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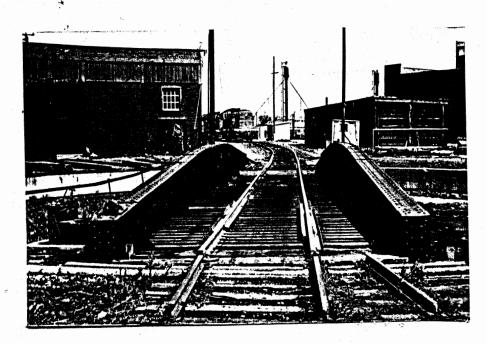


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IS THE WEST COAST REGION BACK ON THE TRACK?

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Dear TAMR member,

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No, this is definately, the West Coast Region CRUMNY, and in a way this isn't even the same West Coast Region as it used to be. The region has been reorganised, combining both the old WCR and the Northwest Regions of TAMR, and now includes the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

I've been appointed by TAMR to serve as the Region Director, in an attempt to get it going again. Myself, the last time I heard from the old region was when I recieved the January-February issue of the CRUMMY. After going through a crisis of sorts, it appears that TAMR has come back on solid ground, and is trying to start moving forward again, with reorganised regions and services for it's members.

In the next few months I'd like to see the region get back on it's feet also, with a treasury and strong, enthusiastic membership. Why a region? Like I mentioned earlier, I believe each member should recieve services from the national organisation, such as slide exchange, prototype information, etc, and the best way to achieve that is through a region arrangement. This way, each member can get a little more out of his dues, while contributing to TAMR as a whole. Regions are a way to get in touch with people with your interests in your part of the country, perhaps arrange meetings between members at convenient places, and generally learn more about railroads and the hobby of model railroading.

I am a senior at the University of New Mexico here in Albuquerque, and will be graduating in May and entering the United States Navy. In the few months before then, I am going to do my best to get the region running and publish a newsletter for it's members. However, I can't do it all by myself, and the region will need a new director or officers in May. All help and information will be greatly appreciated, as it will serve to gain a little more notice for the member who live West of the Rockies.

Admittedly, this first effort isn't as polished as the CRUMNY was, and for a while at least it will continued to be photocopied. Hopefully with more members and some extra \$\$,it can expand. I can put out issues at approximately a quarter each, and will foot the bill for these first few issues. I will promise at least one more issue to everyone who answers the questionnaire in this issue. Dues for the time being will be \$1.50, subject to change later. This will allow us to put some money away for region projects. If you wish to wait and see what the results are, fine; next month I'll attempt to publish the results and have a list of potential members out West.

This is not an attempt by me to win any awards or see my name in print; I am interested in helping TAMR and getting a region started again, believing that membership is worth a little effort. Also, being from the West (California), and having attended school in Arizona and New Mexico, I am chauvanistic about this part of the country and would like to see more about us. All help is greatly appreciated; articles and photos for the new-sletter (hint: we need a name) are welcome, and if I think they're more on a national scale, I'll submit them to the HOTBOX for publication. Paraphanalia from the older regions would be useful, and will be returned.

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