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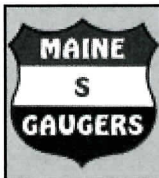
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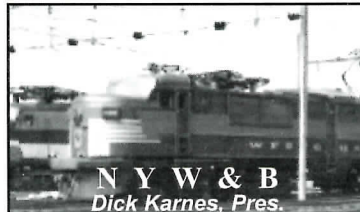
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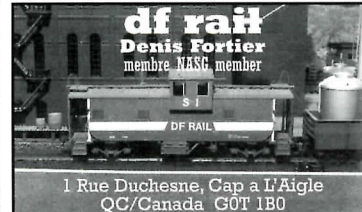
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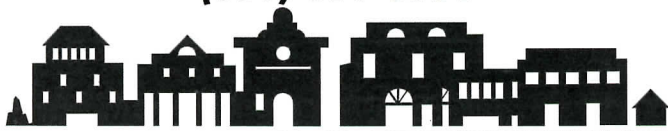
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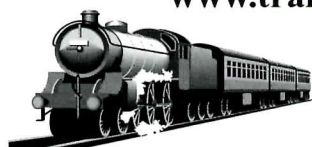
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Late afternoon view on Bob Werre's Great Plains Northern's Omaha yard. Shown switching in the yard are RR/Overland SD9 and Overland 0-8-0. A South Wind 2-8-0 has arrived from the west with a freight.

Photo: Bob Werre

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President's Message...

In addition to being President of the NASG, I also seem to be presiding during the death of volunteerism in America. It seems that we Americans are too busy with our lives to get involved with volunteer work on a non-paying basis. This unfortunate occurrence has come to the NASG. We just had an "election" with no competition for any of the five positions open. I guess we should thank our lucky stars that at least we had one quality candidate for each open slot. It's been a year now since I called for volunteers to serve on some of our committees and I've had not one answer. This includes a co-chair for the contest committee to help Jim Whipple out. As you may know there was a snafu of the 2002 contest results and it resulted in their not being published. But, how can we blame people for things like that when we can't get folks to help in that area?

Also, this would be a good time to finally clear up the mystery of the disappearance of the 2002 contest results. When the contest room was locked for the banquet, the hotel staff took it upon themselves to clean the room then and not wait until the next morning. In the process of cleaning the room, they damaged two models by putting them all together. But, then they threw the "trash" out. Unfortunately this included the paperwork for the contest. Our own people thought that somehow they had lost the paperwork themselves. So in the end no one connected with the NASG was at fault. We can certainly make sure that this won't happen to us again. I believe that all went well at Oconomowoc.

The NASG will still be around and one way or another, we'll get the job done. But, wouldn't the cause of advancing the hobby and S in particular be so much better if more of us joined the ranks of those already serving? Let folks like Jim Whipple and John Foley or any other committee chair know that you'd be anxious to help.

CONVENTIONS

The two all-S events held this year, the Spring "S"pree and the National NASG Convention, both had disappointing attendance. There are probably several reasons for this. Many members have flown to these events in the past and in the wake of 9-11, air traffic is considerably down because flying is such a hassle and potential danger now. Those who drive are faced with increased gas, tolls and lodging expenses. The convention committees are hard pressed to find quality rooms for under \$100. Add all this up to a sluggish economy and you

have decreased attendance. It's hard on our dealers too as less attendees usually means less sales. One reason that we're trying a western regional convention is to see if our members on the West Coast will attend a convention that is closer to them than one in the Midwest or East. We don't usually draw well from places like California. Anyway, I hope that things will improve next year and that all our conventions and meets have increased attendance. We really do have a great time at our get-togethers and many of you have never attended one. I hope we can get you to attend one or more of them next year.

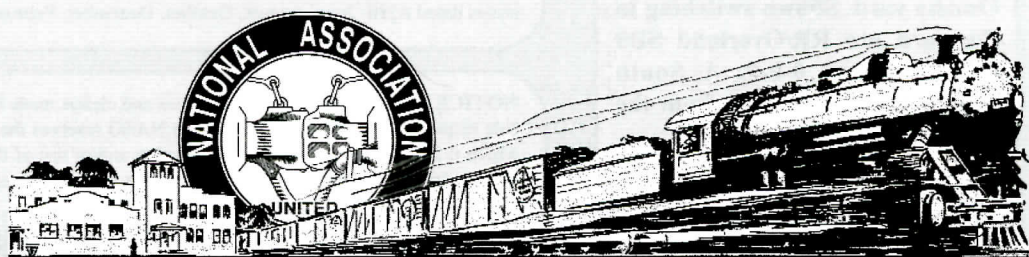
SIGNS OF GROWTH

Several indicators of positive growth for S have occurred to me lately. On the AF/AF compatible side, there was the presence of Lionel and K-Line at the 2003 Convention in Wisconsin. That was an event that would not have been possible even a couple of years ago. More and more people are getting those old Flyers out of the attic and returning to the trains of their youth and the increase in marketing potential has not been overlooked. Who knows, maybe MTH will be at next years convention. Also, our existing manufacturers feel confident enough to keep adding new products to their AF compatible lines, so this side of S is definitely in a positive growth cycle.

And on the scale side the largest importer of brass, Overland, has announced that it was returning to S with models of the very latest modern prototype diesels. There may be many modelers of other scales who prefer modern equipment over the steam-to-diesel era and would switch to S if more modern prototypes were to become available.

The advertisement that the NASG has sponsored in *Railroad Model Craftsman* (RMC) has had positive results, too. There is a waiting list now of companies that want to take part, and we are considering a second ad in RMC. Several of them have reported increased sales due to the ad. Every month 80,000 readers turn the cover and see our full color ad. And finally, more positive news is that the *S/SN3 Modeling Guide* is returning so that once again we have a magazine aimed at the "scalers". We wish the new publisher success, and I hope that our members will help out in providing material for the magazine.

- NASG President Roy Hoffman
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RAIL MAIL

Early NASG Convention Report, a members view:

I will attempt a news summary from the recent NASG convention.

The following represent updates from various manufacturers/dealers: **B.T.S.** - Bill and Diane were there with a nice selection of structure kits, detail parts, brass GP-30s, and BL-2s. Nice to see Diane looking quite healthy, following her recent auto accident. **DesPlaines Hobbies** - Ron and Susan Sebastian had lots of neat stuff. The USRA gondola looked very nice, with lots of detail, especially on the bottom. The modern boxcar interested me a great deal, as it was done in New Orleans Public Belt colors. As Ron has posted, production of this box car will occur AFTER the gon. They also had lots of new tank cars, some of which I could not resist, as well as Bulk-Tainers in kit form. **John Heck** - Had his usual large selection of AF items with a large range of grades available. **K-Line** - Had their newly released S gauge cars on display, as well as the O gauge Big Boy. They were taking names for those interested in the S gauge version. Looking for a production run of 500.

Lionel - Yes, the announcement of the Mike was the BIG news. This will be in a AC/TMCC/Railsounds configuration at a MSRP of about \$600 for this initial run. This is definitely a hirail product with the middle two drivers being blind. But, the detail on the castings was very nice. Fred Rouse (SSLS) was seen having serious discussion with the Lionel folks with his Mike chassis in hand. **Port Lines Hobbies** - Doug Peck was there with his usual array of parts, kits, cars and other miscellaneous goodies. I picked up the new Pine Canyon gas station kit and ordered a Kaslo PS-1 boxcar kit. He also had the new S'nS AF Baldwin motor conversion kits. **Putt Trains** - Terry had the Rex 0-6-0 and Mogul, looking very nice, as well as the Thomas sets that help get the youngsters interested in trains. I ordered a Mogul kit. **River Raisin** - Had their latest steam products, as well as the troop cars. Simply gorgeous. Taking orders for the Zephyr sets. **R.S.S.V.P. Models** - Gerry Rivet had Brach's hoppers (SHS production) and his special caboose, along with his great sense of humor. **S Helper Service** - The whole gang was there (sans Robin) with the usual tremendous dis-

play of their product line. Don had the engineering samples for the announced Consolidation (2-8-0) steamer. I think this will be one of the finest steam models ever produced in any scale (I might be a tad prejudiced). Also had samples of the new run of reefers and rebuilt box cars, as well as the 2003 Xmas car (A GN boxcar with Blinking Rudolph inside. Ken Zieska and SHS both had drawings of the ore cars that are coming. **Scenery Unlimited** - Don Heimburger had his usual selection of books and mags, as well as the special runs of SHS cars. **S/Sn3 Modeling Guide** - Richard Bendever was there promoting the resurrection of this S scale mag. I promised him a subscription and a manuscript. For this endeavor to succeed, it will take the support of BOTH S modelers and manufacturers (ie. advertisers). **Standard Castings** - Earl Tuson was there showing off the work on a new boxcar kit. Very nice details. I ordered a set of dry transfers for my PS-1 box kit. **S.S.L.&S.** - Fred and Delores Rouse had the superdetail kits for the AM Pacific, as well as examples of their photo-etched brass Mikado chassis. This should make for a very smooth-running drive train. The Moguls are sold out. **Trainstuff LLC** - It was very nice to meet Dayna Williamson and her new hubby. They released FOUR new S structure kits at the convention. This S line has expanded rapidly in the last year. I couldn't resist the switch tower kit. **Trucks** - This is the guy (B. Pazan) who custom builds S scale vehicle trucks. They are very nice, but pricey. I picked up another tank truck for my refinery module.

Clinics - I wasn't able to attend all of them, but those I did were informative and well done. Roy Meissner gave us a thorough historical treatment of truck evolution. Dick Karnes shared his considerable expertise on building turnouts. Bob Gallegos, Jeff Madden, and Dayna Williamson did a good job of covering kitbashing/weathering structures for S. Ken Zieska and John Foley gave us a nice introduction to the world of Digital Command Control. Joe Russ presented some interesting methods for scenery construction, and Terry Harrison gave us a good introduction to the world of model train operation simulating the prototype.

Layouts/Tours - The Badgerland and Chicago groups had their modular layouts at the convention site. There was even an all-AF layout that delighted the

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Jeff's Junction



AGING MODEL RAILROADERS, RIPE FOR THE PICKING

The model railroading community was recently surprised by the news that longtime MR columnist (*Trains of Thought*) and former RMC editor Tony Koester at age 57 had blitzed his large and relatively complete Allegheny Midland HO layout. A new large multi-level flatland layout based on the Nickel Plate Road is underway as you read this.

No, he isn't moving, and no, he isn't changing scales, but at a mid-fifties age (sounds familiar doesn't it?) he is starting over and building a large layout from scratch. Coincidentally, most model railroaders I know are in this age group, give or take a few years. Tony's logic probably stemmed from the desire to create a new state-of-the-art layout with ideas garnered since the old layout was begun back in 1975 and probably the desire to be involved in new challenges.

Now, I spy an opportunity for S scale. Tony did mention switching to a larger scale for the usual age-related and detail reasons, but he said in his own case that he could still handle the smaller HO scale. I presume too that his multi-level Nickel Plate mainline style layout wouldn't work out as well in a larger scale.

Think about it! If a master modeler like Tony Koester is up to making drastic changes, perhaps this opens the door further for S to recruit converts or to stimulate our own clan to "get" going on any layout dreams they have in mind. Middle-aged S scalers are notorious for having unfinished or no home layouts.

If, as I suspect, there are many other middle-aged model railroaders contemplating drastic changes in their model railroading future plans, then S has the perfect opportunity to promote and recruit.

We S folks need to look for other Tony's to pitch our scale to. We can seek them out at NMRA meets, swap meets, and hobby shops.

What are the clues to look for?

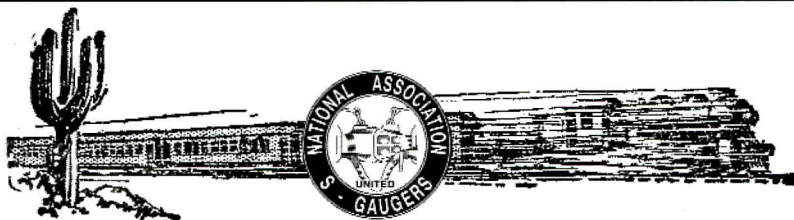
1. Any middle-aged model railroader.
2. Anybody with bi-focals.
3. Anybody mumbling "I wish I..."
4. Anybody who ooh's and ah's at larger scales.
5. Anybody who is planning on moving.
6. Anybody who likes narrow gauge.
7. Anybody who complains there's too much stuff in HO.
8. Anybody talking about retirement.
9. Anybody who doesn't have a layout yet.
10. Anybody who complains about large impersonal NMRA conventions.
11. Anybody mumbling about getting that old tinplate stuff out of the attic.

In general, keep an eagle eye out for any "Tony Koester" types seeking change. Now, why are these folks "prime candidates" for S?

1. They want new challenges while still able.
2. They might want larger sizes for physical reasons.
3. They might be aware of a greater product availability, especially in ready-to-run items.
4. They might want a smaller layout in scope (read less maintenance).
5. They might be retiring to a new home and need to rebuild anyway.
6. They might now have the income to afford a more expensive scale (by the piece).
7. They might realize that by selling off a large HO or N collection, they could afford S, and maybe even come out ahead.
8. They might look forward to smaller get-togethers.

Tony did point out in his column that his decision for starting over isn't for everyone. He suggested a self-analysis of skills, time available, money, space, etc. This is where us S promoters can step in. It would also be a kick in the pants for S if some high profile names in the hobby would decide to join us. Now might be the time to promote the "ideal size" to our other-scale brethren.

- Jeff



kids with the various action accessories. The recently finished NASG-sponsored S scale switching layout looked very nice (kudos to J. Foley, J. Bothwell, and D. Heine plus any others I may have missed). Dick Kloes' and Steve Lunde's hirail layouts were very nice. I was especially impressed with Dick's sawmill scene on the upper level. Roy Meissner was running some impressive brass steam locos (cab forward) and has a comprehensive truck collection (no surprise here), as well as a milk bottle collection. I would liked to have seen the Sn3 layout in Madison, but didn't have time. The East Troy Interurban tour was great fun! I don't model traction stuff, but I could definitely see the "atTraction" of it (heh, heh). We prowled around the car barn for a while and had a great ride on traction equipment with some delicious ice cream at the turnaround point.

General Business Meeting/Banquet - I will keep this brief, since I suspect a complete report will be published in the *Dispatch*. The outgoing officers/ BOT members were thanked for their service and the new folks were welcomed aboard by President Roy Hoffman. I was especially gratified to see John Foley recognized for his years of hard work in support of NASG. John has always provided excellent support in supplying my club with promotional literature for distribution at train shows. I was happy to see John will continue his S promotional activities as Chair of the Promotions Committee. Much of the discussion centered around promotional activity. The banquet was another good time, meeting and supping with new folks. John Wickland handled the auction of special items, while Jamie Bothwell put on a great comedic show with the NASG/scale items.

I have to say that one of the greatest benefits of attending an event like this one is the collective knowledge available at one location. Some of these modelers have been at it for over 40 years. I felt honored to meet and chat with Wally Collins, publisher of the original *S Gauge Herald*, to rub elbows with Lee Johnson, Dick Karnes, Bob Werre, Alan Evans and other S modelers too numerous to mention. For those of you who were sitting on the fence about whether to attend but did not, I would term this convention as a Missed Opportunity.

S-CALENDAR

Sept. 26-28, 2003: 22nd Fall S Get-Together sponsored by the Central Jersey S Scalers. Christ Episcopal church Hall, Main St., South Amboy, NJ. Info: 800-465-0303. www.nasg.org/cjss.html

Oct. 18-19, 2003: 6th Annual Maple Valley Operating Model Train Show. Kent, Washington. Info: John Warner - 877-822-1823, email: socsecl@aol.com

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April 30-May 2, 2004: Spring S Spree, hosted by the Central Ohio S Gaugers, Holiday Inn East (I-70 East and Hamilton Rd.), Columbus, OH. www.cosg.org.

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All too soon, it was time to pack for the trip home. I had a great time and want to thank all those in the Badgerland group for their hard work and planning in putting on this convention. I look forward to the next. I traveled by train from home to Milwaukee and back. For those perennial Amtrak bashers, the train was ON TIME coming into Chicago, and 40 min. EARLY coming into New Orleans.

'Till then, Jay Mellon, Crescent City S Gaugers
New Orleans, LA



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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)

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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)

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

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

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SECTION 3. The Regional Vice-Presidents shall be nominated and elected by the members of each of their respective 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 I. 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.

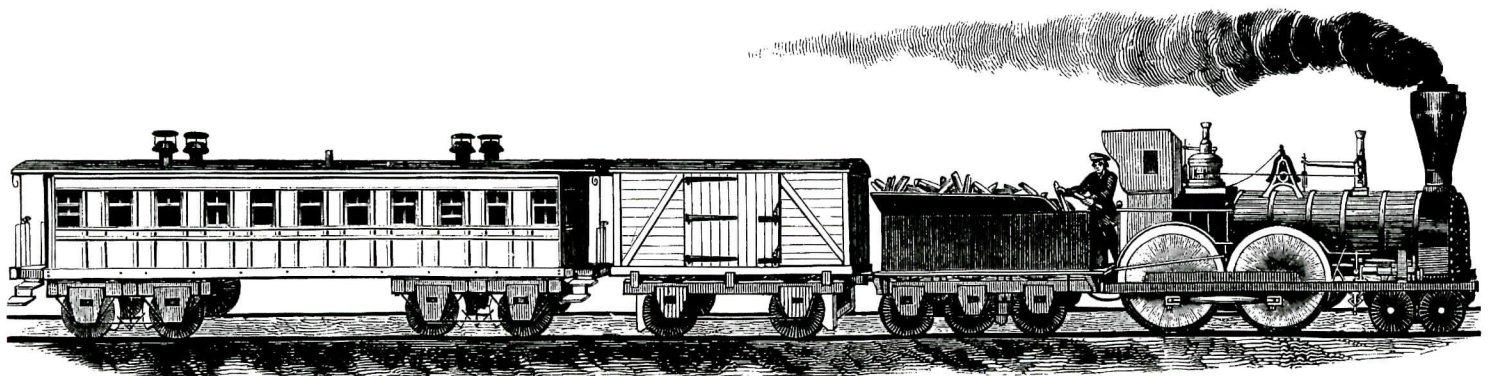
SECTION 2. The By-Laws of the NASG may be adopted or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of all members of the Board of Trustees.

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.



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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1

1. The Corporation may have such 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. (Amended 08/01)
2. The post office address to which the Secretary of State of the State of New York shall mail any process against the Corporation served upon him is c/o W.E.J. Collins, 167 Country Club Drive, Oradell, New Jersey 07649. (Amended 08/01)

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 judgment 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 judgment of the Board of Trustees, no other bona fide 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 complete 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.

[There is no Section 1.]

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 Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per year. (Amended 07/01)

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 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per year. (Amended 07/01) 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)

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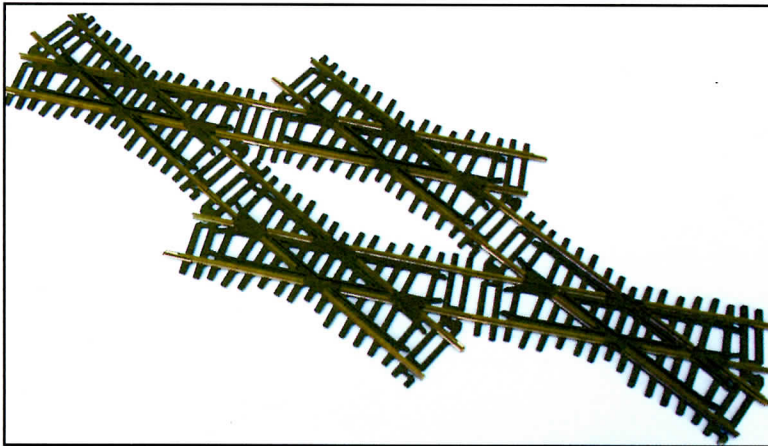
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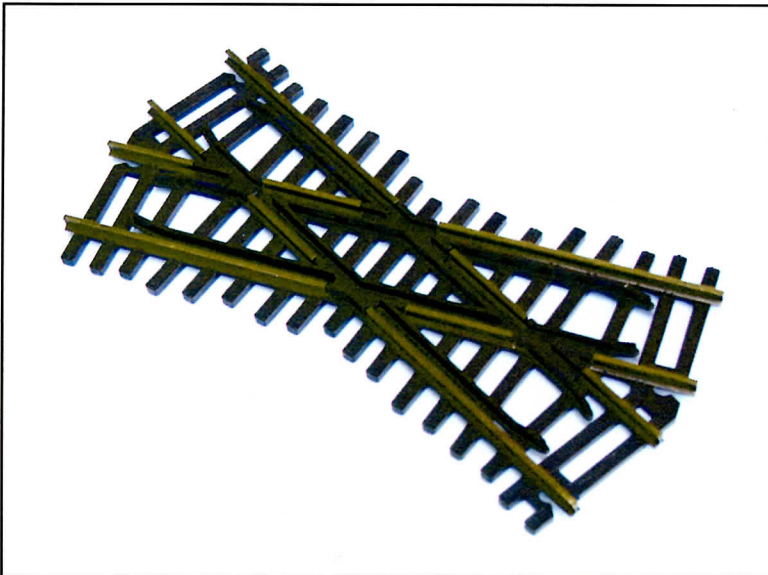
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