

# NEWSLETTER

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## 1979 ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Nominations for the 1979 NASG General Election are now being accepted by the Elections Committee Chairman, Rod Moore, 1314 Forest Hill Drive, Mobile, Alabama. Nominations should be received by Rod by October 15, 1978. Since this announcement is rather late, nominations will be accepted as late as December 1, 1978. You may nominate yourself or someone else.

Nominations must include:

1. The nominee's name. He or she must be a member of NASG.
2. The position for which he or she is nominated.
3. A summary of qualifications, not to exceed 200 words.
4. A summary of what the nominee hopes to accomplish if elected. Please keep this to under 300 words.

Any NASG member in good standing may be nominated for any of the following offices (except that he or she must reside in the appropriate region if nominated for Vice President of a region):

Executive Vice President (term to 1983)

Secretary (term to 1983)

Pacific Region Vice President (term to 1981)

Central Region Vice President (term to 1981)

Eastern Region Vice President (term to 1981)

Ballots will be mailed to members no later than April 15, 1979. Votes may be mailed in by May 15, 1979 or cast at the National Convention at Princeton, New Jersey in August.

The Eastern Region covers the areas of the United States and Canada included in the eastern time zone. The Central Region covers those areas in the U. S. and Canada included in the central time zone. The Pacific Region covers the remainder of the U. S. and Canada and other countries.

## SHOULD YOU RUN FOR OFFICE?

by Dick Cataldi

Yes!

The incumbents (with the exception of Executive V. P. Ben Wilbur) represent the NASG's ruling clique of the 1970's. They are the old reliables who agreed to serve the gauge by being officers of our organization.

"Agreed"? Yes. In the first general election we had a grand total of 8 candidates for the 7 offices. (That was the only election in which all 7 Trustees were elected.) Except for the Presidency (2 candidates), every office was not only uncontested; each of us who ran was "drafted" by former President Ed Schumacher.

The Board of Trustees is fully responsible for NASG and sets our policies. The President does not do it by himself. If we are to continue being a dynamic organization, we need some lively interest in the elected positions. Don't assume that incumbents will run again or that they will automatically win. Also, please don't feel that you are being too partisan if you run against a friend or a well-known name. Let the membership decide between backgrounds, incumbency, and platforms.

Lets discuss the offices up for election in 1979:

### Regional Vice Presidents:

Regional V. P. 's serve as Trustees of NASG and therefore vote on all budgetary and policy matters as specified by the Constitution. They may put any proposal they wish to the Board of Trustees at any time. Virtually all work of the B. O. T. is done by mail so that attendance at the National Convention is not required. Regional Veeps have no other specified responsibilities, so they are an opportunity to take part in leadership without having to spend more than perhaps one or two hours per week on the job. You have to communicate though. Comments and votes in the B. O. T. are important: failure to do so is an abdication of responsibility. These Veeps serve specific constituencies and should keep in touch with members and clubs in the area.

The Eastern V. P. is Allan Craig of Ottawa, Ontario. Allan will not run for reelection. The populous east should produce several candidates.

The Central V. P. is Gale Hall of Rogers, Arkansas. Gale will run if there are no other takers. Will those big, active clubs in Chicago and Milwaukee fail to produce one or several candidates? If you don't live in either area, don't despair; in a 3- or 4-way race anything can happen.

The Pacific Region Vice President is Ed Loizeaux of Monte Sereno, California. Ed will likely run again but he welcomes competition. The low number of members in the Pacific Region offers an excellent opportunity for a challenger. If you recruit as few as 15 new members before the election and convince them to vote for you, you will have a strong block of votes in to start with.



**Secretary:**

This 4-year position carries the Trustee responsibilities plus corporate secretary duties. These include certifying ballots and elections, keeping the corporate seal, records, and archives, keeping minutes of meetings, filing required governmental reports, and signing or attesting official papers and documents.

The job isn't terribly time consuming, but it's responsibilities cannot be taken lightly. It is interesting and obviously an adequate training ground for either Executive V. P. or President. The incumbent, Dick Schlott of Miami, Florida, will probably run for reelection,

**Executive Vice President:**

This is the real executive position in NASG. Most of the committee chairmen report to him, meaning that he virtually runs NASG on a day-to-day basis. The job costs 5 to 15 hours per week and absolutely requires the ability to communicate often, quickly, and CLEARLY. This job is the stepping stone to the Presidency. A quirk in the constitution allows you to be elected Executive V. P. in '79 (it is a four year term) and then run for President in 1981 (I will not run for reelection) without giving up the Executive V. P. position unless elected President.

Incumbent Ben Wilbur, of Lombard, Illinois, is in the process of moving to Michigan and starting his own business. This may force him to stay out of the race.

If you have a desire to work hard and lead NASG into the 1980's, this is the job for you.

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**PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The promotion committee of the NASG is working on standards for a module to be adopted for our members use. The basis for this is the module shown in the March-April 1976 S Gauge Herald. This has proven to be the best basic design, and proven very buildable. The standards in the Herald will be modified to allow more flexibility for the individual members, while retaining ease of building and transportation. Plans and standards will be available by years end, first publication will be in the NASG Newsletter.

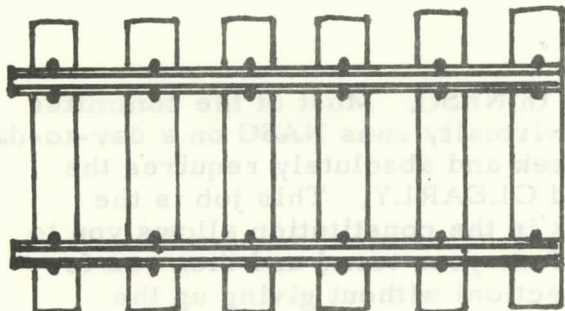
The NASG promotion committee took part in the NMRA National Convention this past summer. Tom Hawley of Lansing Michigan did an excellent job of organization and put in long hours representing S Gauge at the convention. Also lending considerable support was John Porter of the S Gauge Manufacturers Association, sending equipment for display.

This committee will be growing this fall, and becoming more active. If you have ideas or wish to be involved on the committee, please contact:

Ken Zieska  
11810 52nd Ave. N.  
Plymouth, Minn. 55442

Your ideas and help will help us promote S gauge and show others why we consider S gauge to be the ideal gauge.

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## THE HI RAIL COMMITTEE REPORT

Sig Fleischmann

### ATTENTION HI RAILERS!

The NASG Hi Rail Standards Committee has approved the following standards for S Gauge Hi Rail.

01. TRACK SIZE Code .172 rail.
02. Track POWER 12V DC + on the right hand rail produces forward motion.

The committee has several items on its present agenda. We need and want your help. Let the Hi Rail Committee know what you think is important to Hi Railers.

The Hi Rail Committee is considering to pursue what ex NASG president Ed Schumacher started, get Lionel MPC to produce a low hood EMD GP20, from the AF EMD GP7 dies. A locomotive like this with the required quality and priced right would undoubtedly be a smashing success.

The proper promotion, to be effective, should be backed jointly by the NASG and TCA. Some proof of the number of active dedicated S gauge model railroaders, would add substantial clout.

We must stamp out apathy in S Gauge and start communicating, All S Gaugers, Collectors, Tinplaters, Hi Railers, and Scale modelers must sound off and be counted!! The Hi Rail Committee needs your help to promote RTR S Gauge Trains. This is the best way to help S Gauge grow. Send your comments and suggestions to:

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Farmington, MI 48024



NEWS FROM THE SURVEY SQUAD.....Steve Butler

The NASG is going into the survey business! The next "S Newsletter" will (if all goes according to plans) contain the first of many questionnaires designed to gauge your experiences with the products and services offered by various S Gauge manufacturers. The hope is that many will respond to these surveys and our manufacturers' quality, service, and reliability will be rated by a large sampling of the NASG membership. This will help others in the hobby, especially those just beginning, and will promote the manufacturers who do well in all areas, as well as point out those who do quality work, but whose instruction sheets are a bit vague, and maybe have trouble meeting deadlines because they're already working two jobs and trying to put out a line of S Products from a shop in the garage on a work schedule of "every other Tuesday evening".

Whatever the picture is, I hope you'll write it down, including praise and congrats, or boo's and brickbats. So watch for the first such "consumer info" survey, coming soon in your favorite hobby publication (that's this newsletter, in case you were wondering).

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Received Newsletter, very interesting. I wonder if it is good idea to restrict content to NASG News, especially as S.G.H. ceases publication. It wouldn't bother me if our Newsletter became S-equivalent of NMRA Bulletin. You already seem to have exempted your own editorial content from your rule. Example= Death of Graeff is of equal meaning to us in NASG and to S-gaugers who have no use for NASG.

Tom Hawley

I think the Newsletter is really great, and I think there is a great deal of vitality in S gauge these days.

Maurice L. Wooden

## NASG Referral Service

We have established a referral service for our members. Experienced S Gaugers have volunteered their expertise on a variety of subjects and will answer your questions on those subjects.

The following subjects have several "experts" each to help you:

- I Wiring American Flyer
- II Repairing American Flyer diesel locomotives
- III Repairing American Flyer steam engines
- IV Finding American Flyer parts
- V Sectional trackplans
- VI Collecting
- VII Converting to scale
- VIII Building with styrene
- IX Building with cardstock
- X Wiring scale DC power
- XI Repairing scale locomotives
- XII Building turnouts
- XIII Painting
- XIV Lettering
- XV Benchwork
- XVI Scenery
- XVII Building with brass
- XVIII Building with wood

If you would like some help in one or more of these subjects, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

Martin K. Vanhorn  
1007 Rolland Heights  
Baltimore, Maryland 21211

Request the specific subject(s) you need and Martin will send a list of names of people who can help you.

ON THE TIMETABLE

Central New York S Gaugers announce "The Great Halloween Train Meet". The event will be held on October 29, 1978 at the Lakeside Fire Dept., 1002 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland New York. Featured at the 'Meet' will be a free 'Sick Train Clinic', an operating display layout, and door prizes. More information may be gotten by contacting Jim Moore at:

3320 Lafayette Road Phone: (315) 469-1846  
Jamesville, N.Y. 13078

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Badgerland S Gaugers and Chicago Association of S Gaugers are hosting the Third Annual Fall S Fest on October 27-29, 1978. The Fall Fest will be held at the Steeplechase Inn N12 W26500 Golf Road, Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072. Besides the clinics, trading pits, model contest, movies, door prizes, and displays, the affair will be highlighted with a Saturday night Banquet. As a remembrance token, the S Fest will offer an American Flyer bay window caboose with special decals as the annual S Fest car. For further information contact Harold Immekus at:

4425 N. 63rd Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53218

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November is Model Railroad month and we should all recognize this as the time to begin model railroading. Summer heat gives way to the cooler temperatures (even cold temperatures) and indoor activities will abound. Let's enjoy the time we must spend in house and build a model or two...then lets share the experiences that were enjoyed with others who are "model railroaders". Send pictures to the model magazines, take the models to open houses and railroad shows, in general, show off S gauge!



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