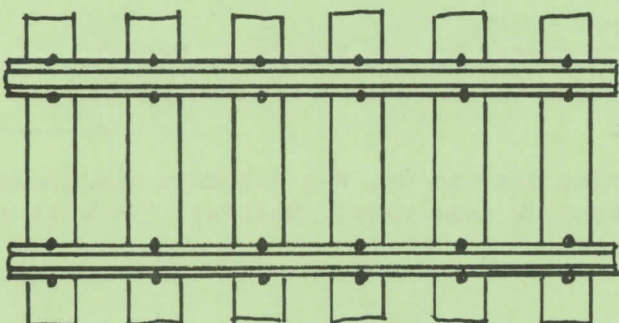


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The Hi Rail Committee Report

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What is a Hi Railer? What should the purpose of the Hi Rail Standards committee be? The answers, to both of these questions were agreed upon by the NASG Hi Rail Committee last month.

03 Definition of the term Hi Railer:

A model railroader in S gauge who has upgraded basic commercial equipment such as American Flyer in order to improve the performance and or appearance, but to an overall status still short of full scale, either intended or achieved. Most common improvements are:

1. Track.
2. DC power supplies.
3. Improved Locomotive drive systems.
4. Trucks, Wheels, and couplers.

04 Purpose of the Hi Rail standards committee:

Encourage communications among Hi Rainers and Tinplaters, thereby determining specific and primary needs and desires.

Unite all S gaugers, Collectors, Tinplaters, Scale modelers, as well as Hi Rainers to promote the continuing development and mass production of S gauge RTR S gauge trains.

The Hi Rail committee is planning to evaluate couplers and Hi Rail wheels, and hopefully get more comments from Hi Rainers, before selecting any for a Hi Rail standard. Send your comments to;

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FROM THE EASTERN VP

Railfair 78 - Ottawa, Canada

Algonquin College was the scene for Railfair '78, the weekend of October 14 & 15, and what a show it was!

Four thousand men, women and children attended over the two-day show.

Operating and static displays showed them what model railroading was all about. Displays were from Z to O scale and even live steam was represented up to 1" scale.

The S Gauge static display was well represented by Reg Bilodeau, Marcel Sierolaski and Al Craig.

With an O scale switching module operating next to us, Reg Bilodeau was prompted to say, "We'd better have something operating next year." Railfair '79 will be bigger and better!

Ottawa Valley S Gaugers

This group was formed primarily for sponsoring the "Constitutional Convention" and since that time has been inactive except for Railfair '78. With that little push, we will be re-activated and working toward next year's show.

Al Craig

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Officers of the National Association of S Gaugers, I extend the wishes of a happy Holiday Season with hopes that the New Year blesses each and everyone with health and happiness.

Bob Ristow, Editor

Here it is, what you've all been waiting for! For the first time, on these printed pages...the first NASG Consumer Product Survey! (Hold your applause, please.) Just pick up your pen, fill out the survey printed below, and send it to me: Stephen Butler, 32 Elsom Parkway, South Burlington, Vermont, 05401. All replies received by January 10, 1979 will be tabulated and published in the next S New sletter. This offer is void where prohibited, regulated, or taxed. No purchase is necessary. Judges' decisions are final. The PRIZE ? The prize is helping S Guage continue to grow! So get this survey to me as fast as you can, please. Feel free to duplicate it as needed, and distribute it to anyone you know who's an S Guager, whether a member of NASG or not. Go to it, folks! I'll be waiting to hear from you.

NASG Consumer Product Survey # 1

1. Age Group: under 20, 21 to 30 31 to 40, 41 to 65, 65 and older.
2. Sex: Male Female
3. Income: Less than \$5000., \$5000 to \$7499, \$7500 to \$9999.,
 \$10,000 to \$14,999., \$15,000. to \$29,999., Over \$30,000.
4. How much do you spend on model railroading each month?
 Under \$5. \$5 to \$25., Over \$25.
5. How many locomotives did you purchase last year? _____
6. How many cars did you purchase last year? _____
7. How many scenery items did you purchase last year? _____
8. Please list the model railroad items you purchased in the last six months and rate them in the space provided on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent). Use more paper if necessary.

Item Purchased	Manufacturer or Dealer's name	Price	Quality	Speed of Delivery	Instructions Provided
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Please fill out the survey blank, remove it from the News-letter and mail without delay!