



TEEN ASSOCIATION OF MODEL RAILROADING

MEMBERSHIP PROSPECTUS

Thank you for your inquiry into the TEEN ASSOCIATION OF MODEL RAILROADING. Your interest is most gratifying and is deeply appreciated. Please accept our humblest apologies for the delay in responding to your request. The following should answer any questions you have about us. If not, please feel free to contact us for a further clarification. And please accept our apologies for the use of this form letter. A personal reply is preferred, but is not feasible under the constraints of time.

What is the TEEN ASSOCIATION OF MODEL RAILROADING?

The TAMR is an organisation which is, as its name implies, an association of people in the teen-age group who have an interest in the different phases of model railroading, whether that interest be in operation, building, scenery or whatever.

How did it start?

Back in 1969, some people (teen agers) in the Philadelphia area wanted to form a local model railroad club that would suit the needs of the younger modeller. The same idea had been bounced around since 1963 by a loosely organised group calling itself the TAMR. The interest of the Philadelphia people was the impetus needed to formally organise the TAMR into its present form.

Why should I join?

We provide many services to the member.

Our bimonthly publication, the HOTBOX, is created exclusively by our people and contains articles of interest to everyone. Member layouts are described, techniques and ideas are presented in clear and concise terms so that an understanding of the idea can be had without having to use a dictionary. Reports of the TAMR officers and committees are presented as is the latest information about TAMR doings.

Our ANNUAL CONVENTION is a great place to meet people of your own age who have the same interests. The convention is scheduled in the summer months so that any conflict with school can be avoided. And the cost is kept low - an important factor for everybody, but especially so for the teen ager who sometimes has it exceptionally difficult. In the past, our conventions have been held in such cities as New York, Toronto, Chicago - all of which are fascinating for any person interested in railroads.

There are also many COMMITTEES in existence waiting to help you in your modelling career. Want a picture of the prototype or want to exchange slides? Try the Photo Exchange Committee. Want to trade some of your equipment for something different? Then the Interchange Committee is for you. Interested in how much your railroad is worth on the "open" market? We've got our own stock exchange for that. Our Modelling Committee will help you with any problems you may have. Lonely? The Correspondence Exchange Committee will help you find a friend in the TAMR. And the Library contains many plans, instructions, etc. on all modelling aspects.

Is there more?

Yes! All too often, the young modeller is ignored by clubs and other organisations. The reasons are diverse and many are valid. But it leaves him with a feeling of neglect, of not belonging.

Since the TAMR openly welcomes the young modeller, this feeling is not present. Your active participation is openly and warmly solicited. The opportunity is provided so you can advance any idea you want to without any snide comments coming from others.

You, the young modeller, is the reason the TAMR exists.

In addition to the benefits previously mentioned, there is one more with describing. Along with all the other opportunities, there is the chance to make new friends. This is, perhaps, the best reason for doing anything. Through the entire structure of the TAMR, you have ample opportunity for making new friendships, lasting friendships with people who share the same interests.

The entire membership is divided into regions. Each region plans its own activities and often has its own newsletter to supplement the national activities. If you can't make it to any national convention, there is a good chance that there will be a smaller, but just as much fun, event closer to home. There are also divisions within the larger metropolitan areas that enhance your chances even more.

What will all this cost me?

Cognizant of the limited budgets many young people have, we have a low dues structure. Membership in the TAMR is only \$3.00 per year. And for this, you receive the Hotbox and all the other listed benefits.

Where do I send my application?

If the above has been interesting, I invite you to complete the enclosed application and mail it to our Secretary, whose address appears on the application.

I hope that the above has been helpful and informative. Hopefully you have been convinced to join.

If there are any questions, doubts or ideas bouncing around in your mind, please write and I'll provide an answer.

I indeed look forward to hearing of your application and membership. I know I have profited from being a member and there is no reason why you won't also. I also hope that I'll have the opportunity of making your acquaintance at one of our meets and/or through the pages of the Hotbox.

Thank you for your time.

With best regards,

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