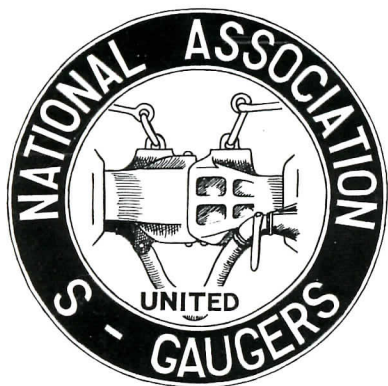




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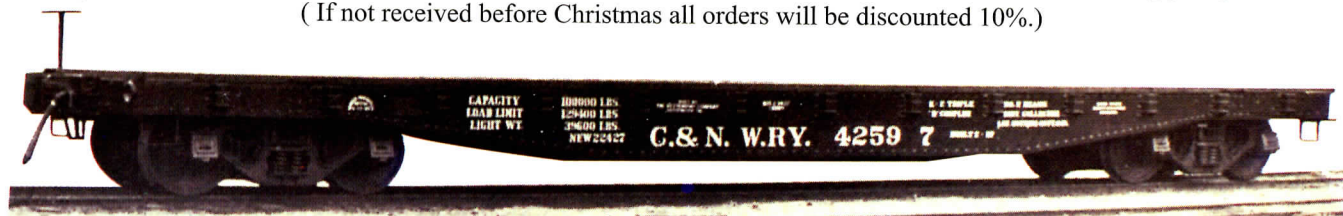


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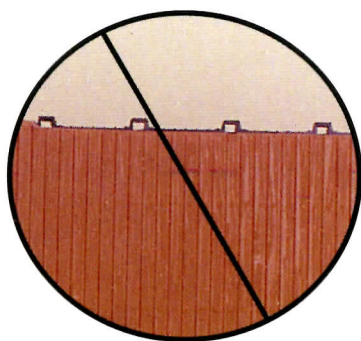
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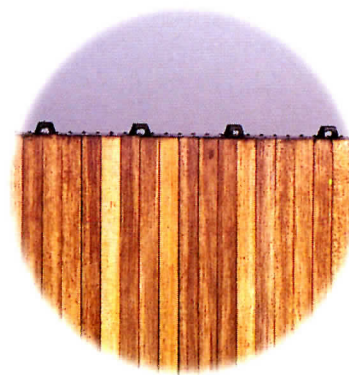
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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Many painstaking hours were spent compiling the information in this directory to insure accurate information. Every effort was made, but any publication which includes names, phone numbers, etc., may contain errors, no matter how careful we try to be.

All changes on the renewal forms were duly noted and made, but if you didn't receive the notice (only those who expired in 1997 received them) for renewal or didn't notify me of any changes; these won't have been made. This particularly applies to the addition and change of area codes for any large metropolitan areas.

IF YOUR DATA IS INCORRECT, please notify me immediately!

Often I receive calls around the time of the publication dates of the Dispatch from members asking where their issue is. It takes longer for some members to receive theirs than others. To speed delivery of your issue, please send the + 4 zip code extension to me - this seems to help get them there faster.

There are still some membership applications floating around the country with John Metzger's name on them. Folks, he turned the job over to me more than 18 months ago, so if you know of any, please see that the address new members fill out and send in have the correct address in the membership blank. If there are any clubs doing shows, hobby shops, etc., with a large number of the old forms, please contact me for address labels to put over John's OLD address.

Currently there are some back issues available. You can request some by contacting me (Paul says please get them out of the basement - they are taking up valuable layout space). I suggest that clubs who do shows might be interested in some copies to help recruit new NASG members. They can be sent to you if you cover the postage needed to send them back. Specific issue requests will be honored according to availability, otherwise substitutions will be made.

New membership cards are in process, but over 500 members renewed in July alone, so it will take some time to get them all out. Please bear with me on this - I'm trying (and sometimes I even get a little help from Paul).

Thanks go out to the contributing members for their generosity. They don't get anything extra but the NASG's GRATITUDE for helping to defray the operating costs of the organization. See the back of this issue for their names.

Dody Stevens, NASG Membership Chairman
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That's All Folks!

NASG NEWS

The 1997 NASG cars are going well, and may be gone by the time you read this, according to Eastern Vice President John Foley. The flatcars have sold out. A few of the Downs' tank

cars are left and over 600 of the Lionel reefers have gone their merry way. Suggestions for future cars should go to John Foley, Alan Evans (scale/ hi-rail) and Doug Peck (Lionel).

President's Message...

As your new president, one of my first responsibilities is to address our real membership growth. Our current membership is approaching the 1700 mark. Four years ago, we had a membership of 1500, indicating a growth of 200 members. However, "new" membership has averaged at least 150 S gaugers per year since then.

While we have added approximately 600 new members, another 400 have derailed. Where are these individuals? We can all identify with those who procrastinate or forget to renew. I feel this accounts for many derailments.

Last year, we targeted more than 400 derailed members from 1995-96 with neon postcards and have rerailed one third of these individuals. As of this writing, prior to leaving for Denver, the renewal level is approximately 800! Tell your fellow S gaugers to get back on track if they have not returned their blue renewal forms!

As you read this directory issue, take a moment to realize that our membership could be over 2000! I hope you will use your directory, keep it handy to contact members throughout the year. Find those people who were in last year's directory, but are missing from this year's issue.

Let's minimize derailments. I encourage your suggestions.

Paul Stevens
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ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

The content should be about the same as last with the alpha membership listing being the prime reference. This year we have the members' names and phone numbers in bold, and the name is offset to the left. Hopefully, this will add to readability. Where no phone number is listed, there will be a blank space before the membership number. Either you prefer it that way, or you forgot to include it with your renewal.

Again, be alert to errors in listings of members, clubs, etc., and inform the membership chairman of corrections - or me for club listings. The constitution and by-laws are also included in this issue.

- Jeff

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF S GAUGERS, INC. CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I — NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1. The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF S GAUGERS, INC. was organized at Vienna, Virginia, on January 4, 1975, and incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of New York on March 4, 1976. The full legal name of the organization is the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF S GAUGERS, INC., and is also known as the NASG.

SECTION 2. The purposes of the NASG, as set forth in the articles of incorporation, are:

- A. To promote and advance the hobby of standard, narrow and wide gauge model railroading in 3/16" scale (1:64 ratio) in the areas of scale, hirail and tinplate. (Adopted 7/97)
- B. To promote good fellowship of model railroading in 3/16" scale among all S Gaugers.
- C. To investigate, establish, review and define S Gauge standards in 3/16" scale model railroad equipment.
- D. To foster closer relationships among S Gauge manufacturers, suppliers, publishers and consumers.

ARTICLE II — MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I. There shall be four types of memberships in the NASG as follows:

- A. Regular Membership: Any individual may become a Regular Member of the NASG upon application to the Treasurer or his representative and payment of dues as set forth in the By-Laws.
- B. Contributing Membership: Any individual or group such as a club, manufacturer, supplier or publisher may become a Contributing Member of the NASG upon application to the Treasurer or his representative and payment of dues as set forth in the By-Laws.
- C. Honorary Membership: (1) In recognition for meritorious service to S Gauge or the NASG, any person may be elected as recipient of the Bernie Thomas Memorial Award by a Vote of the majority of the Board of Trustees. This award shall be presented annually and carry with it conference of Honorary Membership in the NASG, Inc., which shall be good for life. (2) In recognition of their past accomplishments and meritorious service to S Gauge, any recipient of the Bernie Thomas Memorial Award previous to the incorporation of NASG, Inc. shall be granted an Honorary Membership in NASG, Inc., which shall be good for life. (Amended 07/81)
- D. Family Membership: Any individual upon becoming a member of the NASG, may enroll additional direct family members under the Family Membership upon application to the Treasurer or his representative and payment of additional dues as set forth in the By-Laws. (Adopted 07/87; Amended 05/89)

SECTION 2. All benefits, privileges and obligations shall be concurrent with the particular type of membership as set forth in this Constitution and delineated by the By-Laws. Honorary Members, however, shall not be required to pay dues.

SECTION 3. Regular, Contributing and Family Memberships shall be on an annual basis and shall run from 1 July to 30 June. (Amended 05/83; 05/89)

ARTICLE III — OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

SECTION 1. The officers of the NASG shall be as follows:

- A. President
- B. Executive Vice-President
- C. Regional Vice-Presidents
- D. Treasurer
- E. Secretary

SECTION 2. The President, Executive Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be determined by popular election of the NASG voting members, and each shall be elected to a term of four years. Their terms of office shall begin on the day of the annual business meeting following their election, and continue for a duration of four years, and until the day of the annual business meeting following the election of their successors. The By-Laws shall set forth their duties.

SECTION 3. The Regional Vice-Presidents shall be nominated and elected by the members of each of their respection regions of the NASG as defined in the By-Laws. Their terms of office shall be two years each in length and shall begin on the day of the annual business meeting following their election, and continue for a duration of two years and until the day of the annual business meeting following the election of their successors. The By-Laws shall set forth their duties.

SECTION 4. The Executive Council of the NASG shall consist of the President, Executive Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. It shall be charged with the general management of the organization, and its actions shall be subject to review by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 5. The Board of Trustees of the NASG shall be comprised of all members of the Executive Council and the Regional Vice-Presidents. The President of the NASG shall sit as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 6. If the Board of Trustees, in its review of the actions taken by the Executive Council find, by a majority vote, these actions to be argumentative or not in the best interests of the NASG, these actions shall then be subject to review and change by a vote of the Board of Trustees and such vote shall require a majority for acceptance. All members of the Board of Trustees shall be represented in votes taken on issues contained herein.

SECTION 7. A two-thirds majority vote of all members of the Board of trustees shall be required to accept new and revised standards as presented by the Standards Committee.

SECTION 8. A majority of the votes taken on specific questions by the Board of Trustees will be done so via mail balloting; all members of the Board of Trustees thereby represented in the decision. In the event of a scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees, a majority of all the duly qualified Trustees shall constitute a quorum. Any Trustee not able to attend such a meeting may appoint, by written proxy, another NASG member to act on his behalf, provided that member is not also a member of the Board of Trustees. Such proxy shall be valid only if written notification is delivered to the President at, or prior to, the applicable meeting. A valid proxy shall be counted in the verification of a quorum and for voting purposes only in those subject areas as delineated in writing by the absent member. His vote will not be valid, however, for subjects listed in Section 6 and Section 7 of this article.

SECTION 9. In the event of a vacancy in any of the offices outlined in SECTION 1 of this article, the Board of Trustees shall select, by a majority vote, a successor who shall hold office for the balance of the term of the person replaced. If a vacancy is incurred in the office of President, the Executive Vice-President shall temporarily assume the duties of President until such time as the Board of Trustees can fill the position for the remainder of the previously elected term.

SECTION 10. Should an elected officer be suspected of misuse, misconduct, detrimental performance, or malfeasance in office, he may be removed the following procedures;

A. A written petition against the officer signed by at least thirty-five percent of the voting membership must be submitted to the Board of Trustees via the Secretary.

B. The petition will be verified by the Secretary within thirty days of its receipt to establish that all signatures are of NASG members in good standing. The Secretary will notify the Board of Trustees immediately of such verification and the officer will be suspended.

C. The Board of Trustees will subsequently investigate into the reasons for the suspension, and within sixty days of their receipt of the petition schedule a vote of all members of the Board of Trustees. A two-thirds majority vote for removal by the Board of Trustees shall affect that action.

D. A copy of the verified petition shall be made available to all members of the Board of Trustees prior to the vote for removal.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

SECTION 1. There shall be one convention annually, hosted by a recognized S Gauge club or organization. Bids by prospective host organizations shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees at least one year prior to the convention date.

SECTION 2. There shall be one business meeting annually, to be held at the annual convention. The purposes of this meeting shall be as follows:

- A. To install newly elected officers.
- B. To receive reports from officers and committee chairmen.
- C. To discuss matters pertaining to the NASG.

SECTION 3. The Board of Trustees shall meet jointly in closed session at the time of the annual convention, and at other times during the year when it is deemed necessary.

SECTION 4. The Executive Council shall meet at times during the year when it is deemed necessary.

SECTION 5. Parliamentary law as set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern all meetings of the NASG.

SECTION 6. The host organization of the annual NASG convention and the NASG shall share all financial arrangements of that convention as provided for in the By-Laws. (Adopted 07/86)

ARTICLE V – VOTING

SECTION 1. All Regular, Contributing and Honorary members of the NASG in good standing shall be entitled to vote. (Adopted 07/86)

SECTION 2. On all matters to be voted upon, whether in person or by mail, a simple majority of the votes cast will suffice the question, unless noticed specifically in this Constitution.

SECTION 3. The right to write in names not otherwise on the ballot shall be preserved.

SECTION 4. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast on a question shall be necessary to amend this Constitution.

SECTION 5. Amendments to the Constitution, election of officers, propositions placed by valid petition, and other matters pertaining to the policies of the NASG as the Board of Trustees shall decide, shall be submitted to the membership for a direct and mail vote.

SECTION 6. Nominations for candidates for office, preparation of proposed changes in the Constitution, and the means and methods of handling votes by both mail and direct balloting shall be as set forth in the By-Laws.

SECTION 7. The serving of notices for elections and general meetings shall be as provided for in the By-Laws.

SECTION 8. The rules governing NASG general elections shall be as follows:

A. The first general election shall be held within one year of incorporation. All elected positions shall appear on the ballot, with the President and Treasurer to be elected to terms of four years each, and the Executive Vice-President and Secretary to be elected to terms of two years each.

B. Thereafter, general elections shall be held every two years, with those elected positions appearing on the ballot as correspond to the termination of incumbent terms. In such general elections, the offices of President and Treasurer and the offices of Executive Vice-President and Secretary shall appear together on corresponding ballots. The offices of all Regional Vice-Presidents shall appear on every general election ballot.

SECTION 9. In the election of offices, the candidate receiving the largest number of votes cast for any given office shall be declared the winner. In the case of a tie, a majority of the incumbent Board of Trustees shall have the right to cast the deciding vote.

SECTION 10. Only members residing within the geographical limits of each region of the NASG, as defined in the By-laws shall vote for, or be eligible for, the office of Vice-president for that region.

ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS

SECTION 1. The nominations for elected officers of the NASG shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Elections Committee in writing, at least six months prior to the general election. Accompanying the nomination shall be summary of the qualifications of the candidate not to exceed two hundred words. The name of any person so submitted shall be placed on the ballot.

SECTION 2. The Elections Committee shall prepare a list of candidates and submit such list to the Secretary at least four months prior to the election. Notice of the nominations shall be circulated the Board of Trustees and published prior to the election.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Standing committees shall include the following:

- A. Elections
- B. Conventions
- C. Standards
- D. Contest
- E. Service
- F. Promotions

SECTION 2. The President shall reserve the right to convene any committee as the need arises.

SECTION 3. The chairman of each committee shall be appointed by the President. Such chairman shall have the power to name such committee members as he deems necessary and shall reserve the right to replace any member of his committee who does not, in his opinion, satisfactorily carry out the duties assigned to him. Likewise, the President has the right to dismiss any committee chairman for cause.

SECTION 4. No committee may spend NASG funds without specific authorization of the Board of Trustees. Each standing committee shall be represented as necessary in the annual budget.

SECTION 5. The duties of the NASG committees shall be as set forth in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII – BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. The By-Laws of the NASG shall be established and adopted by the corporation for its own government, and that of the members, directors and officers.

SECTION 2. The By-Laws of the NASG may be adopted or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of all members of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IX – INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

SECTION 1. The membership shall have the right to have any action taken by the Board of Trustees placed on the ballot at the next general election, by petition, as provided for in the By-Laws.

SECTION 2. The membership shall have the right to have any proposition submitted to the membership for a vote in any general election, by petition, as provided for in the By-Laws.

SECTION 3. A two-thirds majority vote of the votes received on actions or propositions mentioned in SECTIONS 1 or 2 hereof, shall adopt such actions or petition.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF S GAUGERS, INC. BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1

1. The principle office of the NASG will be that of the corporate statutory agent, the Corporation Trust Company, in the City of New York, County of New York, State of New York.
2. The Corporation may also having offices at such other places as the Board of Trustees may from time to time select, or as the business of the corporation may require.

ARTICLE II — AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

1. The authority of the written By-Laws is derived from the Constitution of the NASG under ARTICLE VIII, entitle “By-Laws,” and further by the statutes of the State of New York.
2. The purposes of the By-Laws are:
 - A. To set down rules which are to be followed in regulating the general affairs of the corporation.
 - B. To advise rights, duties, and powers of the membership and officers in relation to the corporation and among themselves.
 - C. To make legal provision for a ballot on any matter which in the judgement of the membership may be necessary and proper.

ARTICLE III — MEETINGS

1. The host for an annual convention shall be selected by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees from submitted bids. All subsequent aspects of a planned convention shall then be coordinated through the NASG Convention Committee.
2. The annual convention shall not be hosted by the same organization who was host the previous year, unless, in the judgement of the Board of Trustees, no other bonafide bid has been received by the limiting date.
3. The annual convention shall be held no earlier than 20 May and normally no later than 15 September each year. The annual convention shall not be held on the same date as the annual conventions of the NMRA and TCA, except in the case of the NASG annual convention being held in conjunction with either the NMRA or TCA national convention. (Adopted 07/86)
4. Any region of the NASG may organize and sponsor a regional NASG convention to be sanctioned by the NASG.
5. All conventions sanctioned by the NASG shall be organized in accordance with applicable NASG convention procedures.
6. Every effort shall be made to obtain maximum attendance at meetings of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Council, and convened committees. If a majority is not present, or if it is deemed that full representation is necessary to decide an issue even though a quorum is present, a prompt mail vote will be taken of the absent members. The receipt of a mail ballot on any question shall be construed as notification of a vote, and such votes returned within thirty days of receipt shall be counted.
7. Only NASG members in good standing shall be in attendance at the annual business meeting and only those voting members present shall participate in a voice vote.
8. The order of business at the annual business meeting of the membership shall be as follows:
 - A. Calling the meeting to order
 - B. Reading of the minutes of the last previous annual meeting
 - C. Report of the Executive Council
 - D. Report of the committee chairmen
 - E. A report of old business
 - F. Installation of officers
 - G. A report of new business
 - H. Voice from the floor
 - I. Adjournment
9. The NASG will, as a matter of assistance, make available to the group hosting the annual convention, an advance of funds to enable the host organization to be able to properly organize and prepare for the convention. In the event the hosting group finds, at the close of the convention, a financial loss was incurred, the NASG Board of Trustees shall consider, after the host organization has submitted financial documentation to the Treasurer, equally sharing the loss with the host organization up to the amount advanced to the host organization. If the amount exceeds twice the amount advanced to the host organization, the NASG Board of Trustees may, after reviewing the documentation, increase the NASG funding to help defray the loss. (Adopted 03/80).

ARTICLE IV — REGIONAL ORGANIZATION (Adopted 07/80)

1. There shall be three NASG regions as follows:

A. Eastern Region - The states of Alabama, Delaware, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Maritime Provinces, Quebec, Ontario and Europe.

B. Central Region - The states of Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin.

C. Western Region - The states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and the Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, the Yukon and Australia.

2. The Board of Trustees shall reserve the right to apportion members of the NASG located in areas not supportive of a regional organization into existing regions.

ARTICLE V — NOMINATIONS, NOTICES, BALLOTS, VOTING

1. Nominations for elected officials shall be submitted by each candidate to the Chairman of the NASG Elections committee, as set forth in the Constitution. (Adopted 07/86)

2. The Elections Committees shall compile a list of candidates, reserving the right to place additional names into nomination. The Elections Committee shall then forward the list of nominees, including a brief resume on each candidate, to the Secretary.

3. The Secretary shall present the list of nominees to the Board of Trustees, and prepare a written ballot. The ballot shall include the name of each candidate, a list of his qualifications, and provision for a write-in candidate.

4. The Board of Trustees shall have published, prior to an election, all nominations for office and other matters which will appear on the ballot. The ballot shall be mailed not later than April 15 each election year by first-class mail addressed to each voting member as of April 1 of the election year at his last known address as shown on the records of the Treasurer. The notice for a general election shall be included on the ballot. (Adopted 07/86)

5. Only completed mail ballots returned to the Secretary postmarked before midnight, May 15 and received before midnight May 30 of the election year, shall be counted. (Adopted 01/81, Revised 07/86)

6. Questions to appear on the ballot shall be as determined by petition from the membership, as set forth in these By-Laws.

7. Neither the Secretary, nor any member of the election committee, shall divulge any of the election results prior to May 31 of the election year.

ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS

A. The President shall perform the usual duties of such offices. He shall preside at the annual business meeting and at meetings of the Executive Council and the Board of Trustees. He shall sit as chairman of the Board of Trustees, and as such, coordinate the overall functions of the NASG.

2. The Executive Vice-President shall aid and assist the President in any way possible. He shall preside at meetings at which the President is not in attendance.

3. The Regional Vice-Presidents shall be the representatives of their respective regions to the NASG Board of Trustees.

4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows: (Revised 07/86)

A. To keep a record of all funds paid out and received by the NASG.

B. To balance the books and prepare a written report for the annual business meeting.

C. To maintain records of all separate transactions during each fiscal year. The fiscal year shall run from 1 July to 30 June.

D. To present the annual budget to the Board of Trustees.

E. To issue memberships and to keep the membership records of the organization, or supervise his designated representative in these duties.

F. To set up and maintain such bank accounts as required by the NASG.

G. To be a member of the Service committee.

5. The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows: (Revised 07/86)

A. To keep minutes of the annual business meeting and of any other meeting of the NASG members as a whole, and also meetings of the Executive Council and the Board of Trustees.

- B. To be a member of the Elections Committee and to insure proper preparation and distribution of the ballot as set forth in these By-Laws, or to supervise his designated representative in these duties, unless the Secretary is a candidate for re-election.
- C. To insure proper upkeep of NASG archives.
- D. To sign, countersign, or attest all official papers and documents.
- E. To file the necessary federal, state and local reports that are required.
- F. To perform the usual duties of Secretary.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

1. The duties of NASG committees shall be as delineated below. In every case, the committee chairman shall be responsible as coordinator and spokesman for his committee.
2. The Elections Committee shall be a standing committee and shall be charged with the proper nomination of candidates for elected office. It shall review all nominees for office in the NASG and present the information in accordance with established policy. It shall further oversee the proper operation of NASG elections.
3. The Standards Committee shall be a standing committee and shall be charged with the establishment of 3/16" scale standards and the development and improvement of such standards. The Standards Committee shall render assistance to S Gauge Manufacturers as required.
4. The Convention Committee shall be a standing committee and shall be charged with coordinating the annual convention with the host organization. The Convention Committee shall act as liaison between the host organization and the Board of Trustees, rendering all necessary assistance to both parties. It shall establish and maintain written procedures for organizing NASG conventions, therein delineating the duties and responsibilities of all concerned. The Convention Committee shall also aid in the organization of NASG regional conventions.
5. The Service Committee shall be a standing committee and shall establish and coordinate services to be rendered to the membership. (Revised 07/86)
6. The Contest Committee shall be a standing committee and shall review and maintain existing NASG contest rules and procedures. It shall keep a record of the results of past NASG contests and member categories. The Contest Committee chairman shall be a member of the Convention Committee, and work under the cognizance of the Convention Committee chairman for convention contests.
7. The Promotions Committee shall be a standing committee and shall be charged with the development and maintenance of an effective program of NASG and S Gauge promotion.
8. The financial Committee shall be convened as necessary to review NASG budgetary procedures and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Chaired by the Treasurer, it will aid in the preparation of the annual budget each year prior to the annual convention.
9. The Constitution Committee shall be convened when necessary to review proposed changes to the NASG Constitution.
10. Each committee chairman shall report to the President or his designate on the operation of his committee. If requested, a written report of the activities of the previous year of any NASG committee shall be forwarded to the President or his designate within thirty days of the annual convention.
11. Any committee of the NASG which has been allocated funds during the previous year shall make a full financial report to the Treasurer within fifteen days of the end of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE VIII – BUDGET

1. The annual budget shall be prepared by the Treasurer and presented to the Board of Trustees prior to the annual business meeting each year. The budget shall contain provisions for funding committees, providing for operating materials and postage, and for providing operating funds to the Executive Council and the President.
2. The annual budget shall be approved, and additional funds necessary during the fiscal year allocated, by a majority vote of the entire Board of Trustees.
3. Funds shall be allocated annually to provide each Regular, Contributing and Honorary Member for the following. (Adopted 07/86)
 - A. Membership card
 - B. The organization magazine, The Dispatch
 - C. NASG patch, membership list, and Constitution/By-Laws (first year only)
 - D. Other items as deemed applicable.

ARTICLE IX — INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

1. The membership shall have the right, by petition as provided for hereafter, to have any proposition submitted to the membership for a vote in any general election.
2. Each petition as mentioned in ARTICLE IX of the NASG Constitution shall contain the exact wording of the action or proposition and shall contain the signatures of not less than twenty percent of the voting members of the NASG at the time of presentation. Such petition shall be submitted to the Secretary for distribution to the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE X — AMENDMENTS

1. The NASG By-Laws may be changed by a two-thirds majority vote of the complete Board of Trustees, providing, however, that the amendment of the By-Laws is as follows:
 - A. Consistent with the laws of the State of New York and of the United States.
 - B. Consistent with the corporate charter.
 - C. Consistent with reason.
 - D. Capable of being complied with.
 - E. Not in violation of a vested or contractual right.
2. The corporation, by amending its By-Laws, may make reasonable changes in the method of administration and doing business, but no change can be made which will deprive a member of substantial rights conferred, expressly or implied, by his contract with the corporation.
3. The By-Laws may also be amended by a vote of the majority of the members voting at the annual business meeting provided that a summary of the proposed amendment is contained in the notice for such meeting and provision is made on the ballot for voting thereon.

ARTICLE XI — MEMBERSHIP (Adopted 05/83)

1. Regular Membership: Any individual may become a Regular Member of the NASG upon application to the Treasurer or his representative and payment of dues of Seventeen Dollars (\$17.00) per year. (Amended 05/87)
2. Contributing Membership: Any individual, or S Gauge affiliation such as a club, manufacturer, supplier or publisher may become a Contributing Member of the NASG upon application to the Treasurer and payment of dues of Twenty-seven Dollars (\$27.00) per year. Special recognition will be made once a year to Contributing Members by Publishing of their names in the NASG publication, The Dispatch. (Amended 05/87)
3. Honorary Membership: (1) In recognition for meritorious service to S Gauge or the NASG, any person may be elected as recipient of the Bernie Thomas Memorial Award by a vote of the majority of the Board of Trustees. This award shall be presented annually and carry with it conference of Honorary Membership in the NASG, Inc., which shall be good for life. (2) In recognition of their past accomplishments and meritorious service to S Gauge, any recipient of the Bernie Thomas Memorial Award previous to the incorporation of NASG, Inc. shall be granted as Honorary Membership in NASG, Inc., which shall be good for life.
4. Family Memberships: Any Regular Member of the NASG, may enroll additional direct family members under the Family Membership upon application to the Treasurer or his representative and payment of five dollars (\$5.00) in additional dues. The Regular Member will be entitled to all benefits of regular membership as set for in the By-Laws. Direct family members will be entitled to regular membership benefits at any officially sanctioned NASG Convention except voting rights at the annual meeting. (Adopted 07/88)
5. Election to Honorary Membership shall entitle that member to all benefits of Regular and Family membership. (Adopted 07/88)

***S-MOD* Module Standards**

The NASG's S-MOD standards have been accepted by the NMRA Engineering Committee as the basis for their proposed new NMRA S standard gauge module standards. If you do not have a copy of the *S-MOD* materials, and if you are a NASG member, for \$1.25, you get the following information: (Non-members, please send \$4). Questions about modules should be directed to Don DeWitt, NASG Module Chairman.

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ELECTION RESULTS

For those who are new members, and this is your first *Dispatch* issue, the NASG rotates its elections every two years for members who make up the Board of Trustees. These are the guys who make the big decisions and have responsibility for the finances of the organization. This year, up for election, were the offices of President, Treasurer and the 3 regional Vice Presidents. The President and Treasurer are 4 year offices and the VPs are chosen for 2 years at a time. So in two years we'll elect (or re-elect) the regional VPs for another two year term. But in the 1999 election, which is an off-year for the President and Treasurer, we will choose an Executive Vice President and a Secretary for 4 year terms. Then, 4 years from 1997, we hold the election for the president, treasurer and vps.

This year we welcome a new member as President, Paul Stevens. We also welcome a new treasurer, Bill Moore. Of the three regions, John Foley (eastern) and Lee Johnson (western) were re-elected as regional vice presidents for two more years. Tom Nimelli (central) is new to the office, so we welcome him as a newcomer as well.

We want to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of our outgoing officers - Alan Evans (president), Josh Seltzer (Treasurer) and Richard Wholf (central vice president). These offices are elective and non-paying, and we all are appreciative of the positive contributions of these members. And to keep the NASG moving forward, we (members) need to support and cooperate with all our officers. Yes, there was some controversy in the last election, but the BOT has assured us corrective measures have been taken.

Onward With S Folks!

- Jeff

OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

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See the Officers and Committee Chairman chart in the back of this issue for names and addresses of on-going elected officials and appointed chairmen.

IN THE NEXT DISPATCH

The October issue will feature, as usual, coverage of the NASG convention in Denver. This was an outstanding convention, but for those who found it inconvenient to get out there from the east coast, the 1998 convention will be on the east coast - Worcester, Mass., to be exact. Looks like another goodie.

Also, here's my annual pitch for articles, layout photos, track plans and childhood Christmas stories and photos involving S gauge. And, believe it or not, I could even use a few (printable) letters to the editor. And what about personal sale or swap items. These are freebies in the Extra Board area - no

not on a continuous basis, but if you have a collection or are weeding out — send in your sale or want items for the members to share. New product tips are also welcome, especially on items off the beaten path such as things discovered in the discount stores or from obscure manufacturers.

-Jeff

S-CALENDAR

Nov. 21-23, 1997: Fall S Fest at the South Beloit (Wis.) Holiday Inn. Call (815) 963-8773 for room reservations. Sponsored by the Stateline S Gaugers. Banquet speaker will be Wayne Wesolowski. For further information contact Vera Geerts (815) 624-7025.

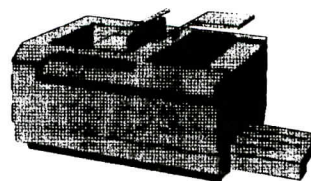
May 1-3, 1998: 11th annual Spring S-Spree, Columbus, Ohio sponsored by the Central Ohio S Gaugers. Info: contact Alan Evans.

July 8-12, 1998: NASG National Convention in Worcester, Mass., Lincoln St. Holiday Inn. Contact John Ciarleglio days: (617) 695-3504 or eves and weekends: (508) 358-6622.

Sept. 17-19, 1998: S-West III in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Will include a trip to Jess Bennett's S scale Great Northern Pacific. Final arrangements are not definite at this point, but you can contact Gil Hulin at 3895 colony Oaks Dr., Eugene, OR, 97405-6211 for an update.

July 21-24, 1999: NASG National Convention, in conjunction with the NMRA. will be in St. Paul, Minnesota. In conjunction means at separate facilities with the option of attending the functions of either organization.

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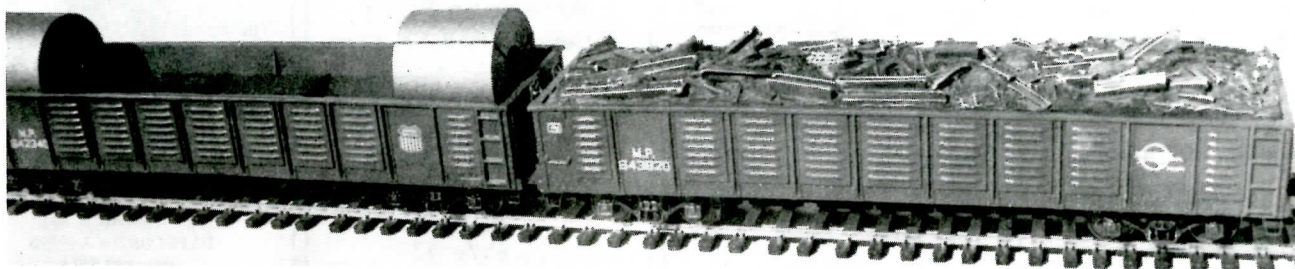


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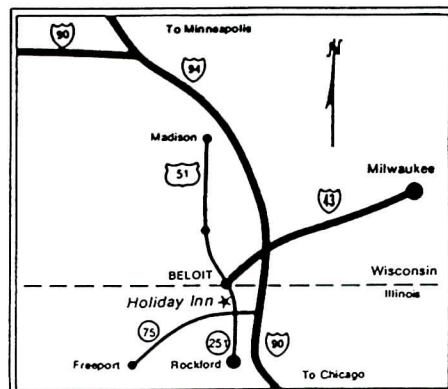
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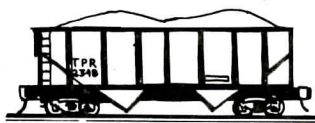
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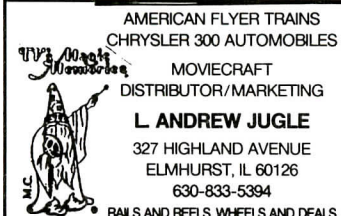
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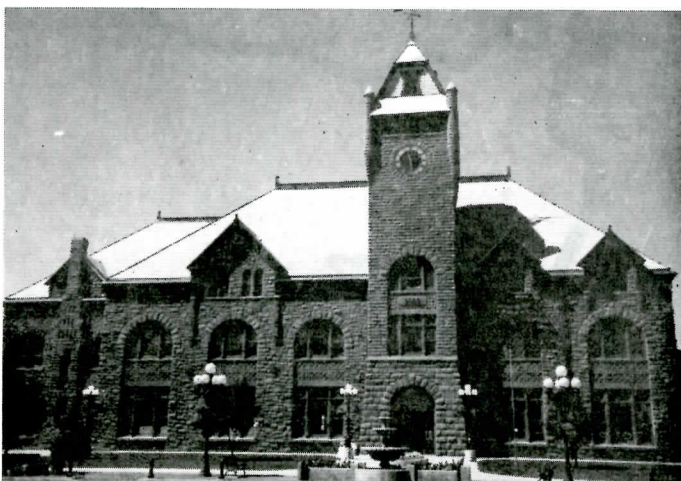
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Colorado Memories



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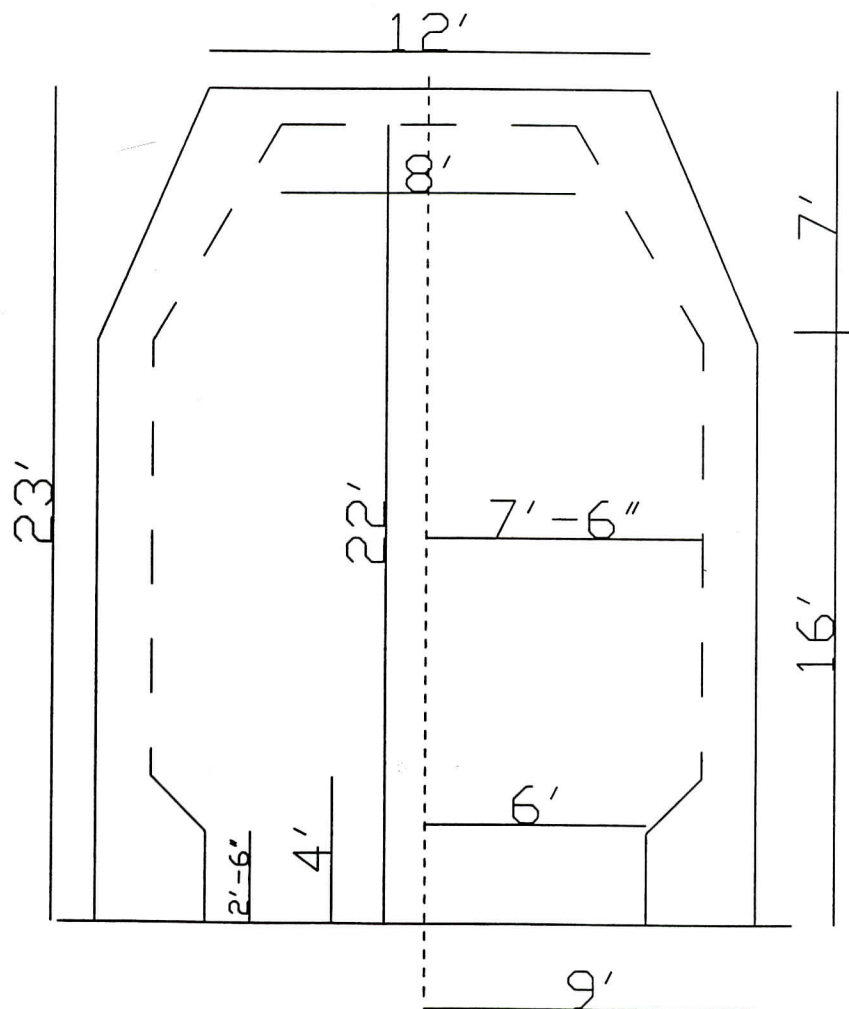
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