

## The Hotbox

Editor:Ben Rechel

Contributors: Hopefully you!

#### **Contributing to The Hotbox:**

We are always in need of new material; your submissions are welcome and greatly appreciated!

#### **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 few pages. Pictures are always appreciated.

#### Columns

Full of great tips on layout improvement? Got a million reasons EMD is better than Alco? Start a monthly or bimonthly column.

#### **Photos and Drawings:**

Got a great photo collection you want to show-off? Got a notebook full of railroad cartoons or layout logos? Send them all!

Send all submissions or questions to:

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On the cover: Canadian National 2-8-2 #3254 at Steamtown. James Lincoln photo.



## **FORM 19**

From the Editor

Hi folks,

Just a short editorial this month to commemorate all those who have been working hard to get this organization back on its feet again. The "promotion commotion" is in full swing, and I'd like to challenge all of you (yes, all) to recruit at least one new member (of any age) from your local area to join the TAMR.

Plan events in your area, and get involved! I'm always looking for photographers and writers for this newsletter. I can't do it without your help!

Until next month,

Ben Rechel



Photo: Charlie Wood

#### **Attention Teens!**

The TAMR has recently received numerous kind donations of locomotives, rolling stock, scenery materials, detail parts, vehicles and other assorted items. These items are available to members 19 and under for their own personal use. An inventory and photos have been posted on the TAMR Yahoo! group.

For more information, contact Jeffrey Andreski at promodirector@tamr.org or 970-203-1846. The recipient will be responsible for shipping costs of their chosen items.

Photo: Peter Maurath



## **Railfan Rantings**

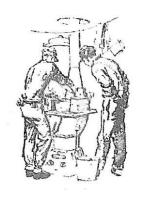
If you could have any job on a railroad, past or present, what would it be and why?

Sawyer Berry.-An engine hostler back in 1954-1959 so I could handle both steamers and first generation diesels.

Rad McGuire.- I'd be a maintenance of way worker

Jeffrey Andreski.-I'd have to say an engineer back in the 1940s & 1950s. They had the best job, operating the biggest and best steam locomotives, before the diesels came along and ruined everything.

Peter Maurath.- I'd go straight to the top and be the Chairman, and/or President. Might as well go for broke right! Choose the motive power, freight, and passenger equipment, make all the big decisions and back-room deals, ride the system in your own private car, have a big office overlooking Park Avenue, a penthouse on Central Park West, not mention the vacation home in the Keys. Broker some big merger deal shortly before your retirement, then step-down with more money than God and a few terminals named after you. Riding the rear-end of a seventy car drag in a blinding snow-storm, you can have it!



## Mulligan Stew

### A LITTLE OF THIS & THAT

By Daniel Fiala

(photos by the author)

Greetings, ladies and gentlemen! I'm Daniel Fiala, your new columnist. The column I will write will feature interesting facts about a very special railroad: The Green Bay & Western.

You are probably wondering why I chose the title *Mulligan Stew*. Well, like the stew, this column is a concoction of this and that of railroading with a strong emphasis on the aforementioned Green Bay & Western.

I'm 17 now and I've been a model railroader since I was 10 years old. In that time I've built three layouts and the current one is the largest and best yet, at 11 by 20 feet and based on the GB&W's Kewaunee Division, set in mid



September 1959. The Kewaunee Division was originally run by the Kewaunee Green Bay & Western from its construction in 1890 until 1969, when the line was absorbed into the GB&W.

I've been interested in the GB&W for about three years now. Prior to that interest, I was a big Milwaukee Road fan. I guess my inspiration for this railroad was Stan Mailer's excellent book, the *Green Bay & Western*, as well as my father and grandfather's interesting stories about the railroad.

Now then, if anyone is be interested in the GB&W prototype, my layout, or just wants to talk trains, please drop me a note. [Dan's address was removed, but can be obtained from the editor.-Ed.] Next month: A brief history of the GB&W.

Left: At about 1 PM on the afternoon of September 15, 1959, RS-11 no. 309 pulls cars off Ann Arbor no. 7 in port at Kewaunee, Wis. on his layout.

Right: No. 309 heads to the East side of Green Bay to switch the "cheese house district."



## Announcing the 2009-2010 Payne Awards!

We are looking to recognize members who have contributed greatly to the TAMR!

Please send in your nominations for:

- Best member
- Best member runner-up
- Best new member
- Best Hotbox article
- Best Hotbox photograph

Please submit your votes by March 31st, 2010 to:

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Should there be a tie, Peter Maurath and Tim Vermande will judge. The winner for each category will receive an item of his or her choice from the TAMR prize vault.

Charles Warcinski photo

An important note from the Board of Directors:

To reduce postage costs to the organization, we are switching to an online version of *The Hotbox*. If you would like to receive this newsletter via postal mail, please contact the editor. Thank you.

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. Reprinting of the Hotbox is prohibited without the express written consent of the Teen Association of Model Railroaders.

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 categories are as follows: Regular (under 21)-\$15, Associate (21 and over)-\$20, International (outside US)-\$18, and Iron Horse-\$25+

To become a part of the TAMR, or to renew your membership, contact:

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