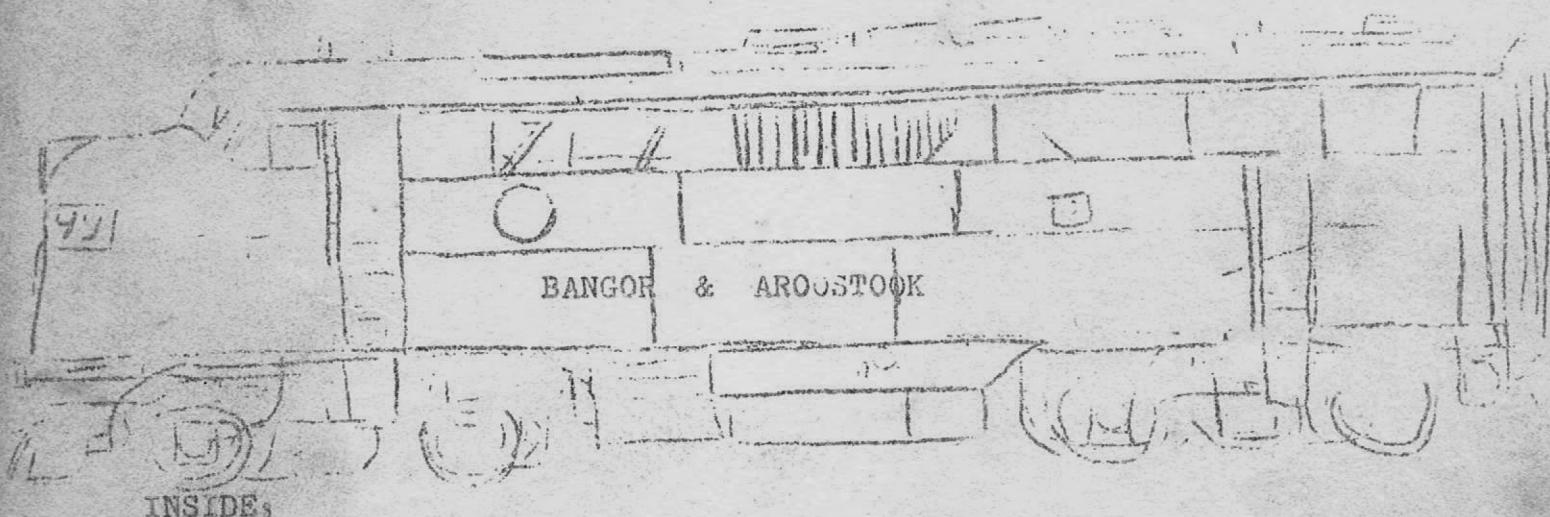


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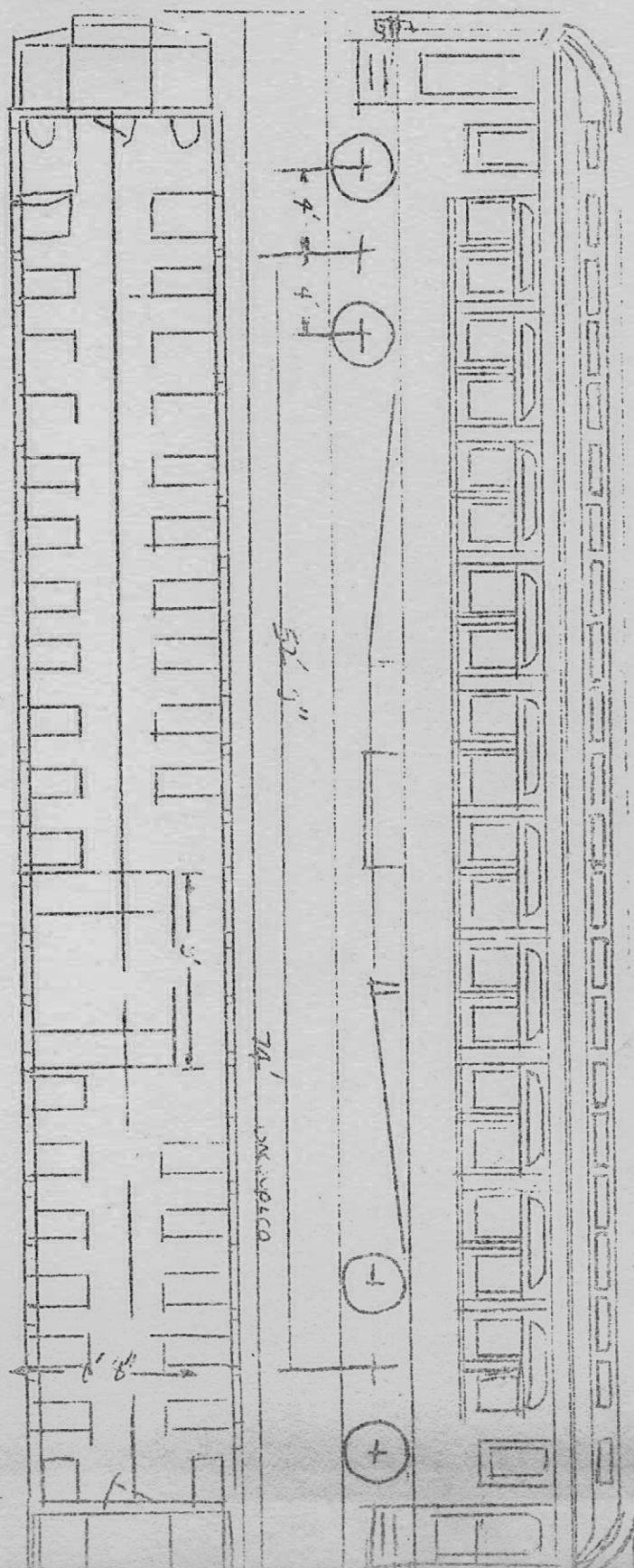
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HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

THE BAR

PERIOD 1 - 1890 - 1895

Back in the year 1890, Aroostook county in Northern Maine was still a place where land was plentiful and people scarce. It did, however, possess a wealth of resources including lumber, and great watersheds. It was at about this time, 1890, that it first occurred to two men, Albert Burleigh, and Franklin Cram, that these vast undeveloped resources should be opened up by rail. These men weren't, however, starting from scratch when they built the Bangor & Aroostook. There were several already existing railroads in the area at the time they began construction. These included the European & North American, and the Atlantic & St. Lawrence. The first of these, the E & N.A., was the brainchild of one John Alfred Poor, (he was VERY poor by the time he finished the venture), a man whose dream it was to link London by the North American continent by rail. The Atlantic & St. Lawrence was also one of Poor's ventures. It connected Portland with Montreal. This connection eventually became part of the Grand Trunk, but the European & North Eastern didn't lose its corporate autonomy until the year 1956, when it was purchased outright by the Maine Central. By leasing these existing lines the then-fledgling BAR was able to push its own rails into Houlton on the 25th day of December, 1893, Christmas Day. In the second installment, we will look into the early operating history of the BAR, from 1891 until



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NUMBER	CLASS	LENGTH OVER BUFFERS	SEATING CAPACITY	LIGHT	HEAT	KIND OF END	WIND- WOBEL
OLD	NEW						
93	C	74' 0"	78	ELEC.	STEAM		

DATE BUILT	SIZE JOURNALS CONSTRUCTION
1910	5" x 9" STEEL U-FRAME

BAR GAS-ELECTRIC

DATE BUILT BUILDER

1930

W.E.M.CO.

PRESENT NUMBER*

5



6° 6"

54° 1" 76° 6" 79° 1"

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11' 1"

WESTINGHOUSE DIESEL ENGINE

6 cycle 9x12-4 cycle

TRACTION MOTORS
GEARS
TRACTIVE EFFORT

2 Westinghouse 585 A2 525V

20:56

20,400

400 H.P.

JOURNALS
WHEELS
AIR BRAKE EQUIPMENT
F6x11-R 5x9 36" St. EP-6, CLASP, 18x12 CYLCOUPLERS 5"x7" BATTERY FAN FAN MOTOR LIGHTING HEATER
TYPE "E" SW. BUTT EXIDE 64V MWAH-13 F-28MA Y-36V-10,600W ELECTRIC No. 557
DRAFT GEAR MINER A5XB

SEAT CAPAC

HANDBRAKES

ROLLER BEARINGS

PILOT HEIGHT

EXTERIOR WIDTH

22

F. PEACOCK-R. MINER

SKF-F.6x11-R. 5x9

6"

10' 8"

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THE PAST, THE PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE OF THE BAR TECHNICAL SOCIETY:

It's fairly needless to say that we have in fact faced innumerable hardships in trying to accomplish what we set out to do. Without trying to invent SOS stories, we still must say that we've been frustrated at every turn. Our frustrations have included botched printing (The appearance of our membership application on the reverse side of the October Newsletter cover is a classic example), poor postal service, poor record keeping, lack of funds, lack of staff, in some cases, lack of information. We do believe, however, that when we haven't been befooled by hardship, we've been a considerable help to BAR fans nationwide. We think that to say most members have learned from us in one year what it would otherwise take them five or ten to learn about BAR otherwise. On an individual basis, we have helped BAR enthusiasts, members and non-members alike, to achieve their desired ends, whether those involved modeling, acquisition of photographic materials, or just general knowledge. We don't, however, stop here. From here, we go on to a picture page, a bigger and much-improved newsletter, etc. We would like to call a membership meeting in Maine in the summer of 1975, and, sometime in the distant future, sponsor a fantrip. Our plans, like our problems and frustrations, are innumerable, and, like all groups, we need to know where we have succeeded and where we have failed. We therfor request that members and subscribers to the newsletter detach the following questionnaire and return it to us.

Name _____

Address _____

Question # 1 - Has the BAR Technical Society helped fulful your information needs about the BAR ? YES NO

Why or why not ?

3) Has the BAR Technical Society helped you in ways other than the newsletter?

YES NO If so, How?

4) What (if any) are your suggestions for improving our society, our newsletter and what suggestions if any have you for undertakings the society should consider?

5) All in all, do you feel you have profited from your membership in the society, and to what degree?

YES NO A GREAT DEGREE SOME DEGREE A LITTLE
NOT AT ALL

6) Do you plan to renew your membership when it expires?

YES NO

Please detach this survey and return to:

BAR TECHNICAL SOCIETY
28 Winthrop Drive
Peeblesville, NY 10566

THANK YOU

INFORMATION WANTED BY MEMBERS

Member Paul Schellhaus, 91-10 214th st Queens NY would like to acquire the following Athearn HO pre-1969 production kits:

NEC 40' Box, Green w/yellow lettering

BAR Red, White & Blue 40' Box, #5000 of Mainline

Also wanted are the original kit numbers. Anyone with these items or this information, please contact Mr. Schellhaus.

Member Waldo H. Kingston would like an original dining car menu from the "Flying Yankees". Anyone with this item, please contact him at 28 Winthrop Drive, Peeblesville, NY 10566

Member Tom Dillman, Box 42 Williams, Virginia, would like information on caboose #1247.

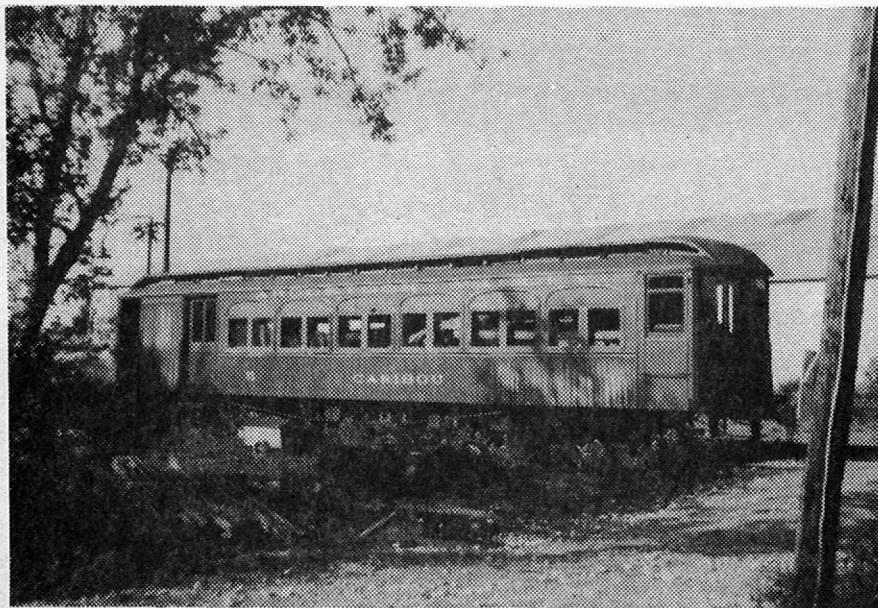
The society would like information about a caboose reported to be in transit to the BAR via Rigby yard, Portland.

NEWS BRIEFS

SEVERE TRAIN CURTAILMENT on the BAR as a result of slackening business.

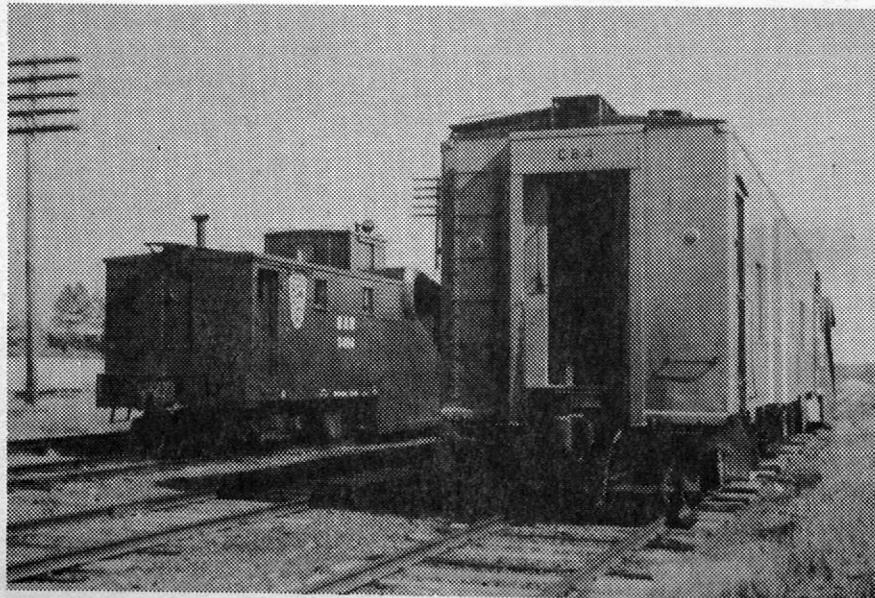
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OCTOBER, 1966



Walde Kingsten

NORTHERN MAINE JUNCTION, SEPTEMBER, 1965



Walde Kingsten