

# THE HOTBOX

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Laona & Northern "4-Spot" at Laona, WI, 1997

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From the Editor's Desk

Greetings, everyone! My name is Daniel Fiala and at age 19, I'm your new Editor. You will probably notice a contrast between this newsletter and those of my preceding Editors. Despite that, I hope to have the same quality of content as they did. Although I don't mind compiling these issues from my own material, I do hope that the TAMR members out there will help me in my task of making this newsletter reflect the Association as a whole, not just my facet.

Happy Railroading,  
The Editor.



## Hotbox News



**Amtrak turns 40 this May.** From contracts to the "Rainbow Years" to "Pointless Arrow" to Acela, Amtrak has come a long way in reliability and service. Happy 40<sup>th</sup>, Amtrak!

**Illinois Central SW-14 #1204 in Green Bay!** Starting March 6<sup>th</sup> through to about the 13<sup>th</sup>, the Canadian National assigned a former IC SW-14 to duty in the former C&NW North Yard.

**10<sup>th</sup> annual Titledown Train Show April 30-31, 2011** at Shopko Hall in Green Bay. This is our premier show in Northeast Wisconsin, with 51 vendors spread over 40,000 sq. feet and 17 operating layouts to be seen.

**The Railfan Ranting Question of the issue:** What is your favored locomotive builder and favorite locomotive?



IC SW-14 #1204 on Blysbay Ave. Green Bay,  
WI 3-13-2011- Daniel Fiala



CN 5272 passing under Mason St. Green Bay  
WI 5-1-2011- Daniel Fiala



## MULLIGAN STEW



*-A LITTLE OF THIS AND THAT-*



- by Daniel J. Fiala

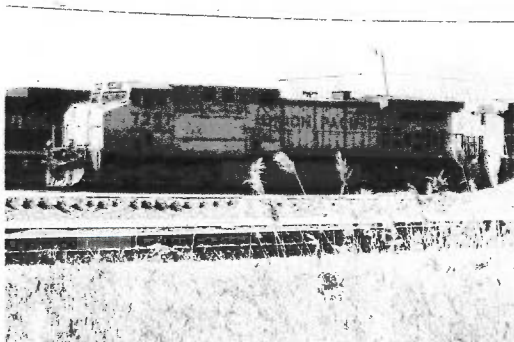
### A Simple Flat Car Load

Recently, a friend gave me his collection of model trains and included were about two dozen vehicles (most of which were 1960's Matchbox models). Included in this modeler's dream come

true was an earth mover which became the basis for this project. The inspiration for this project from Jim Hediger's article (Chains, Chocks, and Shackles pages 80-83) in the June 2005 issue of Model Railroader. For my model however, I used the Athearn 40' flatcar and the Matchbox earth mover. I also simplified the blocking and tie downs as seen in fig. 1 because as it said in the article that the chain tie downs were not required but may be used by shippers to provide additional stability and for the fact that I didn't want to drill into the model. For the blocking, I used 3/32"x3/32" balsa cut into twelve 1/4" lengths. For the positioning of this, consult fig. 1. After adding the blocks, I took inexpensive jewelry chain and fed very thin copper wire through the first link and in turn this fed through the second stake pocket forward from the rear tire. Then take the wire and drop it over the rear axle, cut it to fit the second pocket aft the rear tire and super glue that link to the pocket (this is also shown in fig. 1). There you have it, another simple satisfying project. 📌



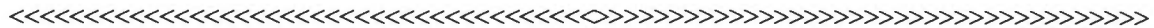
The completed model, also note the scratch-built Quonset hut and a model of my paternal Grandfather's salmon color Studebaker.



UP 7287 at North Yard Green Bay, WI 4/29/2011  
Both photos by Daniel Fiala.



WC 27310 at the same yard 4/27/2011.



## 🗨️ IDEA OF THE MONTH 🗨️

To easily produce a Quonset hut, make two semi circular ends of 1/32" paper board. Then cut the roof from the same type board. Curve this over the edge of your work surface. Install doors and windows to suit. When assembled, cover with K&S corrugated aluminum and paint it. Dormers are optional. For reference see the photos concerning the flatcar load.

