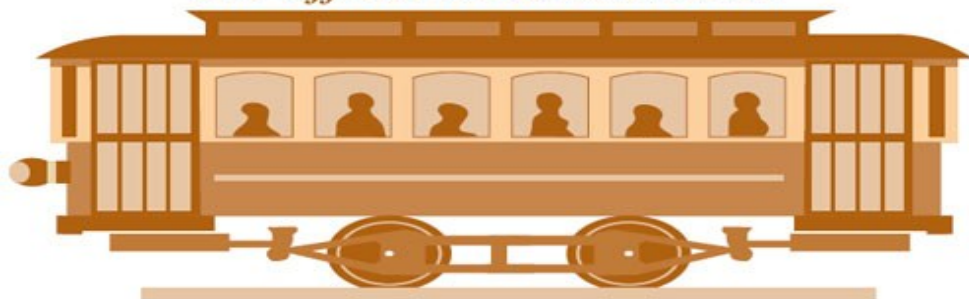


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THIS TRAIN KEEPS MOVIN' IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION....

The Summer train season is in full swing now with the toy train hobby flourishing in many directions, locally as well as nationally. There are a lot of activities to be enjoyed by families, whether it is a train show, an excursion on a train, a train day open house, or even a visit to the National Toy Train Museum in Strasburg, PA.

Exciting things continue to happen for WB&A. As mentioned in the Treasurer's Report, at the recent General Membership Meeting, Eileen Rollyson, Co-Chair and Treasurer for the 2010 TCA National Convention presented the chapter with the remaining funds from the convention that represents the official closeout of the "fruits of labor" from many who contributed to a successful convention, job well done everyone.



While some members traveled out West to Sacramento for the TCA National Convention, others opted to venture up the mountain to James and Colleen Hall's Train Day Open House that was just spectacular, if you could not make it, you truly missed out on a fun-filled day full of trains, good food and camaraderie. Who will be next in hosting a Train Day Open House?

Your dedicated leadership team continues to work hard to incorporate new ideas and initiatives to continue to serve the membership and recruit new members. Now is the time to recruit those new members, with TCA National waiving the application fee to join, we too will waive the first year of WB&A dues for any new TCA member who joins the WB&A. Additionally, we would like to see more members to get actively involved in the chapter activities as well as become a part of the leadership team, and now is your chance with Elections just around the corner. Many of our members who have too been a part of the WB&A BOD in the past have moved on to Division and TCA National Positions, including current ED President, Jim Kronz and newly elected TCA President Elect Carol McGinnis. Your talents are needed at all levels of the toy train hobby, so volunteer your time while having fun playing trains too.

Enjoy your Summer and look forward to seeing you in the Fall.
 Nancy Tentzeras, WB&A President

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**Treasurer's Report
As of JUNE 20th, 2011**

2011 just keeps getting better for your chapter!. During the business meeting on June 11 at the Amphora Restaurant in Vienna, VA, Eileen Rollyson, the Co-Chair and Treasurer for the 2010 TCA Convention presented the Chapter a check for \$27,766.58. This transfer of funds formally brought to a close the financial activities of the Convention Committee. A big "Thank You and Job Well Done" is in order for Dan and Hope Danielson as well as Eileen Rollyson for their leadership and stewardship of the Baltimore Convention. These funds will go a long way to improving your Chapter and growing the membership. Your Board of Directors has worked for months to come up with programs and activities to make the WB&A membership experience the best it can be. The new formats for the separate swap meet and business meeting held this month were great successes. At the swap meet, attendees had fun, bought and sold stuff, told stories-mostly true-and listened to Clem Clement instruct and demonstrate how to clean your trains. The business meeting was over quickly. Attendees were updated on the activities and status of the chapter and left with a stomach full of an a la carte breakfast.

The Chapter's financial activities for January — June are summarized below. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me at 703-927-9843 or glen.mackinnon@verizon.net. - Glenn

Check Book Balance — January 1, 2011 \$13,686.68
Check Book Balance — March 19, 2011 \$42, 301.87

	EXPENSES	REVENUE
MD Armory March 12 Meet	\$1159	\$3818
Membership Dues 2011	\$292	\$4539
Newsletter	\$842	\$700
Kids Korner	\$490	\$100
Tracker & N-Track Gifts	\$674	\$0
Swap Meet, Business Meeting and Open House Mailings	\$235	\$0
Swap Meet	\$184	\$0
Door Prizes	\$350	\$0
Train Set for Drawing	\$984	\$0
Web Site	\$247	\$0
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$110	\$0

**Secretary's Report
for April 9th, 2011
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Nancy Tentzeras at 1:00 PM at the home of Steve and Jan Burket.

Voting Members in attendance were as follows: Nancy Tentzeras, Glenn MacKinnon, Stephen Burket, Colleen Hall, Pete Jackson, Mary Jackson, and Tom Salen.

Non-voting Members in attendance: Dan Danielson.

Items discussed included the following:

- Glenn MacKinnon reported on the various expenses the chapter has incurred throughout the year and that the chapter finances are in good shape. Glenn mentioned that the next Trackers meeting is scheduled for April 21st where we will present the Lionel Legacy Command Control Systems from the chapter. Additionally, Glenn provided an analysis for the Annapolis Armory Meets for the past several years. There was discussion that we need to get info and prices on Thomas accessories to turn the existing layout into a layout dedicated to Thomas. Lastly, Glenn reported that we needed to get together with Eileen Rollyson to transfer the funds/inventory from the convention.
- Nancy reported on Bob's behalf that we currently have 330 members with approximately 74 members who have not renewed their dues yet. Volunteers are needed to work the WB&A table at York next week.
- The BOD discussed the success of the Annapolis Armory Meet and expressed to have Art research a date for March 2012 instead of February.
- Mary Jackson reported that they will be helping Chuck and Pam Morkosky setting – up Kids Korner on Wednesday afternoon. Nancy requested from Pete and Mary a brief write up of what it takes to run Kids Korner so we have an idea of the process of setting up and taking down Kids Korner that needs to be followed going forward.
- Dan Danielson reported on the happenings at Eastern Division under their new leadership team.
- The BOD discussed the new format of the Swap meet and that the General Membership Meeting will be held on a different day over breakfast at Amphora Restaurant in Vienna, VA.
- The BOD discussed the new initiatives to incorporate into the various ways to communicate with the membership such as YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter in addition to the web site and the newsletter.

Next meeting to be held May 14th at a Maryland location.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Tentzeras, Secretary WB&A Chapter

Historian's Corner

History often reminds us of our dreams and hopes. By being around other people we can be together in ways that enhance our spirit and energize our souls. TCA and the WB&A bring like minded people together and in doing so we grow. We grow in our adventures and travel, and we grow in our knowledge and love of toy trains.

Current day trends, of which we are all keenly aware, include the fast pace of technology, the fast pace of business, and (trying to keep up) the fast pace of education. Ten years ago, in 2001, the world-wide-web was a phenomenon that was just beginning to influence how we buy and sell, but over the years it has shown that its impersonal nature makes some transactions troublesome.

The Historian's Corner of the TCA Quarterly in that same year reflects on the dreams of the TCA founders Ed Alexander and Bill Krames, the importance of the TCA National Conventions, the growth of the hobby as shown by over 10,000 members attending York, and the collectability of pre-production prototypes! Reliability, standards, and honesty.

Now, think about that. TCA is still a venue where you are able to meet friends, renew contacts, share your own personal stories, and then sell, swap, or trade your trains.

Keeping the wheels down and the smoke up,
Carol Redman McGinnis
WB&A Historian

A NOTE OF THANKS...

6/20/2011

Dear Nancy,

On behalf of the National Capital Trackers, I would like to thank you/WB&A for the gift of the Lionel Legacy Systems. We will get a lot of use out of them. Please let me know if you need anything.

*Best,
 Craig Schelle
 National Capital Trackers President*



TOP TEN WB&A BENEFETS

1	Fun and Fellowship with your Train Friends.
2	Wealth of information available from other collectors, operators, and layout builders.
3	A wonderful opportunity to participate at the local level in the world's greatest hobby.
4	Free admission to local WB&A Train Shows. (Shows advertised in local newspapers.)
5	Free admission & table at WB& A Swap Meets.
6	Receive quarterly the WB&A Newsletter "The Trolley".
7	Access to the newly designed and enhanced chapter web site (www.wbachaptertca.org)
8	Share in the excitement of the Toy Train Hobby.
9	Serving as a committee member or officer at the local level is very rewarding.
10	Buy, sell, trade with local train enthusiasts.

Membership Moments by Bob Ferguson

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP as of June 20th - 338

There are a total of 268 who have paid their dues for 2011. We, therefore, have a remaining 70 who have not yet paid for 2011. If you have not done so, please renew your membership now in order to continue receiving all of the benefits, see page four for a renewal form.

If you can not remember whether you paid or not pull out your plastic WB&A membership card. It should have a blue "11" sticker on it. If you only see "10" or something earlier, then you are one of the 70 and you need to pay.

We have been getting regular submissions of dues from the newsletter notices. In addition we have been getting new members from letters sent out to new TCA people who live in our area as listed in the TCA newsletter. As a reminder, our area covers Delaware, Maryland, Washington DC, and northern Virginia.

*View from the Observation Car
by George Tsakiris*

Changes... the WB&A is Getting Better

In the last issue of the Trolley, the discussion in this column was on your WB&A Chapter updating and improving the ways we communicate with each other and to improve the membership experience. Based upon two of our recent meetings, this is beginning to happen.

On June 5th we held our revamped swap meet. This was pure fun and all swap meet. The General Membership part of the meeting is now held at a separate date and location. Tables were free to members. There was a train layout to run your train or test-drive a new purchase. We also had a door prize for a B&O F3 A-B combination that was given away at the meet. Feedback from the members was very positive. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Swap Meet in November at the Frances Fuchs Center.

On June 11th we held our semi-annual General Membership Meeting over breakfast at the Amphora Diner in Vienna, VA. New and old business was discussed along with a report by Dan Danielson on the happenings at Eastern Division. Future meets were discussed and most importantly the inaugural WB&A Train Day Open House at James and Colleen Hall's house. They have a fabulous collection of standard gauge and O gauge trains in a beautiful rural mountain setting. Other Train Day Open Houses are planned for the future. I urge you to attend one of these open houses as it provides fun, excitement, and fellowship.

As mentioned in the last edition of the Trolley, we are looking for new and different ways of communicating with the membership and opportunities for fellowship. We have received guidance from communications experts in relation to our website and using social media items such as Facebook and Twitter to keep members better informed and to attract new members.

We need YOU to join the communications committee and contribute to this effort. We need folks to moderate the chat room, etc. We are a club of 300+ members and this is a great way to stay in touch with your fellow train collecting enthusiasts.

The WB&A chapter is getting better; we need you to keep the momentum going!

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***A Message from
Eastern Division President,
Jim Kronz***

Fellow Eastern Division Members,

I have been President of your division since January 1 of this year. It is a new roll for me in my TCA EXPERIENCE. So far I am learning a lot and enjoying the work required of me as your president.

BIG NEWS — The TCA Executive Committee has waived the initiation fee for new TCA members for the next year. So, new member only have to pay the \$35 first year membership dues when joining.

I recently compiled and submitted the required Division report which all divisions must provide for the TCA Board at the National Convention. This year, the convention is being sponsored by the Nor-Cal Division in Sacramento, California from June 26 to July 2. In preparing the report I was confronted with some facts that I believe may be of interest to division members. So, for your information:

1. The Eastern Division was established in 1954 and encompasses New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Warren and Sussex; New York (except counties of Ulster, Sullivan, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, NYC, Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester); Maryland; Delaware; District of Columbia; Virginia (Richmond/Stanton line including those cities); Pennsylvania counties except those listed by the Atlantic, Fort Pitt, and Keystone Divisions.
2. The current number of TCA members in the Division's geographical area and therefore division members (as we do not charge dues) are 6623.
3. The Eastern Division bank balance as of 12/31/2010 was \$326,283.07.
4. Among the donations reported was the following: to 2010 WB&A Convention ~ \$25,000.00 (set aside for Welcome Party & Convention transportation) - prior to 2010 \$4000 was committed. During this year an additional \$20,502 was spent for a total of \$24,502.
5. The 2010 York Meets generated 143 new TCA members and 136 renewals.

6. 2010 York Meets Overview:

The total figures for the 2010 York Meets	April	October
Registered Members, spouses, children and guests ~ 27,418	13, 769	13,649
Non-Dealer table holders ~ 3,190	1,590	1,600
Dealer Table Holders ~ 511	262	249
Recreation Vehicles ~ 358	167	191
TCA members registered ~ 17,673	8,784	8,889
Online Registrations ~ 3,014	1,466	1,548

I am often asked general information about the division, and I hope the above will provide interesting to you all. One thing I would like to highlight is the York Meet total attendance numbers for last year's 2 meets. Additionally, this year's April meet also experienced a total attendance of 13,650. We have been developing our own database for the past several years, and we have achieved the status with it now that we KNOW that our attendance numbers are very accurate. As you will note our attendance has been quite stable even considering the increase gasoline prices and the poor economic situation. I mention this because some have stated that York attendance is decreasing, which these figures show is not true.

Have a happy summer playing trains.

Jim Kronz, Eastern Division President



Join in the challenge; simply signing a TCA Application can make us all winners!

Hall's Open House

June 25, 2011



The WB&A wanted to give back to its members and say thank you for being part of such a wonderful organization and we thought how cool it would be to have individuals open up their home to share their train room and their collection. Our thinking is that a few times a year, we would invite our WB&A members (and a guest) to visit a couple of homes and enjoy the hidden delights of our fellow members. If you would like to be one of those homes, please contact one of your WB&A Board of Directors.

James and myself had the honor of being the first home to host such an event. Due to the location of our home and our train room, it was decided to go all out and the WB&A picked up the tab for the main dish and to invite the WB&A members to bring a side dish for others to enjoy.

The day started with Jan and Steve Burket arrival at 8:30 a.m. to assist us with set-up. Jan being a fellow hostess stepped right in and contributed with her astuteness and began making some creative designs, carrying out the food while Steve stepped up to start the carving of the hams and helping James with other "manly" stuff. Soon thereafter, Cathy and Bill Potterton arrived to pitch in and Joe and his son Joseph Bustamante (who proudly serves in the U.S. Navy).

Before James and I knew it, the house was filled with people, the RV Bay smelled like the holidays and cameras were snapping and people were chatting and old friends said hello and new friends were made. In the midst of this, Jan kindly took our camera and took some wonderful pictures while James did what James loves



to do and that is... you guessed it, run trains. Of course, there were some that brought along a train to run and they soon found themselves putting their train on the track and watching it go. James also had the pleasure of sharing with everyone the rest of the addition, his woodshop room, the patio area, his barbecue, his bocce ball court, and on and on and on. I think he might have recruited (watch out Uncle Sam) Joseph to come back with his tool belt and work with James when he starts his next major project on the house.



Along with our fellow members we had the pleasure of meeting wives, children, friends and I even had the pleasure of a couple of my co-workers, and a former

colleague join us, along with three of my best friends, as well as a friend who travelled 4.5 hours to be here on this spectacular day. James and I felt very touched and honored to have you all at our home and we hope to make this a yearly event. Of course, we have a long way to go to catch up to Ms. Sandy and Clem Clement on their open houses, but we have had the honor of watching them in action and hope that one day our open houses will be as well known and look forward to be those that are able to join us.



How does one sum up the type of day it was for us in sharing our home with so many wonderful people. In a world where one is often afraid to let someone into their home, we not only opened our home up to share with so many, we did so knowing that our community of train people are the finest in the world and we are proud to be part of such a great tradition. So as we sat back at the end of the evening and looked about at what a wonderful job so many did in helping clean up, we took a big sigh of relief, a sigh to say thank you my dear, this was an event that said we are on the right track.

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First Semi-Annual Swap Meet was a success....

Approximately 40 members in attendance gathered Sunday, June 5th at the Masonic Lodge in Falls Church for the first semi-annual swap meet. Those in attendance had a lot of fun selling and swapping trains and train stories. Those who were not there missed a great talk given by Clem Clement on cleaning toy trains, our precious treasures. Congratulations to Glenn MacKinnon on winning the door prize, a *Lionel Postwar Celebration Series B&O F3 A & B Unit*. Look forward to seeing you at the November Swap Meet, Saturday, November 5th in Beltsville, MD. Here are a few pictures that capture the excitement of the day.



Members having fun swapping trains.



Clem teaching on how to clean our toy trains.



Testing new treasures on operating layout.



**CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS
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OPEN HOUSE TOURS**

June 25, 2011 was our first open house at the home of James and Colleen Hall, it was a fun-filled day with plenty of sunshine, fresh air, good food, comrade and, of course, trains and more trains running and displayed.

In order to keep this momentum moving forward, we are asking for those interested in opening their home to WB&A members (and a possible guest), for a few hours, to let Colleen Hall know. You can reach Colleen at 540-622-2258 and/or at memberwba@gmail.com.

According to the location, size and timing, the open house can be combined with one or two other open houses (each being at specific times). We would love to hold such an event, at the minimum, twice a year, however, if possible we could do this every quarter if we have the homes available.

The thinking is that if we had 2-3 homes available for a given day, we can do it in such a manner that at each stop the guests could partake in a small array of edibles, such as a cheese and cracker tray along with some vegetables at one home, small finger sandwiches at another and then dessert at the last stop. Refreshments, such as cold drinks and coffee/tea could be at each location.

As this is all at the beginning stage, our committee is open to suggestions/thoughts/ideas.

So for now, in order to get this moving, we need to hear from those of our fellow WB&A members who are willing to get onboard with this activity.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Semi-annual WB&A Swap Meet

Saturday, November 05, 2011

Frances Fuchs Special Center
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The nominating committee is seeking candidates for **three Board of Directors and president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary whose positions are up for re-election this year.**

Anyone interested in running for one of these positions please contact George Tsakiris (nominating chairman) at get_tracking@verizon.net, Art Tate at acttoo@aol.com, or Phil Graves at SGRAVES@caci.com.

Interested candidates need to submit resumes by August 25th to the nominating committee so the slate of candidates can be finalized and submitted to the secretary by September 1st in order to prepare the ballot and the resumes to be included in the 4th quarter newsletter. If elected your term of office is for two years beginning January 1st, 2012 through December 31st, 2013. Ballots and resumes are being mailed along with the 4th quarter newsletter, and will be mailed 1st class mail to ensure prompt delivery.



Look who just joined WB&A!!!

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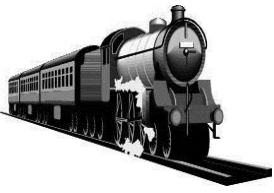


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Baltimore Street Cars

No sooner than when the street cars stopped running that there was a revival for the electric rail system of some sorts. To certain politicians it became obvious that the automobile could not handle the traffic from the suburbs to the city. Additionally, the Baltimore City Transit Company could not handle the expense of paving new streets or the cost of new buses.

In 1961, the Maryland Regional Planning Council followed the lead of other cities such as Washington DC., Atlanta, Philadelphia, and San Francisco by studying their transit systems.

This council were ambitious when they took 72 miles in order to create the following lines from downtown to Northwest Baltimore to Pikesville and Randallstown, then to Glen Burnie and Baltimore Washington Airport; from Towson to Timonium and York Rd.; from Catonsville via Edmondson Ave. to Dundalk; Sparrows Point via Eastern Ave. Another line was then proposed to John Hopkins and old Memorial Stadium.

As of this article only the first two mention lines became a reality plus the one to John Hopkins Hospital.

This idea of a rapid transit system dragged on for years. There was a proposal from Westinghouse for a "SKY BUS" System of a small fully automatic rubber tire vehicle running on a elevated or surface level concrete driveway.

Finally on January 01, 1962, the first formal step was taken when the State created the Metropolitan transit. In April 1970, the state officially took over the Baltimore transit which was renamed the MTA (MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION). The first item they did was to put MTA on every thing that had Baltimore Transit Co.

However, nothing got started until October 19, 1974 when city, state, and federal officials broke ground at the State office building on Preston St. in the fall of 1975 when heavy construction got underway.

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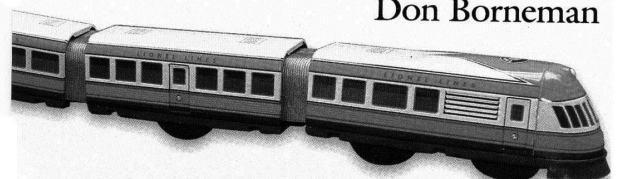
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