu-

ally crosses from the north side of the NS line to the south side of the NS line via an interlocking. The interlocking is controlled by Norfolk Southern. Also, the vast majority of trains through the interlocking are NS trains.

Where I'm from, the scanner is almost an essential part of any good railfan's gear. In the state of Indiana, scanners (capable of picking up police frequencies) are illegal, unless you have an



NS 8421 LEADS COAL EMPTIES EAST INTO DOWNTOWN SOUTH BEND ON MARCH 8, 2007. AMAZINGLY ENOUGH, THE TRAIN ACTUALLY APPEARS SHORT COMPARED TO A NEARBY RADIO TOWER.

amateur radio license of any sort. Thus, if you wish to use a scanner while railfanning in the state of Indiana, I'd recommend getting a license, but personally, I've never had a problem using my scanner in the state. In the downtown area, the best frequencies to listen to are (NS) 160.800, (CN) 160.530 and 160.590.

Compared to the old days, when multiple railroads served South Bend and lines ran out of town in several directions, not much is left. There are several industrial customers on the south side of town served by NS, as well as some almost abandoned trackage on the north side of town that, at one time, served Notre Dame. If you get a chance to visit Notre Dame, check out the north side of campus, on the north side of the power house. You'll see the coal yard, complete with (at last check) a pair of almost unused tracks running into the power house area (no public access). At one time, Notre Dame received coal from the NS, and owned and operated it's own diesel locomotive, but a recent check revealed just a couple coal hoppers and a railroad crane on the power house trackage.

I've hit on the highlights of the railroads in South Bend. There is more action than I can describe in this space, but this enough to get you started if you visit the city. If you find yourself with plans to visit the area, feel free to contact me, and if I'm available, I'd be more than happy to show you these and other highlights in the area.●

The Top 7

By: Peter Maurath

"From the Home office in Cleveland, OH, it's tonight's Top Seven List!"

Top Seven ways railfans celebrate Thanksgiving

#7. Make locomotive sculptures out of the canned cranberries.

#6. Sharpen-up their No. 7 X-Acto knife blade to carve the turkey.

#5. Wear the pilgrim outfit trackside.

#4. Use only the best Woodland Scenics foam for stuffing.

#3. Build a small lop of track around the decorative cornucopia.

#2. Refuse to speak to relative who flew or drove in to town.

And the number one way railfans celebrate thanksgiving...

Decorate the house with pumpkins,...BNSF pumpkins.

THE EXTRA BOARD New Memberships-0

Renewals-3

ALEXANDER YASUNA
ANDY INSERRA
CHARLES WARCZINSKY

Expiring Memberships-7

JESSE DUBOIS
THOMAS KONCZOL
MICHAEL IMMERMANN
FRED FREEBOLIN
NICHOLAS REILLY
ANDREW HANSELMAN

Present Member Count- 58

EDITORS NOTE: THIS WILL BE A FEATURE EVERY MONTH SHOWING EVERYONE, WHO'S JOINING, WHO'S STAYING AND WHO'S GOING. IF YOUR NAME IS UP THERE I HOPE IT'S IN THE RENEWAL SECTION OR WILL BE NEXT MONTH.

Trains to Nowhere

BY: STEVEN GOEHRING

Should the TAMR Get Into Train Sim?

A few days ago, I posted this question on the TAMR's e-mail list. I wrote it only after considering for quite a while whether or not there was a future for the TAMR in train simulators. I'm trying to get as complete a response as possible on this, so if you have any ideas, information, or skills that you would like to contribute to this TAMRTrainSim movement, please send a message to my model railroad e-mail box at nazrxfan@excite.com.

Hello everybody,

First of all, I'm sorry about how my messages on this e-mail list come out, with all the formatting gone. I know they're hard to read, so I'll try to work from the actual Yahoo! groups site, not my goofy e-mail provider.

But anyway, I had a general question and an idea to kick around. In coming months, the next generation of home train simulation software will be released in the form of Electronic Arts' Rail Simulator and Microsoft's Train Simulator X. I know that one feature the TAMR could take advantage of would be online multiplayer operation (planned for MSTSX, and may be released in a future EA Railsim service pack.)

My current thoughts focus on whether we should work on creating new content for the upcoming sims. Whenever Rail Sim's US version is

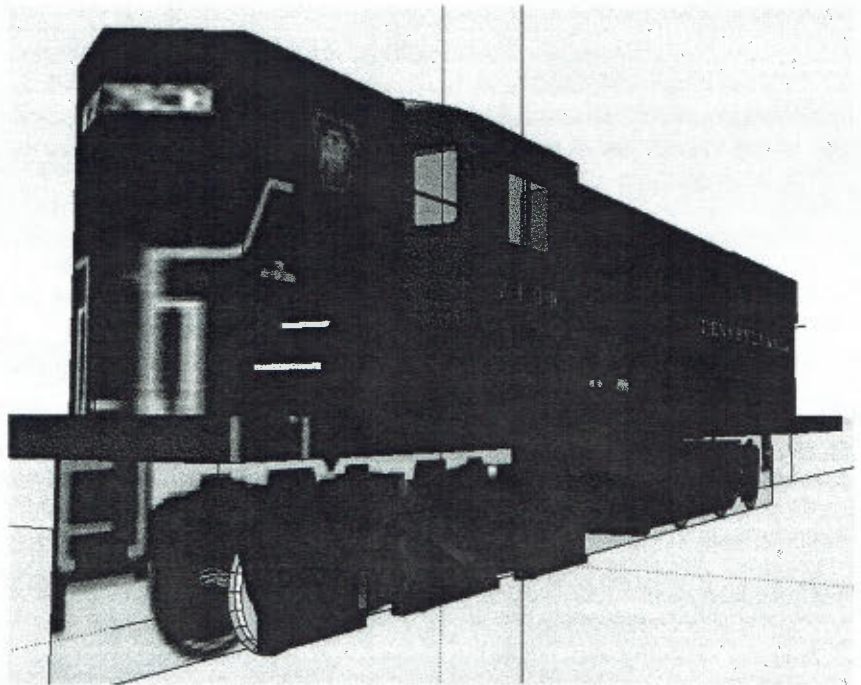
released, I'm sure that I'll be starting some freight car repaints, if not locomotive repaints, and I'd appreciate the help of others to model more of the US rail world in the new sim. But I'm wondering if anyone out there has 3d modeling abilities to create new rolling stock from scratch. This would get a tremendous amount of attention for the TAMR if we came up with, say, the first 40' boxcar for Rail Sim, or the first USA passenger cars, or even the first new locomotive. Rail Sim's development tools should be released in a week or so, and the game has been released in Europe (with all-European content.) There's some real potential here, and I've been

playing with the idea of making an SD-9. I've got a good start with Google's Sketchup 3d modeling program, but it would be great if anyone else would like to contribute as a repainter, a 3d modeler, or a researcher (finding measured diagrams, good photos for texturing the models.)

Please let me know if you'd like to work with this idea. There is currently next to no custom content for Rail Sim, and MSTSX is still several months away, so we have time to strike while the iron's hot and make a place for the TAMR in train simulation!

*Thanks,
Steven*

For more background on the two simulators in development, check out www.Train-Sim.com and go to the Message Area. Then, read the posts in the Kuju Rail Simulator and Microsoft Train Sim X forums.●



STEVEN'S WORK-IN-PROGRESS 3D MODEL OF AN EMD SD-9. THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE THE FIRST USA PROTOTYPE ADD-ON LOCOMOTIVE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF TRAIN SIMULATORS.

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-Part 3 of Charles W's Railfanning in Indiana.

-Doug Engler's Syracuse Spots.

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