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## The official publication of the Teen Association of Model Railroaders

The TAMR Hotbox is the official publication of the Teen Association of Model Railroaders, a non-profit association created to promote, stimulate, foster, and encourage among youth and young persons, the hobby of model railroading, the activity of railfanning, and the preservation of the history, science, and technology thereof.

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### TAMR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the TAMR includes a subscription to the association's magazine, The Hotbox, the January mailing of the TAMR Directory of Members, and a quarterly regional newsletter, as well as an invitation to attend and participate in all TAMR events. The following categories of membership are available:

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#### Guidelines for Submissions

**Style, Content-** Your own writing style is fine with us; remember you are among friends. If you have grammar trouble, let the editor worry about that. The ideas of what you write are what is important. As far as content, we will accept almost anything on modeling, painting, scenery, electronics, layouts, and the prototype. Just make sure that it will be of interest to the majority of readers. The editor reserves the right to choose what gets printed and what does not.

**Photos-** Please send glossy photos only. Brighter photos with good contrast work best. Photos relating to your articles will enhance

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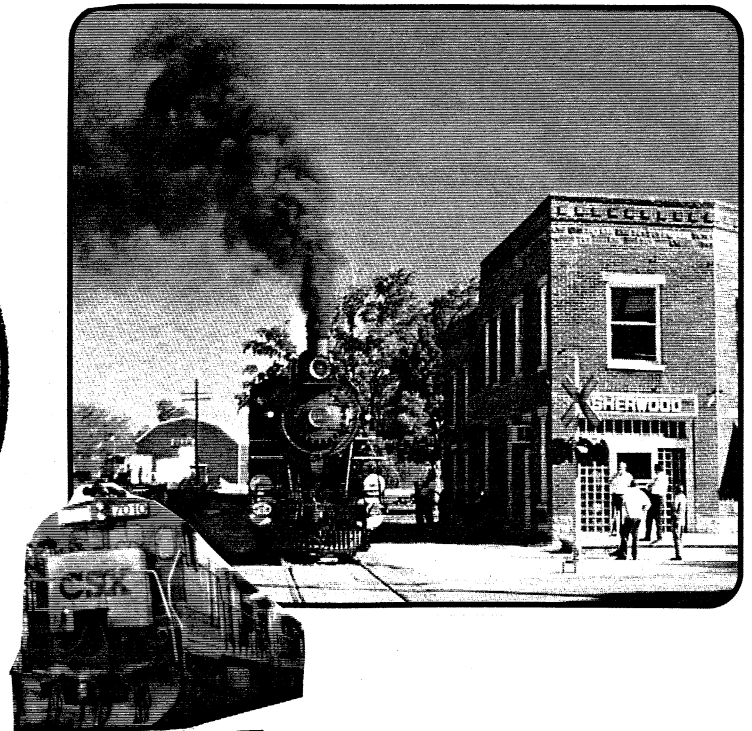
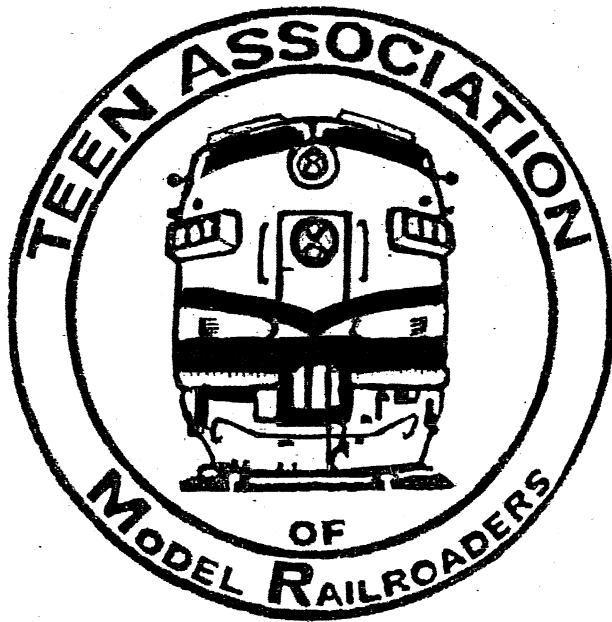
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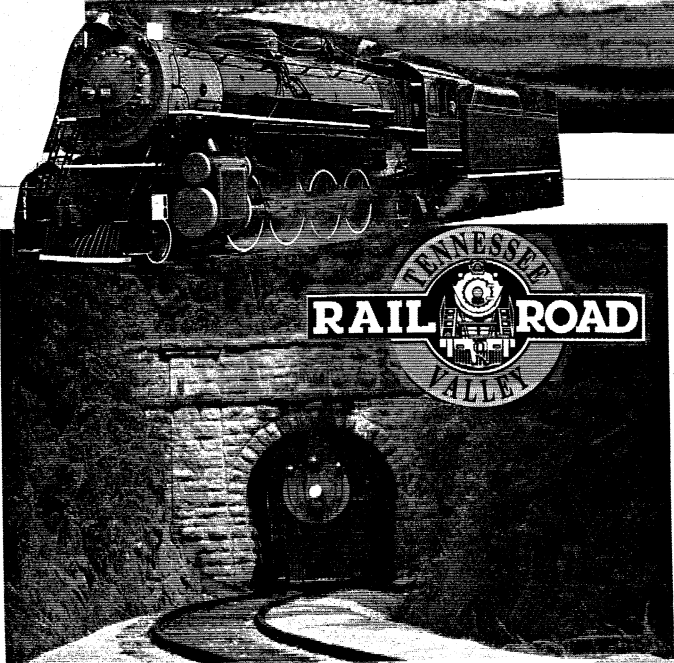
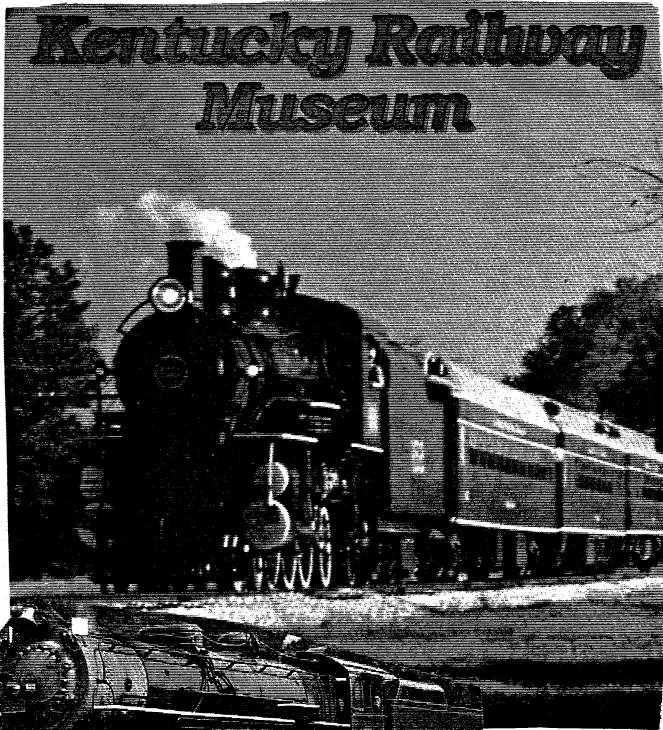
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	<b>Friday***June 23, 1995</b>						
2	7:00AM	Convention Registration (at the Convention Director's home in Wilmore, KY)					
3	7:30AM	Depart for the Big South Fork Railway, located at Stearns, KY					
4	11:00AM	Big South Fork Scenic Railway train departure					
5	11:45AM	Arrive at Blue Huron & detrain for historical Mining museum					
6	12:30PM	Lunch at Blue Heron					
7	1:15PM	BOARD train for return trip to Stearns, KY					
8	2:00PM	Train arrives back at Stearns, KY					
9	3:00PM	Arrive at Corbin, KY for locomotive shop tour plus Brent Johnson's clinic					
10	6:00PM	Dinner (takes place at Corbin at Hardees which is across the ST from the yard					
11	8:00PM	Depart for Lexington, KY					
12	10:00PM						
13							
14	<b>Saturday***June 24, 1995</b>						
15	8:00AM	Convention Registration					
16	8:30AM	Model, Rail Art, & Photo Contest					
17	9:00AM	Clinic Session #1					
18	10:00AM	Clinic Session #2					
19	11:00AM	Clinic Session #3					
20	12:00PM	Lunch & Closing of Contest Ballot					
21	1:00PM	Clinic Session #4					
22	2:00PM	Teen Association of Model Railroaders B.O.D. Meeting					
23	3:00PM	Clinic Session # 5					
24	4:00PM	End of Swap Show					
25	5:00PM	Annual Club Banquet dinner, and awards					
26	8:00PM	Railfanning					
27	10:00PM	Mystery Science Theater 3000 Movie					
28							
29	<b>Sunday***June 25, 1995</b>						
30	9:00AM	Depart for The Kentucky Railway Museum (located in New Haven, KY)					
31	10:00AM						
32	11:00AM						
33	12:00PM	Lunch at the Kentucky Railway Museum					
34	1:00PM	" The Blue Grass Limited " Departure time from New Haven, KY					
35	2:00PM	Arrive in Boston, KY					
36	3:00PM	Arrive back in New Haven, KY and depart for Lexington, KY					
37	4:00PM						
38	5:00PM						
39	6:00PM	Cook out at Railside park					
40	7:00PM						

# **General Information**

## **Convention Site**

This year the T.A.M.R.'s National Convention site will be located at the Lexington Senior Citizen Center, which is located next to the Commonwealth Stadium on the University of Kentucky's campus. Which will be used on June 24, 1995 (Saturday), on other days the convention meeting site will be at the convention directors home.

## **Handicapped Access**

We are currently making plans to help those persons with disabilities. The convention site, all rail excursions, clinics, and a few of the layout tours will be accessible to persons in wheel chairs. Please contact the convention offices if you're in need of any of our services to handicapped persons so that we can make the convention enjoyable to all.

## **Atlas/Directions**

An Atlas showing the locations of all convention activities will be included with your registration packet.

## **Non-Railroad/Railfan activities**

For parents, drivers and families of attending T.A.M.R. members, a list of the more popular non-rail activities will be included in you registration packet. Hundreds of World class restaurants, museums, horse tracks, and several malls are in the Central Kentucky area.

## **Bulletin Board**

The official T.A.M.R. bulletin board will be found near the entrance of the convention site. All activities, events, etc. will be listed. Any messages you wish to post at the convention can be placed there.

## **Schedule**

The convention schedule of events will be included in *The Hot-Box*, and a copy will also be placed at the convention site. *Note:* Schedule can change between press time and the convention!

## **Contests**

The T.A.M.R. model, and photography contest will be open to all T.A.M.R. members. The contest will be judged by the convention body by secret ballot. The contest will very to locomotives, scratch building, kitbashing, structures, etc. Awards will be given at the banquet. All models must remain in the contest room until pick-up time.

## **Clinics**

Clinics will be held on a variety of model building to prototype railroad topics. We would greatly encourage T.A.M.R. members to give there own clinics.

## **Operating Sessions**

All registered attendees will have the opportunity to operate on one of Central Kentucky's finest layouts. All attendees will be transported to an area home layout where they will take part in operating a layout with "fast clocks", and "time tables."

**This year the Bluegrass Limited will be offering another T.A.M.R. convention first-rail excursions! Three rail excursions will be offered.**

### **Big South Fork Scenic Railway**

Experience Kentucky coal railroading first hand behind an vintage ALCO S-2, among one of the earliest diesel electric locomotives produced in the United States. We will be boarding our train at Stearns, KY and riding the rails of the old Kentucky & Tennessee Railroad (the former owner of ex-Southern Ry. #4501) to the Blue Heron Outdoor Historical Museum of coal mining and logging, which is located along the Big South Fork river basin. You will have the opportunity to view exhibits that bring to life the joys and sorrows of the people helping to carve out a living remote area. Facilities at the Blue Heron feature a snack bar and a gift shop, as well as convenience stations. T.A.M.R., in conjunction with B.S.F.S. Ry., will offer a "coal miners" lunch for \$6.00, that will feature a fresh homemade lunch in a souvenir red bandanna. The lunch consist of 1/2 of a ham sandwich 1/2 of a turkey sandwich, coleslaw, fruit, desert, and a choice of drink: *Coca-Cola®*, coffee, or tea. Lunches must be reserved on registration form.

### **Kentucky Railway Museum- "The Blue Grass Limited 1995 "**

Turn Back the clock fifty years, riding through forests, fields, farmland, small towns, and the scenic and historic Rolling Fork River Valley aboard the "Bluegrass Limited 1995", the T.A.M.R.'s own charted 1995 convention rail excursion. Our trains motive power will be the only restored Louisville and Nashville steam locomotive #152, which was built in 1905. It was at the lead of the passenger trains on the Lebanon Branch, once a vital artery though Central Kentucky. A thirteen-year volunteer restoration effort brought this beautiful locomotive back o life. We will also be employing ex-Monon BL2 # 32, or a former Santa Fe CF-7 #2546, which are both first generation diesel-powered built in the 1950's. We will also have the opportunity to visit K.R.M. new, New Haven Kentucky train station/ museum building, which houses their collection of railroad artifacts, along with the newly opened Model Railroad Center, which features N, HO, S, O, and Standard gauge layouts. Included in your ticket price is lunch, provided by the famous and historic Sherwood Inn. Lunch will include your choice of ham , turkey sandwich, or a hamburger, potato salad, or chips, a fruit cup, brownie, and a drink. ( *Note: Kentucky Railroad Museum reserves the right to change their motive power.* )

### **CSX Transportation's Corbin Locomotive servicing, and yard**

Tour one of CSXT's major coal hubs! Corbin was a key point on the L&N where the CV Sub Division tied into Corbin. CSXT now has a very modern locomotive service shop were refueling to light overhauls on locomotives are performed, you will see CSXT's newest AC 4400CW's to the old and worn GP 30M with many of GP 30M's leaving service, or be turning into road slugs. Corbin can handle it...

**Notice** Other tours which will consist of railfanning on Norfolk Southern, CSXT can be subject to change because of there rules and regulations on their property. If you decide to go railfanning with out an organized tour with the T.A.M.R. The Teen Association of Model Railroaders will not be responsible for your own actions (such as trespassing or injury on railroad property.)



### **Convention Site Layout**

As of press time, our convention site operating layout will be hosted by Dr. Jon Oswalts Columbus & Southern Railroad, which is based on the Erie Railway. However, plans are being made for the construction of a layout to be built especially for the convention and T.A.M.R. promotion.

### **Raffle**

Purchase raffle tickets to win model railroad equipment. All popular scales will be represented with proceeds going to fund future T.A.M.R. activities and events.

### **Swap Meet**

Do you have any prototype or model railroad items that you don't have any use for any more? Bring them to the convention and see if you can turn them into cash or trade.

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

This years B.O.D. meeting will be held at the convention site on Saturday afternoon. Several major subjects will be discussed, so it's very important that all T.A.M.R. members attend.

### **Pre/Post Convention Activities**

This years convention will offer several pre/post convention trips which will include the Tennessee Valley Railway Museum, Railway Exposition Company plus railfanning trips on Norfolk Southern, and CSX Transportation.

### **Airport and Amtrak Station Shuttle Bus Service**

T.A.M.R. will offer a shuttle from Cincinnati International Airport, and Amtrak's Cincinnati Union Terminal on June 21-22, 1995. Please contact the convention offices for more information or to make reservations on pick-ups.

### **Rail Excursions and Railfanning Trips**

Several rail excursions and railfanning trips will be offered as a part of the convention. Please see the rail excursions registration form for more information.

**Up to date information on new Events and changes will be posted on the convention Bulletin Board, located at the convention site.**



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## 1995 Registration Form

*All Aboard!!!!*

Join the Teen Association of Model Railroaders for the 1995 National Convention in the Athens of the West -Lexington, Kentucky for the largest and most exciting convention ever in T.A.M.R. history! Rail Excursion, clinics, operating sessions, layout tours, railfanning trips, model contests, door prizes, and lots more! Don't miss it! Use the handy registration form below and take advantage of the special pre-registration fees!

### Teen Association of Model Railroaders 1995 National Convention Form

Lexington, Kentucky June 23-25 1995

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T.A.M.R.# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### Registration Fees

-\$15.00 per member (includes all convention site activities)\*\*\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

-\$20.00 per-non member (includes a three month T.A.M.R. membership)\*\*\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

-\$30.00per non member (includes a one year T.A.M.R. membership)\*\*\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

-\$35.00 per non member over 21 years of age.\*\*\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: All registration forms must be post marked before March 31, 1995 subtract \$5.00 per member from correct registration fee class.**

Please include check or money order payable to Matt Schwerin, T.A.M.R. Convention Director for the correct fee class. Memberships will start upon arrival at the convention in June.

## **Housing/ Hotel Information**

You must make reservations with the accommodations of your choice. Send hotel payment directly to the hotel, & not to the T.A.M.R., or the 1995 Blue Grass Limited National Convention office.

For those T.A.M.R. members who are on a limited budget, lodging will be available at the convention director's home. Please contact the convention offices for more information, or to make reservations call (606)-858-4426 (reservations are on a first come-first served basis, *for T.A.M.R. MEMBERS ONLY.*)

We have located several motels that are within a 10-20 minutes driving distance from the convention site (Hotels with a \*\* are the closest to the convention site) Parking is free at each of the hotels. Each of the following hotels are part of a national hotel system which are known for being located in good environments and are kept in good conditions.

Holiday Inn North \*\* (606)-233-0512

Hampton Inn (606)-299-2613

Best Western (606)-231-1777 Lexington  
(800)-528-1234 National

Days Inn (606)-299-1203 Lexington  
(800)-325-2525 National

Ramada Inn (606)-252-2262 Lexington  
(800)-272-6232 National

Travellodge (800)-333-9843

Red Roof Inns\*\* (800)-843-7663

Haward Johnson Inns (606)-299-8481 Lexington  
(800)-446-4654 National

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### **Lexington-Area Hotel Discount Coupons:**

Send your name, address, dates of travel (June 23-25), which guide requested (Kentucky), along with \$1.00 for postage and handling to

**Market America  
409 Ashley Lakes Dr  
Norcross, GA 30092**

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## 1995 RAIL EXCURSION FORM

Teen Association of Model Railroaders

Lexington, Kentucky

June 23-25, 1995

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T.A.M.R.# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### RAIL EXCURSION, & TOUR FEES

#### **Big South Fork Scenic Railway**

Train Fair\*\*\*\*\*\$8.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Coal Miners lunch\*\*\*\*\*\$6.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Train Fare and coal Miners Lunch\*\*\*\*\*\$14.50 \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Kentucky Railroad Museum- "The Bluegrass Limited 1995"**

Train Fare (includes a boxed lunch)\*\*\*\*\*\$12.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Locomotive Cab Ride (round trip)\*\*\*\*\*+\$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CSX Transportation Corbin Locomotive Shop Tour**

Tour Cost (for transportation and fund raising)\*\*\*\*\*\$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include check or money order payable to Matthew Schwerin, T.A.M.R.  
Convention Director for the total rail excursion(s), and registration fee.**

**NOTE: ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED  
BY MAY 31,1995 IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE RAIL EXCURSIONS  
TICKETS. IF TOURS ARE CANCELED MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.**

# TRAIN ORDERS

Conducted by Brent Johnson

First off, I would like to apologize for the delayed HOTBOX. Working almost full time and going to school leaves little time to do anything else. However, the issue is out and it contains important information on this year's convention.

The convention is just around the corner so if you plan to attend, please send in your registration now. Trust me when I say that our conventions are what the TAMR is all about. If nothing else, the national conventions should be a #1 reason for joining the TAMR. I directed last years convention and everyone who attended had the best time.

As far as I know, the Corbin locomotive shop tour has been cancelled. It will be replaced by a railfan trip along the ex-L&N Cumberland Valley Subdivision which begins at Corbin and ends at Big Stone Gap, VA. Throughout subdivision, tracks head up every hollow to reach coal mines and tipples. I've spent the past few years researching this area.

Looking at the convention timetable, it looks like we'll be having a model, rail art, and photo contest Saturday morning. This means bring those projects you've spent months working on and compare them to models built by other teens.

This is an event you won't want to miss, so send in your registration form in today. Convention time is approaching fast so don't miss out on this exiting event. If you have any questions give Matt Schwerin a call at 606-858-4426.

## Editor Needed

If you have an interest in becoming the next editor of the TAMR *Hotbox*, please send a letter describing yourself and why you would be the best person for the job to:

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