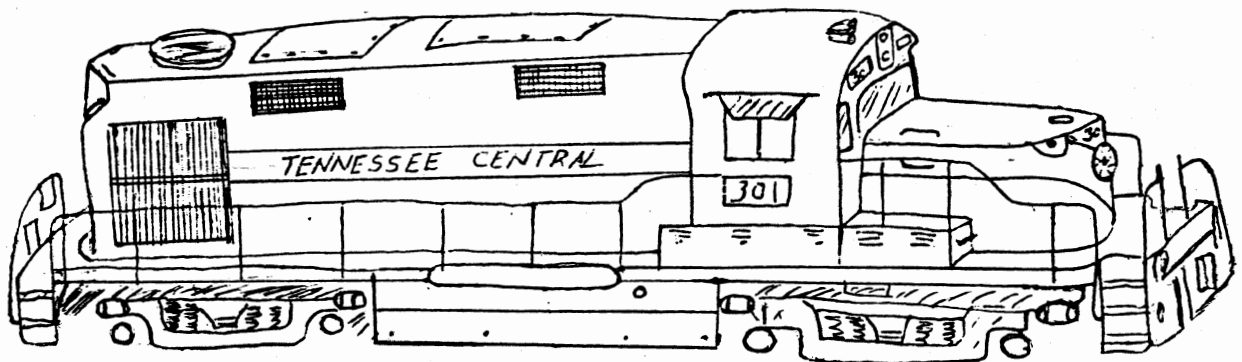


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FRONT COVER

Dave Valentine, once again, shows off his artistic talents. A Tennessee Central "DL 721" rolls along on this months pages.

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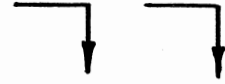
MEMBERSHIP by Dee Gilbert

Total TAMR Membership (2-1-86): 99
Breakdown as follows:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Canadian	3	3%
Central	45	45%
Northeastern	23	23%
International	2	2%
Southern	7	7%
Western	19	19%

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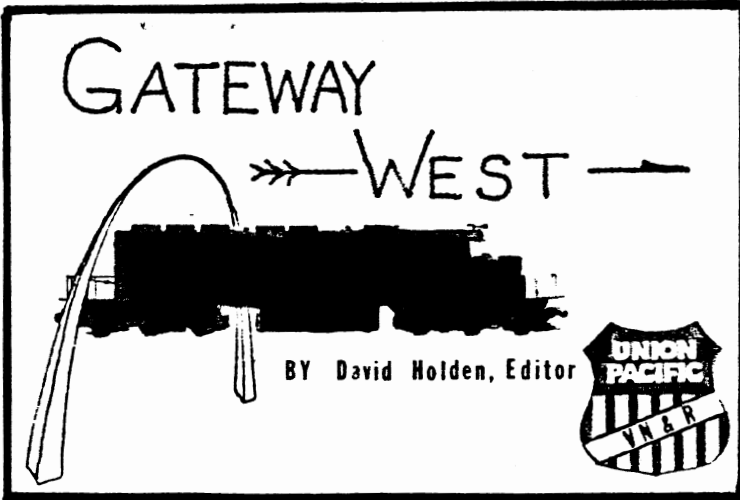


At this time, members in the Northeastern Region are fighting amongst themselves. It should be noted that such conduct is not a productive functioning of our organization. Therefore, it is very important that this dispute gets settled quickly. With such a small number of persons in our organization, we don't need to be split apart by such childish behaviors! The Executive Board should exercise its authority and solve this dispute immediately.

The HOTBOX will not print any letters concerning the events of the Northeastern Region from persons identifying themselves with an "Eastern Region." Executive Board members have not contacted the HOTBOX and there has been no mention of any official name change. The HOTBOX will not print things regarding an "Eastern Region".

Central Region

RAILS at Mizzou has been informed by the Office for Student Development that they cannot be an officially recognized organization on (con't pg. 7)



NOMINATION TIME

So much for my "good look" in the last issue, huh? That was a really dumb thing for me to do; mixing up the page sequence in the last issue. I vow to do better and not to let it happen again. Stop laughing at me Mark, it's not funny.

There are several things on the agenda for this month that are really important. First off, the elections for this year come to mind. Like others in the past, I am going to encourage everyone to participate. Make sure that you send in your nomination sheet and vote when it comes time. This process, like others in the TAMR, can seem like a real mess if you don't know who to nominate. Let me aid those who do not know who to nominate. Here is a list of persons who have been active members in the TAMR and other members; get an idea from this:

In Canada, we have Steve Garland. He is currently the acting Region Rep. for that area and has been actively involved in it. Other than our International Region, the Canadian Region is the largest. Steve manages to keep pretty busy in the "Great White North". He manages to keep things rolling up there.

The Central Region has many very active members. Among them are: John Huseby, Dave Chapman Stan Ukja. Last year, Stan tried running for the TAMR Presidency. Of course Mr. Dunn, our Prez. won, but this doesn't stop good 'ol Stan. John Huseby, the famous Chicago railfan and current Central Region Rep., can be found actively dishing it out to gain prospectives as well as hanging out near the closest Amtrak station. Dave Chapman is a great model builder and a born leader.

He had us all "ooing and ahhhing" at the convention this summer over his Mopac locomotive that he made.

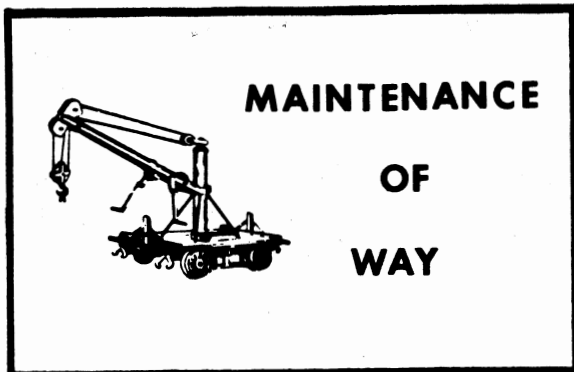
Over in the New England area, we have the Northeastern Region. There is some great possibilities out that way. Ralph Heiss makes a really wicked Shields, Rails & Horses and is a great pen pal. Dave Valentine, our recent artist (and a great one too) can be found chasin' Chessie's.

The offices of Auditor and Treasurer are also up for grabs. Claude Morelli, our current Treasurer, runs a tight ship with the funds, but he makes sure that we don't go broke. And being broke wouldn't be a good thing to happen. Our current Auditor is doing a great job, but he's chosen not to run again because of the legal age he's about to reach.

Members will find many offices up for grabs. Those who, at this moment occupy them will either run for re-election, go for another office or not run at all. All of these folks are great members, they keep themselves busy with the TAMR by writing and drawing stuff for the HOTBOX or they are out there keeping in touch with other members. They are out there doing something and this is why you may have heard of them (for our new members). All like to work hard to make sure that the TAMR is here tomorrow to keep teens in the hobby. Participation is the key to success.

One of the other important things for this month has to do with our former Editor, Mark Kaszniak. Let's put Mark up for sainthood. What I had in mind is not sainthood but giving him an honorary Life membership. After being a good member several years before becoming the HOTBOX Editor, he was a faithful member, then one day his turn came to put it in print. He served five years and did a great job. The TAMR Executive Board should consider this. I encourage the membership to show support on this by writing the TAMR President and the HOTBOX.

Last but not least, I would like everyone to know that James Hammer, Promotion Chairman of the NMRA, is getting those promised 5,000 promotional brochures printed up for us. I hope to have them within the next couple of months. This is one thing that the TAMR could really use. The brochures will enable us to reach many more teens that don't know about us. Maybe after these are all printed up, some of you could take them to a local hobby shop for safe keeping.



M of W is a product review column written by our members on model railroading and railfanning items that may be of interest to you. All the opinions presented are those of the reviewer and are not necessarily those of the TAMR or the HOTBOX. Please submit reviews to the HOTBOX Editor.

RUNAWAY TRAIN
Movie Review

Cannon Releasing
Corporation

by the HOTBOX staff

Jon Voight, Eric Roberts and Rebecca DeMornay star in an action filled film called "Runaway Train". Voight and Roberts play prison escapees from a maximum security prison in the Alaskan State Prison. Both get out easily and trapeze across the frozen Alaskan countryside.

Runaway Train™

After going several miles they find themselves in a rail yard where they hop aboard a four unit train. Things begin to pick up when the engineer has a heart attack, falls off the train, and leaves it rolling along with out any apparent crew. For the next hour of the movie, the escapees and the dispatchers frantically try to stop it. The escapees discover that there is another crewperson aboard the train when they hear the horn blow. Actress Rebecca DeMornay, who plays a very frightened crewperson, stumbles across the stowaways.

The whole plot of the movie, as you have already guessed it, is to stop the train. Four locomotives star in the movie; a GP-35, F-7a and two GP-7's (?). The streamlined F unit that runs behind the GP-35 causes a few problems for the persons aboard. This is the basic happening that keeps the movie going.

Accidents, bloody fights and suspense flow throughout the movie. This movie is great if you are into action but it is not so great for the railfan.

In Runaway Train, you get to see some overly dramatized acting on behalf of the dispatchers as well as the escapees and crewperson that is aboard. It is not too prototypical of a movie, although it is very entertaining.

Bridges and Buildings for
Model Railroads

Kalmbach Pub.
\$5.00

by Chris Hunt

Kalmbach Publishing, publisher of Model Railroader Magazine, has printed a number of how-to model railroading books, including the one I am going to review, Bridges and Buildings for Model Railroads.

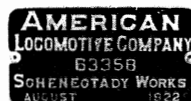
The first section of the book is on building bridges. This section covers bridges for ditches and gullies, a wooden truss bridge, covered bridge, timber trestles, modern steel truss bridges, Canyon Diablo cantilever and finally Scherzer rolling lift bridges. All of these articles are written by different authors and are all well done. Although I wouldn't recommend many of these bridge projects for the beginner, they are good projects for those modelers who have some experience in these areas.

The second section is on buildings. Buildings covered are: stations, shanties, water towers, snowsheds, water treatment plants, barges, car dumpers, train order racks, interlocking towers, inspection points, enginehouses, coaling stations, freight houses and piggyback trailer depots. These articles are also written by different authors. They have done an excellent job writing these articles and most of the building projects are quite easy. Many are something that the beginning modeler could tackle.

All in all, this is an excellently written and illustrated book with a price of only \$5.00. It would make a fine addition to any model railroaders reference library.

Boiler, Firebox, Misc.
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Fourth Dimension
Design, Inc.
2211 County St.
Portsmouth, VA
23704



by the HOTBOX Staff

Made from fiberglass resin and then attached to a nicely finished oak board, these assorted plates allow the railroading collector a good choice in a collection of builders (con't pg. 5)

TRAIN ORDERS



TRAIN ORDERS is a letters column in the TAMR HOTBOX where you can express your views on the TAMR, its publications and its officers. All letters for this column should be sent to the Editor of the TAMR HOTBOX.

I would like to air some of my gripes about the current officers of the Northeast Region. First, how did its president come into office? It was strange but Bernie Stone's tenure had not come to a close when John Krattinger was elected. Can you hold an election if the officers term has not expired? Bernie Stone was re-elected NR President right before the NR's 1983 summer convention. John Krattinger became President after the 1984 summer convention. Another "strange" thing about the election is that Krattinger received the ballots. Someone running for office shouldn't receive the ballots, should he? Krattinger won by one vote! You should have an alternate party count the votes.

Mr. Krattinger should not expand the NR. Our region is geographically and population wise large enough. We do have some of the larger cities in the United States; New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc. along with many smaller but medium sized towns. It is not necessary for him to include Eastern Canada, Ohio or North Carolina.

John Krattinger has also let a great printing deal go by, along with bulk mailings. If he had not agreed on the printing deal with Jim Lincoln, we would still be stuck with his computer generated issues, yuck!

Mr. Krattinger has not been a very popular person, even the TAMR President has similar feelings about him. I hope we can get some constructive changes out of this letter now since we all know what John Krattinger has been up to.

Dave Valentine
Pottstown, PA

DEADLINES ...

HOTBOX issues will be in print and ready for mailing on these tentative dates:

March 16, 1986
May 18, 1986

April 13, 1986
June 15, 1986

(Maintenance of Way, con't from pg.4)

plates and assorted other plates. The replicas cost between \$17.95 and \$24.95, which includes shipping and handling.

This type of replica was spotted in Milwaukee this past summer and they may be able to be found in your local hobby shop. Most of them look very convincing. All are appropriately colored like the original.

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Walter Drake
16 Drake Bldg.
Colorado Springs,
CO 80940

by the HOTBOX Staff

Here is an idea for those of you who cannot afford to have expensive passes to be printed. These business cards are 3 1/2x 2" and you get 250 for \$4.49 in blue, white or ivory. The cards would make great inexpensive passes with the proper wording.

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The example shown above is not a "pass" but rather the Editors' business card. It is being used as an example. The example is a Walter Drake card. On the first line, you are allowed 32 spaces and this is printed in bold dark type. Six other lines can be printed with up to 45 letters each. The first line is really handy for stating your pikes name.

For such a small investment, you get a fine product that can be shared with your TAMR friends. Write Walter Drake for their free catalog.

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DO YOUR PART !

Once again it is time to make your voice heard in the running of your organization. It is time for elections once again. Many of you may not care about who will be in control over the TAMR and your region, but I know that some of you do.

Voter turnout in the elections is only about 30%. Only one third of you cared enough to send in your ballot for the 1985 elections. You may think that your one vote will not make a difference in the outcome of the election, but in the last election at least one race was decided by two votes. Just two votes; if two more of you had voted we could have had a new president! Some of you may not like the way things are run in the TAMR, here is your chance to change them. Please don't just drop out of the association. The TAMR is for you and the officers need to know your feelings on the issues. We have had a difficult but good year for the association. But the officers continue to need your support now and in the future.

The first step in the election process is the nominations of potential candidates. All TAMR members in good standing may nominate candidates. Only TAMR members under the age of 21 may be nominated for office. Please do not nominate Lone Eagle again this year for president for this reason. I especially encourage all regional, divisional, and national officers to nominate members for office.

The offices to be filled in 1986 are Treasurer, Auditor, Central Region Representative, Eastern Region Representative and Canadian Region Representative. I will not be seeking a second term of office.

All nominations must be received by me Tuesday, March 18, 1986. No late nominations will be accepted. Thank you.

Steve Craig, TAMR Auditor
904 W. Green St., Rm. 606
Urbana, IL 61801

TAMR NOMINATION RULES

The following is quoted directly from the TAMR By-Laws on nominating members for office.

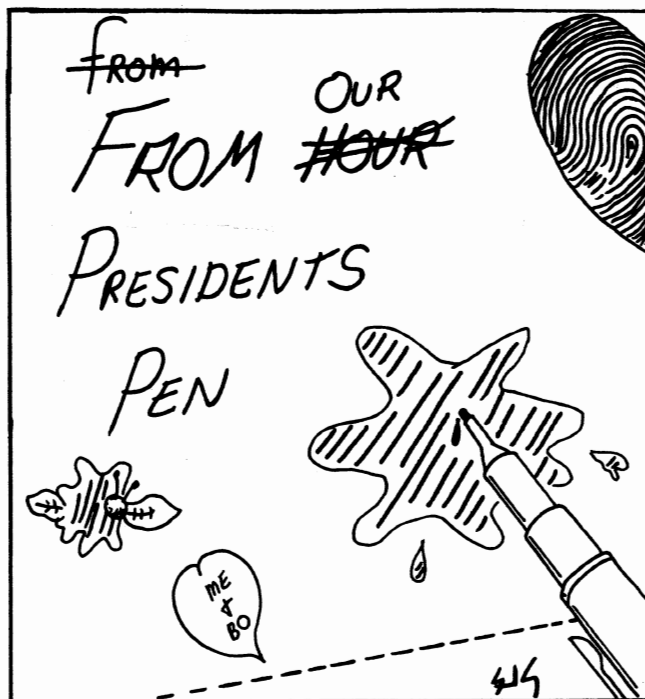
Members will find a sheet inside the HOTBOX identified as the "Official TAMR Nomination Form". Please send yours completed to the Auditor for processing.

Nomination Rules (from Article VI, TAMR By-Laws)

"Only TAMR members under 21 years of age may be nominated for elective office in the TAMR. . . . Regional Representatives who have been nominated must reside within geographical limits of their region."

"Those nominated are to be instructed to complete a nomination acceptance form and return it to the Editor by the deadline stipulated if they desire to run. They may also include a platform of no more than one half (1/2) typewritten page if they so desire."

"Once the deadline for nominations has passed, no more nominations will be accepted."



Most of you are wondering what went on at the meeting of the TAMR and NMRA in Milwaukee. While I cannot go into specifics, much was accomplished by both sides despite an unclear agenda.

The NMRA really cares about young people in the hobby. Officers in the NMRA were very impressed by the letters printed in the HOTBOX as well as those sent to NMRA officials. The fact that so many members wrote giving their opinions impressed the NMRA in that they say how

much the TAMR membership cared about their organization. Keep up the good work!

The TAMR Executive Board has worked out a number of proposals to be presented at the NMRA Mid-year Board of Trustees meeting in March. While once again, I cannot go into specifics at this time, the proposals discuss the NMRA assisting the TAMR with publishing costs and promotion. The proposals did state our desire for independence. Things look good for some real progress at the NMRA meeting in March.

How about everyone giving our new Editor some material? Remember, if you think there's not enough of something in the HOTBOX, write something and send it in. Even if it's more train trivia, get it in.

Our summer convention will once again be held in conjunction with the NMRA, this time in Boston. Jim Lincoln is our Convention Coordinator. If you are interested in attending write him or myself, the Convention Chairman. Look for the March '85 issue of the NMRA Bulletin as the TAMR's convention will be mentioned.

I'm attending the University of Delaware, majoring in civil engineering. UD has the mainlines of Chessie System, Conrail and Amtrak along with a small CR yard. Metroliners go by at 110 mph. The shoreline, Octoraro, along with the Wilmington & Western steam railroad are only a few miles away. Feel free to write me on the TAMR-NMRA situation or whatever you have on your mind.

John Dunn, TAMR
President
118 Gilbert E
Newark, DE 19717

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the University of Missouri-Columbia campus. This decision was rendered because the OSD feels that RAILS/TAMR discriminates on the basis of age: different dues for those over 21. Federal law dictates this decision, saying that state backed organizations cannot discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, national origin, sex and age.

Just a reminder

If you would like something printed in the HOTBOX, remember to send it a least 30 days before the month of publication. "First come first served".

Amtrak cuts ?

Amtrak, the national rail passenger service, was hit with a 10.5 percent reduction of federal subsidies. Results of this reduction will mean cutting back on passenger rail service. Subsidies this year total \$616 million, about \$68 million less than the previous fiscal year. There is also a threat that the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction measure could cut the Amtrak budget by another 3 to 5 percent. As a result, Amtrak is reducing service of several routes. For example, Philadelphia-Harrisburg, PA which now has 11 runs during weekdays will see two runs eliminated and one curtailed. Amtrak service from Chicago to Salt Lake City - Seattle is being reduced from daily service to three days a week. These are just a couple of the service reductions that will occur nation-wide.

There are at least three things a TAMR member can do to prevent further reductions or perhaps even to restore the subsidies. One thing is to ride the train when practical. Another is to encourage others to ride the train. The most important thing a TAMR member can do is write to the senators and the representatives who represent that member's district or state. It doesn't take many correspondances with their constituents for legislators to become concerned about an issue. It's a shame to let an institution like passenger travel by rail to vanish when some 20 million people a year make use of the service.

-- Christian Johanningmeier
Staff Writer

INTERCHANGE

If you have something to buy, sell or trade, use the INTERCHANGE to get results. Your ad is seen by all TAMR members. Rate: 10¢ per column line (35 spaces), name and address printed FREE. Send all ads to the HOTBOX Editor who is temporarily handling all advertising.

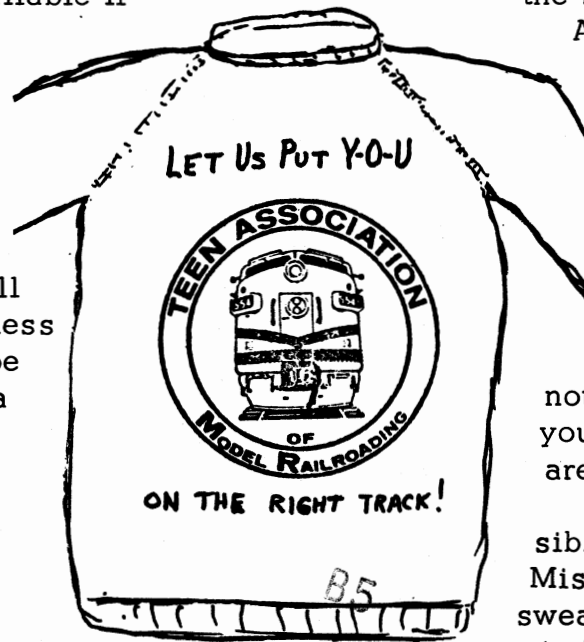
I would like to exchange material in HO, excluding narrow gauge. I would like to receive 1986 catalogs, namely Eastern Car Works, Flying Zoo, Fomras, Frew & Gordon. I already have catalogs like Walters, ConCor, etc. Would you like to exchange American material for British? I can send post 1940 British (European too) products and I have access to top-notch transport literature. Anyone who contacted me could expect me to send about anything since I have many contacts with societies and attend swapmeets regularly.

Contact: David Callow, 6 Strathearn Rd.,
Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2RS, England.

supplies

This here is something that every TAMR member should have. A 50/50 light blue sweatshirt with the TAMR herald in the center and the phrase, "Let Us Put Y-O-U On The Right Track". These sweatshirts will be available if interest in having them made. must express interest in is a minimum order require- ONLY Please. If you are one, let the Editor know. really plan on buying one. all sizes (S, M, L, exL(?)) sum of \$15.00. This price will NO MONEY NOW because unless ested persons, they cannot be members that show interest, a HOTBOX telling you to send today to let him know if you

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