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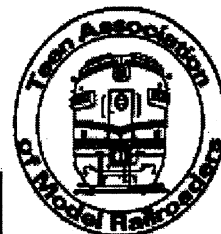
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Election Issue



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On the Cover...

It's TAMR Election time, and it's time once again for members to decide upon the future of our organization. Whether you're content with how the group operates or enraged about our shortcomings, it's important for you to vote!

Submissions

News, feature articles, drawings, and photo submissions are welcome and should be sent to the editor and the article coordinator. Photos must be prints and have good contrast. Drawings should preferably be in black ink. The editor will gladly create artwork for you if desired. All submissions become the intellectual property of the TAMR unless a self-addressed-stamped-envelope is included for the material to be returned. Please include captions with photos.

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Next Month...

The annual directory of members will be published by David Hadley. Any address or phone changes should be sent to Asst. Treasurer Hans Raab for updating in the new directory.

Election results will be published in the TAMR administration office.

Office of Vice-President

Duties of the Office of Vice-President

- ❖ To assist the TAMR President
- ❖ To act as the official representative if the President is unable to do so
- ❖ To participate in Congress
- ❖ To temporarily assume the office of President if needed

Doug Engler

I, Doug Engler, would like to run for the TAMR Vice President position. As Vice President, I would try to make the group the best I can and always help the people that need help. I have many ideas that could be useful and I would always listen to what member say. Now I know that there would be some minor problems in the past but I feel that I can over come this and make this group the best it can be! With your support and cooperation we can make this generation's TAMR the BEST railroad club in the history of the organization.

Thank you and Happy Railroading



Union Pacific engine 3755 at Cajon Pass, Photo taken from alt.binaries.pictures.rail

INTERNATIONAL
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Office of Region Representative

- ❖ to oversee all region activities
- ❖ to produce a quarterly regional newsletter
- ❖ to organize regional fund-raising

- ❖ to participate in congress

YOU MUST LIVE IN THE REGION TO REPRESENT IT AND TO VOTE FOR YOUR CANDIDATE!

SOUTHERN REGION

Joshua Trower

919.870.8160

My name is Joshua Trower and I want to be your Southern Region Representative. I am 15 and live in Raleigh NC. I have been a fan of trains since the days before I could speak; my first layout was a Lionel flatcar in a piece of straight track with a bumper on each end in my playpen! I am a big fan of Lionel trains and I also enjoy railfanning and rail travel. My father and I have racked up over 8500 miles on Amtrak. One trip took us the famed Horseshoe Curve. I believe in the philosophy of realistic operation and that even a Lionel layout set up on the floor can and should be run like a real railroad. If elected I will go out on an advertising campaign to recruit more teens to the Southern Region. I hope to host two regional conventions per year which would take place in Spencer and Raleigh N.C. I am looking forward to having the chance to serve you, the members of the TAMR.

WESTERN REGION

Matt Silcox

760.245.1454

I am running for the re-election to my position Western Region Representative. During my term as WRR, I have issued the Daylight newsletter on time, organized region conventions, and helped the Western Region become more active.

When I took this office last year, the Western Region was a deplorable state, no conventions, no newsletters, and many WR members were dropping out of the TAMR. But today the west is back, and we are stronger than ever, thanks to hard work, MY dedication to you, and good friends, including presidential nominee Joe Bohannon.

I would like to continue my hard work toward the growth of this awesome region. If I am re-elected, I will continue to gain new members, and improve the communication between the TAMR body and the congress of the TAMR.

NORTHEASTERN REGION

Jimmy Spavins

860.535.3524

The first thing I would like to applaud is the Northeastern Region's enthusiasm and involvement. We are currently having at least one convention a month and we have two very active divisions. We are one of the largest regions with 50 members, and we have a regular newsletter. I would like to see more active member though. I would still like to see the region grow and expand and try to help inactive members become active. If we increased communication between our members, this will help to make members active. Even with a schedule of events in *The Depot*, a number of people have many spontaneous mini-convention or meetings in our region. It's great that our region is small enough in area that we don't have long distances to travel for a convention in our region. Some members who live close to the convention site never even know the convention took place. Communications will ensure that our region can continue to grow and help our members become more and more active.

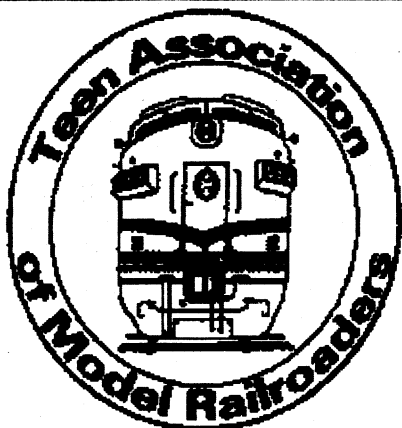
For those member who don't know me, I've been the Northeastern Region Rep. for the past five months since Ole Bye took the position of Vice President in June. I have been an active member for about two years and chaired two successful conventions this year in the state of Connecticut. I am also writing a column in *Model Railroad News* about the TAMR. I hope that our region continues to grow and we can spread our enthusiasm in the northeast to all of the TAMR's members!

CENTRAL REGION

NO OFFICIAL CANDIDATES

CANADIAN REGION

NO OFFICIAL CANDIDATES



TAMR 1998 Elections

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Vote by completing the arrow next to the candidate of your choice. Vote for only one candidate per office. You may only vote for the regional representative in your region. All TAMR members are eligible to vote. Ballots are due December 25, 1998.

☐ Office of President
☐ → Joe Bohannon
☐ → Wilfred A. Roberge
Write-in _____

☐ Office of Vice-President
☐ → Doug Engler
Write-in _____

☐ Office of Treasurer
☐ → Brian Phillips
☐ → Hans Raab
☐ → Steven Southcombe
Write-in _____

☐ Office of Regional Representative
CENTRAL
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INTERNATIONAL
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NORTHEASTERN

☐ → Jimmy Spavins
Write-in _____

SOUTHERN

☐ → Joshua T. Trower
Write-in _____

WESTERN

☐ → Matt Silcox
Write-in _____

MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 25, 1998. Allow time for postal service.
Mail to: Brad Beaubien 3331 Dearborn Blvd Sioux City, IA 51104 USA

greatamerican trainshow

The Great American Train Show and the TAMR have teamed up to provide TAMR members free admission to all GATS shows. To receive a free admission pass, simply write to GATS, include a photocopy of your TAMR membership ID, and request a pass for a specific show in your area. GATS will also provide TAMR members free space to promote the group. Write to GATS for more information.

December 12 & 13

Dallas, TX
Ventura, CA

December 19 & 20

Tampa, FL
St. Paul, MN

January 2 & 3

Knoxville, TN
Spokane, WA

January 9 & 10

Niles, OH
Houston, TX
Anaheim, CA

January 16 & 17

Louisville, KY
Novi, MI
Salt Lake City, UT

January 23 & 24

Greensburg, PA
Peoria, IL
Santa Barbara, CA

January 30 & 31

Buffalo, NY
Rock Island, IL
Daly City, CA

tamrnews

Farewell

TAMR President David Hadley has resigned as President and temporarily assumed the office of Editor. TAMR Treasurer Brad Beaubien will resign effective December 25, 1998. All Treasury duties will be transferred to Assistant Treasurer Hans Raab pending election outcomes. TAMR Editor Mike Riley has resigned from the Office of Editor.

1999 International Convention

The 1999 TAMR International Convention has been moved from Calgary, British Columbia Canada to Dallas, Texas. TAMR International Representative and Calgary Convention Coordinator Kyle Franz has received an appointment to a Canadian Government position and will be unable to commit time to the planning and coordination of the Calgary Convention. Ritchie Roesch will chair the Dallas Convention.

Office of President

Duties of the Office of President

- ❖ Oversee the day to day operation and coordination of the TAMR
- ❖ To participate in Congress
- ❖ To act as official Representative
- ❖ To appoint members to positions

Joe Bohannon

805.399.6163

Hello TAMR members. My name is Joe (GeepM) Bohannon. I shall run for the office of President for our TAMR. I live in Bakersfield, CA, which is only 30 minutes from the Tehachpi Loop and have been railfanning longer than I can remember. I have also been very involved with model railroading. I am a proud member of the TAMR, NMRA, and PCR. When I joined the TAMR, the Western Region was very inactive. When I found this out, I wanted to change that. I then became one of the Western Region's "RBU" (Regional Business Unit). For the past year Matt Silcox [Western Region Representative] and I have been working hard to promote the TAMR. As President I will continue to increase the TAMR's size.

Communication between the administration and the rest of the members is not that good. I feel this can be resolved by sending a monthly "Discussion Board," which will be the politics going on within the TAMR. This way if a member feels strongly for or against, their word would be heard. It would also allow members to have input into their administration. This would be sent via snailmail.

The members will make or break the TAMR. To continue this organization we MUST step up! We need to promote the TAMR. The number one way to advertise the TAMR is to host conventions. I, as President, will help the division representatives set up "mini-conventions." These will help the promotion of the TAMR as well as allow the members to have fun doing so.

VOTE for GEEPM, as PRESIDENT!

Wilfred A. Roberge

508.295.3910

My name is Willie Roberge and I have been a member for about three years. I have attended two national conventions and many NER [northeast region] meets. I helped start the NER's One Mile Division and am the Editor of the OMD Dispatch which I sent out nationally. I am very happy with the TAMR, but I would like to change some things for the better of the group. I propose a 3 editor system (editors "A," "B," & "C"). All articles are sent to "A," he or she will divide articles sent between "B" and "C," whom will handle the actual production of the Hotboxes. "B" will produce Hotboxes during odd months. "C" will in even months. "A" will be backup editor, will handle mailing and publishing and also put out the annual Directory. This would put the Hotbox back on a regular schedule and give the editors less work and more time. I would also like to increase local activity in the group as it will keep membership and morale high. More coverage in magazines is important. I want to start the adopt a member program. Email equipped members adopt non equipped members and send them copies of emails. I am also already forming a cabinet for myself, if I am elected, of long time adult members. As they have been members for a long time they see things us teens don't. Between a cabinet and an advisory committee I will be able to make very good educated choices on many peoples' opinions, not just my own.

INTERNATIONAL
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Office of Treasurer

- ❖ to handle all TAMR funds
- ❖ to prepare an annual report
- ❖ to oversee all budgets

- ❖ to maintain membership services including providing mailing list to other officers
- ❖ to participate in Congress

Brian Phillips

815.663.1553

Hey everyone! I'm Brian Phillips. I love railroading in all aspects and I am determined to be the best Treasurer the TAMR will ever have. I am very good in math and with a computer so I know I can do it. I will be the coolest Treasurer so elect me!

Steven Southcombe

204.763.4763

Hey! Most of you don't know me, but that is OK. My name is Steven Southcombe and I live in, what some of you might call the Great White North, Canada. I am running for the position of Treasurer.

Now, I'm not trying to outdo what Brad Beaubien has already done, I just think that I Could probably to just as good of a job at it. I just want a shot at trying.

A little bit of background on me: I'm 15 years old, in grade 10 in high school. I have been a member of the TAMR for about a year, and I have been actively involved in the model railroading hobby for about three years, although I have always had a love for trains.

Now, my plans for the position, If I get elected, will be to, first check out what Brad has done in the past. If that works for me and I think that it works for the TAMR, I will keep that system of doing things. If it doesn't work, I will make minor changes, and only when they are called for. Actually, I'm sure that the systems that he uses now for running the Department of the Treasury work just fine, and probably won't have to change anything.

For the activities required of me, such as preparing budgets and members lists, I will be on time for them, and with any issue of problems that may arise, I will handle them quickly and as efficiently as possible. I will also keep all the stuff as up-to-date as possible, , to make it easier for anyone (i.e. the Auditor) to look at the work that I have done, and to see immediately if there is a problem or not. They will be able to tell because the work is updated constantly and it is neat. It's short, sweet, and to the point. I hope that you will vote for me because I can handle the responsibility.

Hans Raab

802.862.0997

Hello, my name is Hans Raab. I am running for the office of Treasurer for the Teen Association of Model Railroaders. Because many of you do not know who I am or what I have done, I would like to tell you a little about myself.

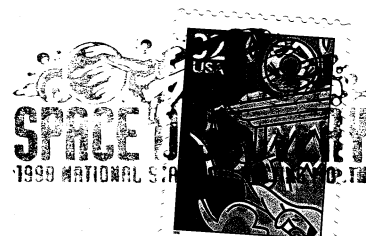
I live in Burlington, Vermont, which is in the Northeastern Region of the TAMR. I have been a railroad fanatic since I was eight. I joined the TAMR in 1996 and have been active in the group ever since. I have attended many regional conventions, as well as the TAMR National Convention in 1998. Since late last year, I have been the Assistant Treasurer serving with Brad Beaubien. As the Assistant Treasurer, I became familiar with many of the Treasurer's jobs. Regional budgets, the Hotbox, and our relationship with GATS are just some of the many tasks I will have to do.

If you elect me to be your next Treasurer, I will take on all of these responsibilities. I will also try my best to get the HotBox and regional budgets out on time; using any method I can. I feel that getting those out on time (or even nearly on time) is one thing we really need to address. Another thing I would like to do is help the members who are not online yet. There is quite a bit of communication over the internet between members, but the ones who are not online hear nothing except the Hotbox and their regional newsletter, both of which are not enough. I'd like to create more communication through regular mail, where all members could access it. A third objective of mine is to help with the TAMR webpage. The webpage would attract more members and help promote us to other organizations, so it is really important to create one. Currently, we have several TAMR webpages, but no one central and official "homepage."

I would also like to hear from every TAMR member on what else I could do to help the TAMR. If you have a suggestion, please let me know. You can contact me by EMAIL at: TAMRmoney@aol.com, or you can write me at: 240 Staniford Road, Burlington, VT 05401. Thank you for your vote and support!

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