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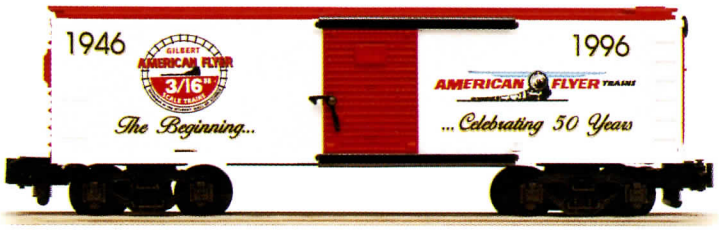

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We now have the capability of generating special lists of our membership. We can generate alphabetical lists, or alphabetical lists by state. If you are interested in a database analysis, the charge is $1 per page of printed output, or $0.10 per label if you wish addresses printed on address labels (minimum charge is $3.00 as each sheet has 30 labels), plus postage. Please contact John Metzger about this analysis. He needs at least two weeks notice as his new job is very time consuming.

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S CALENDAR

September 29-30, Oct. 1, 1995: Annual CJSS Fall Get-Together, Christ Church, South Amboy, NJ. Contact any CJSS member for details.

October 27-29, 1995: The 20th Annual Fall S-Fest will be held at the Holiday Inn in Collinsville, IL (St. Louis area). This event is hosted by the AF S Gaugers of St. Louis and is co-sponsored by the CASG, BSG and SLSG. Registration forms and details should alread have been received via the *Dispatch* and club newsletters. If you missed your registration forms contact: David C. Stevens, #8 Castle Drive, Florissant, MO 63034-1301.

July 3-7, 1996: NASG National Convention - Dearborn, Michigan.

IN THE NEXT DISPATCH...

The October issue will feature the 1995 Altoona Convention Coverage. Part II of the Buffalo Creek & Gauley article will be in the October or December issue depending on available space. An Ernie Horr car project article will be upcoming as well.

Again I'll repeat a call for Christmas past photos for the December issue. Layout and construction articles are always welcome. I'm especially short of narrow gauge material. Flyer collector articles and repair tips are always appropriate for the *Dispatch*. Hey, I know, I'll threaten to run more beer bottles photos, Flyer Fest on the Floor stuff or outhouse articles if my material runs short. Just kidding, or am I?

DUES: If you haven't received this Membership Directory, you probably haven't paid your dues!

President's Message

Hello friends

This summer has been full of train business, really the opposite for me. Generally trains slow down in the summer as other activities seem to take priority. My local S gauge club doesn't meet in the summer, and that allows some free time. But not this year!

In July NASG sponsored two tables at the National Model Railroad Association Train Show in Atlanta, Georgia. When the time approached it appeared help was needed to work the tables, so I volunteered and flew to Atlanta. At the same time the Cuyahoga Valley S Gaugers transported their modular layout to the show. So S gauge did present our wares at this highly attended national show, and we hope to have a club started in the Atlanta area. The people who did stop at the table were surprised S was alive and well, and beside us were the S Helper and River Raisin displays. If they still had questions we directed them to the CVSG layout to see S gauge operating. Discounting the fact we were tired and developed a sore throat from talking over the three days, I believe the effort was worth it.

No sooner did I return from Atlanta on Sunday than it was off to Altoona on Thursday. This year's Convention was well attended, the activities were spread out so you didn't feel rushed participating in several.

Congratulations to the Altoona Area Train Collectors Club and Greg Miller for hosting an excellent Convention. I know it required a lot of work and preparation, but the results showed, and we thank you for having us as guests.

Next year's convention in Dearborn, Michigan, July 4-7, promises to be a good one. The convention car (a DT & I orange PS-2) was on display at Altoona and you could purchase one if you registered for the 96 Convention, sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan S Gaugers.

Start planning now for a vacation in July that "just happens" to include the NASG Convention and trains!!

— Alan

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This Alco PA lettered for the D&H started out as an A.C. Gilbert. Stan Stokrocki transformed this PA into a beautiful scale version. *Photo by Ed Loizeaux.*

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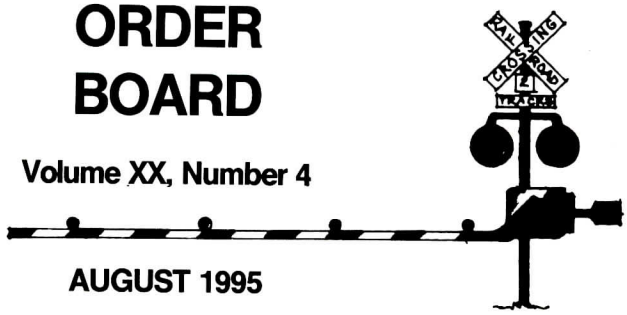

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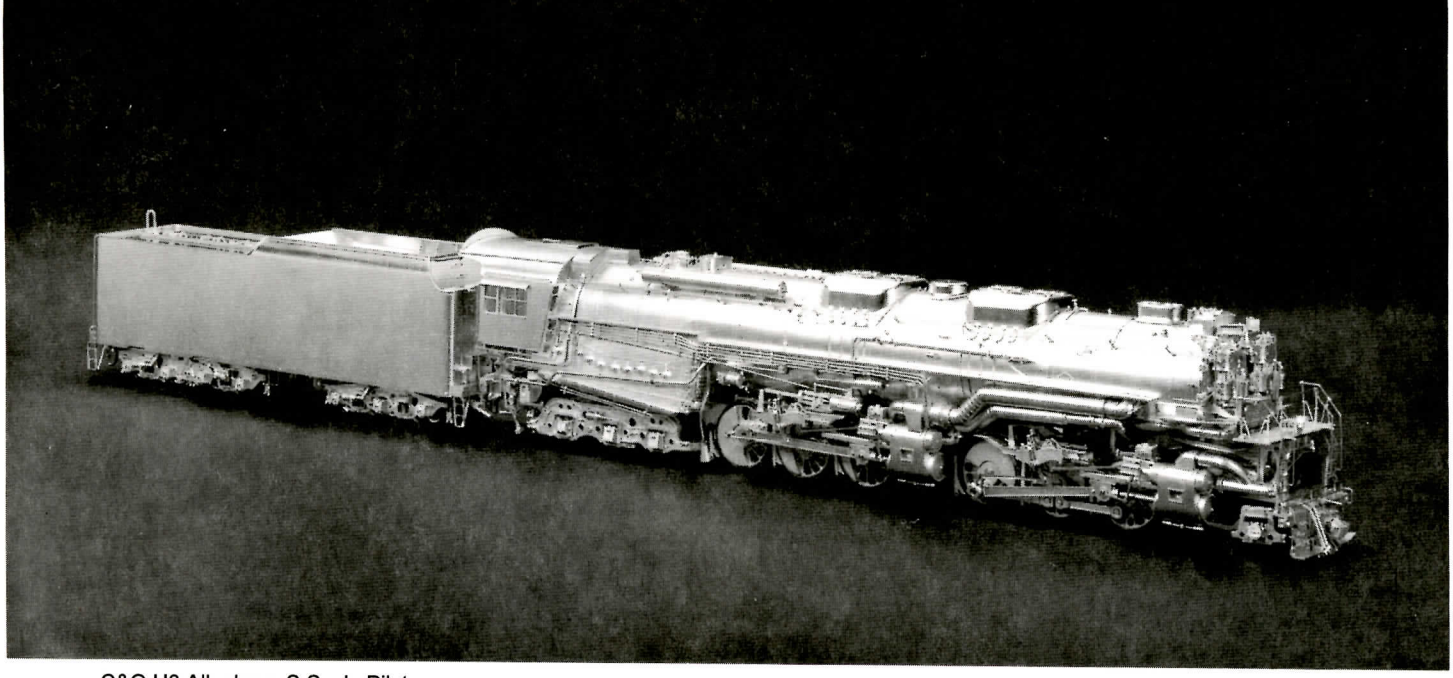

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Additional copies of the brochure can be obtained from George Ricketts, Promotions Chairman, at the address listed. George urges clubs to write him for copies to distribute at train shows or wherever else the opportunity arises to spread the word about S gauge. The Promotions committee will provide the literature—NASG members are requested to talk to people about S and hand them a brochure.

About this directory

This year's membership directory includes some format changes. The Booster Ads are included in this issue—but they will not be printed in any other Dispatches. They'll receive more exposure in the Directory, thus giving us more room in the Dispatch for articles and advertising.

NASG election results listed

We now have some new officers in NASG. The election results are as follows:

Executive Vice President	- Moe Berk III (unopposed)
Secretary	- Jamie Bothwell
Eastern Vice President	- John Foley
Central Vice President	- Dick Wholf
Western Vice President	- Lee Johnson (unopposed)

Congratulations to those newly elected officers. A special thanks to Doug Peck and Paul Stevens who served as Vice Presidents for a number of years. Your help and support has been appreciated.

For medical reasons Russ Mobley had to step down as Promotions Chairman in July, and again thanks to Russ for his efforts in that capacity the past two years. George Ricketts is now Promotions Chairman.

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And our condolences to **Dick Wholf**, Central Vice President, and his family on the death of his father while Dick was attending the Altoona Convention.

Congratulations are in order to **Tom Coughlin**, longtime S gauger, who attended his 29th straight NASG Convention in Altoona. That's a record hard to beat, Tom, and we appreciate your contributions to S gauge. In 1983 our organization honored him with the Bernie Thomas Memorial Award as "S Gauger of the Year."

From **Ernie Horr** we received the following letter:

"I want to thank NASG for the nice card (passed around at Altoona) signed by some of the finest people in the world— S gaugers. I appreciate all of your concern.

My wife spent five days in the hospital in Iron River, Michigan, with a severe infection in her foot and leg. After her release we headed straight back to Spokane. She was able to make the trip OK and she spent the time traveling on the bed in our fifth wheel trailer. Her foot and leg are nearly healed now.

I am real glad the Convention turned out great and that things went smoothly. I really wanted to be there."

—Ernie Horr

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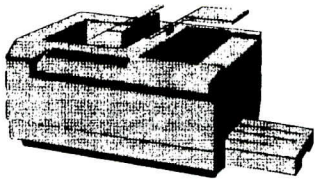

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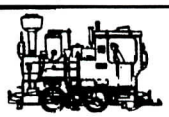

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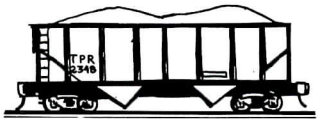

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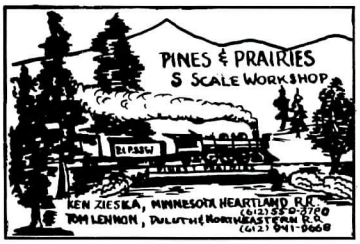

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