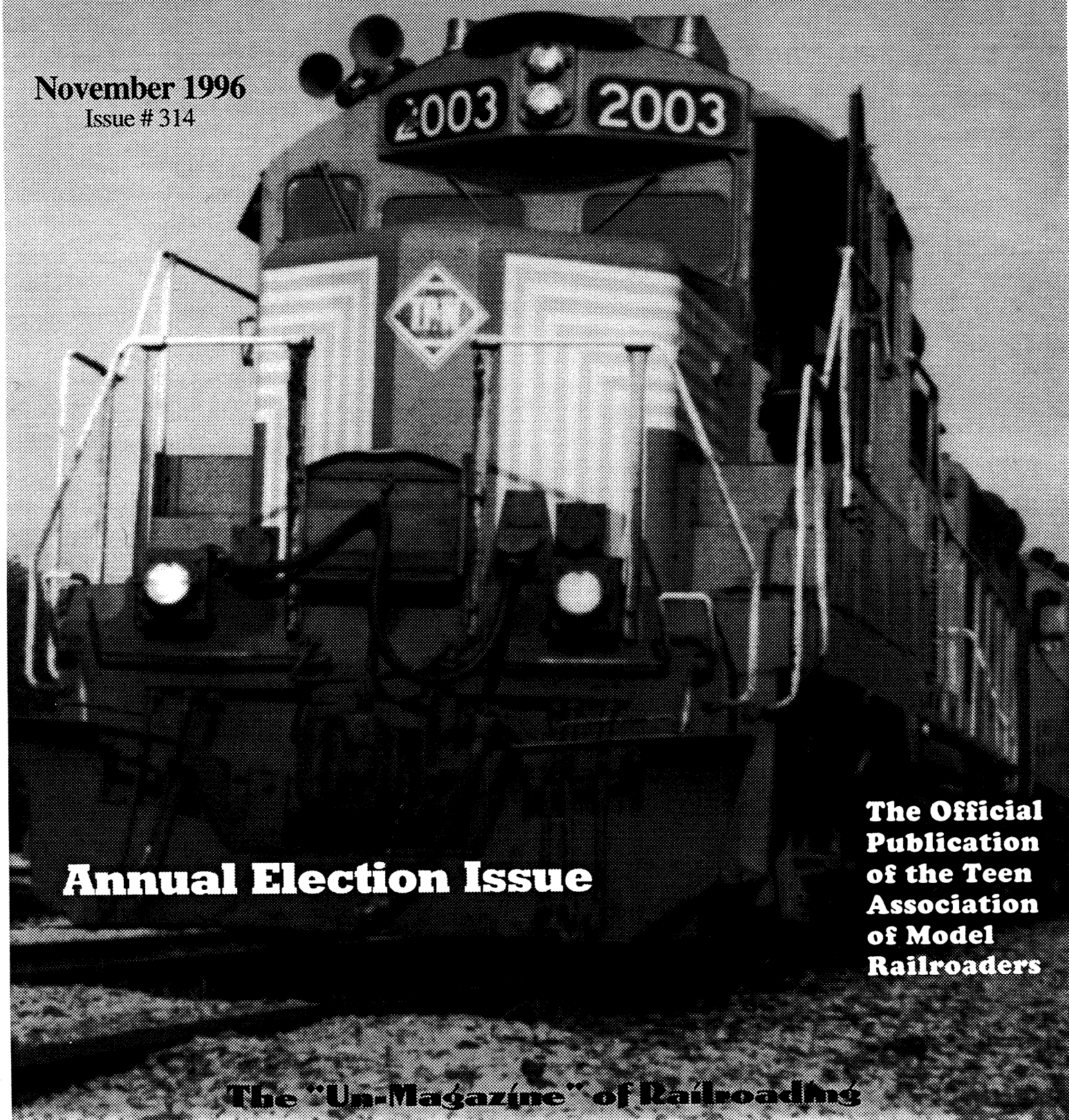


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*On the cover:* GP20 #2003 in the Toledo, Peoria, & Western's New Yprk Central-inspired "lightning stripe" paint scheme waits with an ex-ATSF sister in Logansport, IN for the signal to cross NS. Matt Schwerin took the photo on July 24, 1996 after the national TAMR convention.

### Submissions

Submissions to the Hotbox will be accepted in any form, written or typed. Typed material is preferred, but not required. If you use a Macintosh with PageMaker or Quark X-Press, material on Mac-formatted 3.5" disks will be gladly accepted.

Articles should be model or train related. Model features need not be about trains, but anything that could be modeled.

Articles should be accompanied by photos or drawings or both. Drawings should be in dark black ink. The editor will draw artwork if you are unable to produce quality work. Photos should be prints, any size, slides will not be accepted. Photos should be accompanied by a description, name of the photographer, date and location of photo and any other information. They should have very good contrast, be more light than dark, be in focus, and have good composition. Write your description on the back of the photo, please.

Product Reviews should be accompanied by photos of the product, a brief description, steps of construction, any tips for construction or use, and the good

and bad points of the product.

Train Places need to be accompanied by a map of the area, directions to reach the site, a photo or two, a description of the area, approx. train frequency, good access locations, etc. For more information see the "Hot Spots" sections in *Trains* magazine.

A very welcome feature article is layout tours. Tours should be accompanied with a track plan, photos, a description of the layout, and any other information. If you want any material returned, include a self addressed envelope with proper postage.

### About the TAMR

The Hotbox is published every month by the Teen Association of Model Railroaders. Membership to the TAMR includes a subscription to the Hotbox, an invite to all of the numerous conventions and outings we hold, and the opportunity to meet many new people and travel many new places.

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# FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone,

I appologise for the extreme lateness of the last issue of the Hotbox. About everything that could go wrong did, which led to a delayed release date. Due to that lateness, this issue will be shorter than normal, and will contain the important election information you will need to choose the best candidate for the position.

Yes, it is election time. I encourage everyone to use their powers and vote for someone in the TAMR, if you do not, you will not be taking advantage of the rights the members of the TAMR have.

All elected positions are up for this election. These are all of the Regional Representatives, President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

We will be trying something a little different this year. Votes can either be mailed in or you can call your vote in on one of the two call-in dates.

If you chose to mail your ballot in, they must reach me by December 21.

Call-In date number one will be on Monday December 16, from 2:00pm EST to 5:00pm EST.

Call-In date number two will be on Saturday December 21, from 7:00pm EST to 10:00pm EST. The number to call for both of these dates is (513) 866-7161.

Happy Holidays



## New Members **Vote-by-phone**

Andrew Netherwood

Dimitrios Fradelakis

Joey Kelley

Vincent LoGreco

Julian Ravotta

Jeff Wondolleck

Mike Acree has moved to college. His address is:  
WSC

If you missed it, my phone number has been changed again from my short lived personal line back to the original family line. (513) 866-7161

*-Mike Riley*

It is very very important that everyone in the TAMR vote this election. No, not for Bill Clinton or that other guy, but for TAMR representatives.

TAMR members will be able to vote in two different manners this year. The last page of the Hotbox is a voting ballot which you can mail to me, Mike Riley, by December 21. Or you can call in your votes during one of two assigned call-in dates:

Day one will be Monday, December 16 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM EST.

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# Office of the President

## David Hadley

Hello, My name is David Hadley. I am running for the office of President for the Teen Association of Model Railroaders. I don't want to talk about what I have done in the TAMR too much, but because some of you don't know me, I will share some information with you.

I joined the TAMR in June of 1993. Soon afterwards, I met the former president of the TAMR, Brent Johnson. We set up a booth to promote the TAMR at the Great American Train Show in Indianapolis, IN. In December of 1993, I took office of Central Region Representative when the former rep. resigned earlier in November. I held this office until January 1995 when I took the office of National Auditor. During this time I wanted to make the TAMR a non-profit organization. Our Treasurer Brad Beaubien filled out the paperwork and sent the money to the IRS. About a month later I started to help Vice President Matt Schwerin with his convention in Lexington, KY, the Bluegrass Limited.

After the Bluegrass Limited I became the 1996 Convention Director and switched back to my old job of Central Region Rep. One of my biggest goals at the time was to get the members of the B.O.D. on the Internet. I am pleased that ten out of twelve of our BOD members use the Net for the TAMR. In addition, there are many TAMR members who use the services of the Internet. In June of 1996 I directed the national TAMR Convention held near the city of Indianapolis, IN.

These are some things that I have done for the TAMR. Now what am I doing and what do I plan to do? Right now the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) appointed me the Web page editor for the TAMR Internet page. I have also just started one of the newest TAMR Special Interest Groups, this one is for the CSX railroad.

If I am elected President (that really famous line), one of the first jobs I plan on doing is improving our relations and involvement with other associations, museums, and schools. When we do this our membership

should increase. With more members, the more income we will have and the better the association will be for the members. One way we can do this is to publish an annual report of our association to hand out to these groups. I also believe in a strong local involvement, but, you the members will have to get more involved for that to work.

Thank you for your vote,  
David Hadley, current Central Region Rep

## Peter Maurath

I, Peter Maurath, would like to continue the position as your President. A lot has been changing in this association. In as little as two years we've more than doubled our convention turnout, improved the Hotbox, and gotten our own Web page on the internet. I'm really impressed with how far we've come in such a short time, and it can only get better. I'm also grateful to be working with such distinguished officers as Newton Vezina, John Reichel, and others who have supplied much needed advice during my first term. I plan as President to keep us in this upward spiral with plans to increase membership, create a backup system for positions in the TAMR, and continue my monthly Prez Soapbox articles. I also want to add a yearly "State of the TAMR Address." In closing, I want to thank all of those who have supported me throughout my first term and will hopefully continue into my next. Here are the Top 7 reasons to vote for me:

7. Because it's the American thing to do
6. Plan to pick Chuck Zehner as running mate
5. To fulfill a little known prophesy
4. New TAMR National Railroad: Penn Central
3. If not elected, life on this planet as we know it will cease to exist
2. Campaign promise to get everyone a ride on an Amtrak Genesis
1. I can only vote for myself so many times

Thank you,  
Peter Maurath, current TAMR President

# Other Positions

## **Vice President**

Matt Schwerin announces his intent to seek re-election as Vice President of the TAMR. No one has challenged him; he will remain Vice President.

## **Treasurer**

Brad Beaubien announces his intent to seek re-election as Treasurer of the TAMR. No one has challenged him; he will remain Treasurer.

## **Northeastern Rep.**

Ole Bye announces his intent to seek re-election as Representative of the Northeastern Region of the TAMR. No one has challenged him; he will remain NER Rep.

## **Canadian/Intl. Rep.**

Mike Yan has overcome the 21-year-old age limit to hold office, so Kyle Franz announces his intent to seek election as the Canadian/International Region Rep.:

"Past, present, and future. These are three things that are always relevant, but now is the time to focus on the future. With a very small membership rate in the C/I region, I have started a membership campaign to ensure the future of this region. The more members we have, the more active we can be, and overall a

more appealing association. I need your help, please elect me and help me finish the job."

## **Central Rep.**

David Hadley, current CEN Rep has challenged President Peter Maurath and thus will not be seeking re-election as Representative of the Central Region of the TAMR. Jeremy Conyer announces his intent to seek election as CEN Rep.:

"I am Jeremy Conyer and I am running for the position of Central Region Rep. I think I would be a good candidate for the position because I have more than a general knowledge of the area, have a good publishing program for a newsletter, belong to many local railroad clubs, travel the area quite frequently, have learned from my father how to run a small organization with great success, and know many members in the region. David Hadley recommended me for the position."

## **Western Rep.**

Mike Acree announces his intent to seek re-election as Representative of the Western Region of the TAMR. No one has challenged him; he will remain WES Rep.

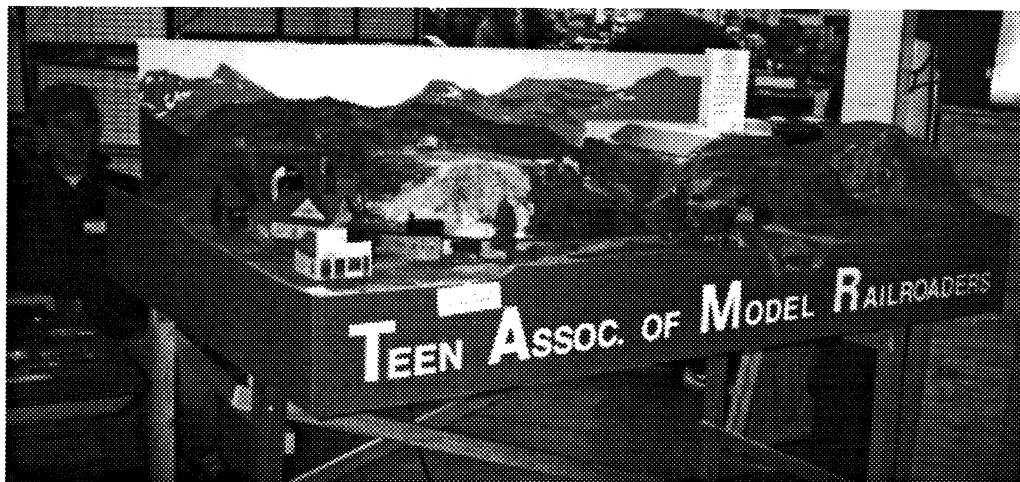
*Everyone Vote!!!!*





*Left* A Western Pacific GP40 on the point of a hotshot pig train prepares to pass a WP SW7 on a siding while a Southern Pacific train roars by in the distance. John Reichel captured the action on his own HO scale layout.

*Right:* Ole Bye sits in the background at a train show in Massachusetts. The layout is a promotion device Ole takes to shows; he built it himself. It features a loop of track and a western setting.



*Left:* Ole Bye took this photograph of the TAMR gang at this year's national convention. The Monon F7s are owned by the Indiana Transportation Museum and are performing a photo run-by for the group. Left to right are Mike Acree, John Reichel, Mike Riley, and Brent Johnson.

# OFFICIAL TAMR BALLOT

Your name or TAMR Number (for record-keeping only)

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## PRESIDENT:

\_\_\_\_ Peter Maurath  
\_\_\_\_ David Hadley

## CANADIAN/INTERNATIONAL REGION:

\_\_\_\_ Kyle Franz

## WESTERN REGION:

\_\_\_\_ Mike Acree

## CENTRAL REGION:

\_\_\_\_ Jeremy Conyer

## NORTHEASTERN REGION:

\_\_\_\_ Ole Bye

## TRESURER:

\_\_\_\_ Brad Beaubien

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All ballots MUST be recieved  
by December 21, 1996 to be  
eligible.