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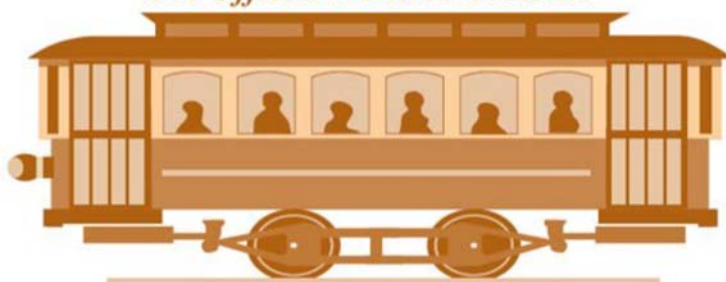
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From the President's Desk

Dear All,

The last six months has gone by in a whirlwind and your BoD has been busy and you have been reaching out in various ways to let us know you are out there. I thank you for this, it's good to hear you and I hope you're enjoying your Club a bit more.

This is our second edition of the Trolley being sent electronically to the membership and we hope you are enjoying it more now, now that it comes to you instantaneously and has some color to it. For those members who still have not provided us with an email we encourage you to do so as you are missing out on timely notifications and getting the Trolley right to your "in box." For those who do not have an email, you are still receiving your issue of the Trolley (in black and white) by U.S. mail.

March 17 was our first Baltimore Streetcar Museum Event and, I have to tell you all, it was a success!!! What a day of fun and learning we had along with seeing old friends and making new ones. The rides on the Trolley cars were amazing and the staff at the BSCM was terrific and knowledgeable. I hope you will enjoy Bob's article in the Trolley and the pictures from the event, which can also be found on the website and Facebook. Also, I understand the BSCM will be featuring this trip in their publication which I will share with you thru my eblasts once I have it.

June 1 was our semi-annual membership/swap meeting at the Macon Lodge and it was a good meeting. We had a few new faces which we are always happy to see and we even had a member's spouse, Sarah volunteer to handle the WB&A Facebook page. Thank you Sarah! We have been encouraging you all to share our Facebook page with your friends and family by hitting "like" on our page, we ask that if you have not done so, that you do so. We also have asked you to post train related material on our page so that the page is active, current and of interest. While we may have an interest in your political and other views outside of the train world, we ask that they do not get posted on our Facebook page.

Phil Graves opened his home to the membership who attended and those that took advantage of this invite had a great time at Phil's. Phil has graciously opened his home up to the membership in the past and works with us each year in ensuring we can use the Macon Lodge for our meeting. This is an example of how one person's efforts takes on such a big role for the entire membership, thank you Phil!

I am still working on a new train show in partnership with the VTC to be held in Fredericksburg, VA and will provide more details as I have them.

In the midst of finalizing this writing, I heard from one of the members who wanted to provide me with their "why" **{Continued}**

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Treasurer's Report as of Jun. 11, 2014

By Glenn MacKinnon

WB&A is on a very good roll! Our recent Mini Meet in Falls Church was a resounding success. Where else in TCA do you have the opportunity to hear from two TCA Past Presidents and the current Eastern Division President, buy and sell stuff and eat donuts, subs and pizza? The answer is nowhere. Attendance wasn't great but conversations were animated and new ideas were debated. Afterwards attendees were invited to a members' open house nearby. All I can say is it was the highlight of the day. This collection of toy trains, cars, accessories and other collectables is unmatched. Come to next years' mini meet and maybe you'll have the chance to visit this outstanding collection. Our recent outing to the Baltimore Street Car Museum was another great opportunity for the membership. Truly a historical gem in the middle of Baltimore worthy of a visit. If you attended our event, it was free, with some snacks and the opportunity to ride multiple street cars dating back to the 1800's. This coming fall we have the Vienna, VA meet and another mini meet. Plan on attending both events. It's great fun for everyone. WB&A membership cost is \$18 a year and is the best deal on the planet. We offer real value to members: train shows, members' only outings, membership meetings, a great web site, Facebook and a great newsletter. We are always on the lookout for new ideas. Help us make your chapter an even better value and help us promote the hobby. Also, a big thank you to Jim Kronz and Eastern Division for their monetary support-\$484-for Kids Korner at York. The Chapter's financial activities for January-March 17, 2014 are summarized below. If you have any other questions or comments feel free to contact me at 703-927-9843 or glen.mackinnon@verizon.net.

Check Book Balance—Jan. 1, 2014 \$30, 883.52
Check Book Balance—Jun. 11, 2014 \$29, 547.70

Significant Activities Jan. 1 through Jun. 11, 2014

	Expenses	Revenue
MD Armory Mar 2014 Meet	2952	3212
Vienna, VA Meet	140	
Membership Dues 2014	233	3784
Membership Dues 2015		
Newsletter 2014	1158	340
Kids Korner		
Swap / Business Meeting	199	
Door Prizes for Swap Meet		
Train Set for Drawing	846	714
WB&A Layouts	73	
WB&A Trailer		
Web Site		
Questionnaire + Mailing		
Baltimore Streetcar Museum	610	
Miscellaneous Expenses		



{President's Message Cont'd} and it made me very happy and honored to read it and to have had someone put into words their "why." While these may not be your "why's," I believe that some of it may be part of your "why" and because of this, it has now given me some things to work on so that the "why" are ones we fulfill most, if not all, of the times for this member and for other members.

Why? 4 reasons:

- **Buy train stuff,**
- **learn about trains,**
- **meet people;** and
- **give \$ to an organization that you believe can and will use it for the right things.**

Buy train stuff (different WB&A venues) - A swap meet is wording from years ago of when members use to get together and swap stories, have a beer, talk train stuff, and check out what the others had gotten. I also assume they swapped and sold some items. The swap meet was not a "show" where tables are sold and the table holders are expecting to sell their items. At our semi-annual business meetings, we have usually about 10-15 tables that are available for any member to put items on at no cost to them. Some are hoping to sell them, some are interested in discussing their items, some bring stuff to show and tell to others and some are looking for interaction of some sort. The meeting is usually attended by 30-40 WB&A members out of an average 300 membership. Some say they don't want to come because the business meeting is too boring/long for them and they have no interest, some don't want to socialize, some don't want to take the time out of their life, some say it's too far to travel to, etc. We tried splitting it up to have just a business meeting at a restaurant for an 60-90 minutes, we didn't get enough folks for a quorum at these meetings. The swap meet was then separate where we get maybe 20 folks to show up. We recombined the event. The business meeting is about 60-90 minutes of the 9-12 (or 1) business/swap meeting according to how long folks talk/interact in the discussion.

As for the WB&A toy train shows (Annapolis and Vienna), we strive to sell all tables available so that the show is full of merchandise for our members and the general public. One should be made to feel welcomed the minute they step up to the table to pay their admission fee or announce they are a WB&A member. We strive to do so and it's important to me that folks do feel welcomed. Table holders should take the time to make anyone feel welcomed at their table and answer questions. As the table holders consist of WB&A members they should take the "extra" effort to be sociable and approachable to all that come to the show.

Learning - The eblasts started as we were having some issues and our Trolley was not being published so I thought I needed to find a way to let our membership know we were here and not forsaking them and taking their dues as a given. When {Continued}

{President's Message Cont'd} the Trolley started back up and running under our new editor, Paul Pulen, I attempted to stop the eblast, but I was asked by so many not to stop it, so hence the eblast. I have taken proprietorship of it and I hope I am capturing the essence of the WB&A. Also, there are many knowledgeable folks in the WB&A who are more than willing to teach and to share their knowledge, just ask and you'll be introduced to some of these folks. While some folks are leery about discussing what they may or may not have due to fear of being robbed, most will share their knowledge.

Open Houses and Meeting People: Our open house is open to all and an invite is sent out to all. Clem and Sandy Clement have been holding open houses for years and they have all sorts of folks/hobbyists attending from their car folks to train folks, all are welcome. There is also Dan and Hope Danielson's open house which an invite goes out for. Phil Graves opened his home for folks to go by to see his collection after our business/swap meet. Bruce Greenberg just conducted a series of get togethers and is now publishing a book on the findings. A few other folks open their homes up but it's on a smaller scale due to the size of their home and/or parking limitations in their neighborhood. I have never heard one word that someone was not made to feel welcomed.

Give \$ - The WB&A is fortunate to be financially strong and we strive to stay that way, but it, as anything else, can change in a instant. Lawsuits are the biggest reasons clubs lose money. So we do not take anyone's dues or gifts to the Club for granted. We look for ways to make that money go further for the best possible reasons. We strive never to forget that this Club belongs to the members and we work very hard to find ways to involve them in activities they will enjoy and in ways we can get the public aware and interested in the hobby.

Lastly, September will be here before you know it and I hope you will be renting a table at the September 13, 2013 WB&A Vienna Firehouse Toy Train Show and/or coming out to support the Show. Last year was our first event and it was a success and we believe with your continued support it will continue to be so, so spread the word and help be part of the success. I have heard from a few members concerning the parking at the Vienna Firehouse and while we strive to have the parking available, due to the location of the firehouse, we cannot control other activities going on around the Firehouse. We hope this will not keep you away and that you will have a little patience when looking for a spot and/or needing to walk a few blocks to the show.

As a continued reminder, I invite you all to send us your comments/suggestions. Also, if you find yourself with a bit of free time, we can always use a hand or two with things like working on the layouts used at events, looking for new locations for meets, chairing a meet, taking photos at events, etc. Let it not be

said that this Club is run by the BoD! It takes us all to make it run like a well-oiled train. It takes us all to make it a Club we want to be part of. It takes us all to partake in events to make them doable and it takes communication to make it a better Club that you want to continue to be part of.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen A. Hall
President of the WB&A



TOP TEN WB&A

- 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. (Show advertised in local newspapers).
- 5 Free admission at Members Only WB&A Swap Meet.
- 6 Receive quarterly the WB&A Newsletter "The Trolley".
- 7 Access to the chapter website - <http://www.wbachapter.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.

Secretary' Report **WB&A Board of Director's Meeting** **Saturday, January 25, 2014**

Home of Tom and Susan Salen—Thank you Tom and Susan for hosting the BoD meeting, you were wonderful hosts.

Meeting Start Time: 10:35 a.m.

Meeting End Time: 3:00 p.m.

Next BoD meeting to be held Saturday May 17, 2014 at Frazier's Restaurant, Baltimore, MD

Present:

Colleen Hall, Tom Salen, Glenn MacKinnon, David Eadie, Bob Goodrich, John Buxton, Bob Heine, Arne Meyrow, Dan Danielson, Art Tate, Nada Boswell and guest Bob Ferguson.

Colleen called the meeting to order, welcomed the new members and asked each member to introduce themselves.

1. Update on Facebook page by Tom
2. Art/Glenn to update on Annapolis Meet
3. Bob Heine to update on trailer/layout status
4. Colleen to reach out to Clem to see if he wants to contact the "volunteers" from the survey regarding

writing for the Trolley

5. BoD members to provide update on results of contact with members who expressed interest in volunteering for various tasks.
6. Nada to report on requests for tables at BSM event and members requesting paper Trolley.
7. Dan to update BoD on June 1 meet.

OLD BUSINESS

The September 7, 2013 Minutes were distributed and read. There was a motion to accept the minutes made by Glenn which was seconded by Dan and was voted to be unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report was given by Glenn. Line items in the report were discussed as to recurring and non recurring costs to maintain healthy balances in the account. Record keeping was discussed since there are many old records, it was decided that unnecessary old records could be destroyed after 7 years, but tax returns and historical items were to be retained. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Tom to accept the report and was voted unanimously to be accepted.

Membership Report was given by Dave. By 12/31/2013, 113 members had paid for 2014 and an additional 24 have paid since then. 21 new members have joined. Dave will follow up at the Annapolis meet to collect dues and send out mailings after that meet to any remaining outstanding. It was suggested that the TCA new Eastern region members from our area be sent an invite to join WB&A with the offer of free attendance at the Annapolis meet. Dave will get the list and make up a flyer to send.

Communications report was given by Colleen. Facebook is up and photos, etc. are being posted. Members are using and responding well so far to the site. Some work still needs to be done and our members need to be encouraged to use the site to share photos and information. The website still needs work – must have a place for members to “Like” us on Facebook which will encourage use of both sites. A Liaison is needed to work with the web person or Colleen will continue to do so. It was noted that having a “private” section would allow us to post the Trolley and other members' only information. That may require using an outside person to set up with Joe maintaining thereafter. John Buxton indicated he may know someone that could do this so follow up will be needed to decide if we should move forward on expanding the site. At this time all 2013 information is posted and goal is to update at least every 6 months. It was suggested that a copy of the very first Trolley be posted to the web site as an item that may interest members, it will be scanned and uploaded.

The Trolley continues to be one of the major expenses each year so it was suggested that it be switched to electronic distribution via email. The prior survey indicated members were agreeable so it was decided that all future Trolley publications will be sent by email to as many members as possible. The benefit to the members is quick receipt, color photos

and keeping dues low. Colleen will put a notice in the next Eblast indicating the change. Members will be able to “opt out” if they still wish to receive a hard copy. Colleen will create the email list from Dave's database and the list of those that must be mailed will be given to Glenn.

Dan presented the Eastern Division report indicating that there continues to be a problem with the correct numbers for York. A lot of money has been spent on this issue but there continue to be issues as well as the fact that attendance numbers have been declining. It is hoped that the Eastern Board will take steps to keep costs in line. Sam Geiser will be the Nominating Committee Chairman for the upcoming elections (2015-2016 term) if anyone is interested in running for a spot on the board – see TCA Eastern Division website for more info.

Dan would like to see the York meet promoted in Classic Toy Trains and O Gauge Railroading by having photos taken inside the Orange Hall and of the major dealer booths however that violates the no photo rules which would require a change by the Board. It was noted that it could create an issue with sales tax required by dealers so further research would be needed to see if it might be possible. John Buxton agreed that at a closed meet the only way to get people in is by marketing TCA and York is the prime meet to show the benefits of membership. Thoughts of possibly being an open meet on Saturday, however that again raises the sales tax issue.

National Capitol Trackers will be set up in the Black Hall at York with new layout with a total of 280 feet of track including a lot of new features. Everyone is encouraged to check it out in April.

Dan reported that the Catoctin Mountain Trip was enjoyed by those able to attend. Paul and Marcia were pleased with the turnout and were gracious hosts providing food and drinks. Local Hardware Store owner, Mike Hobbs invited all to his home to see his impressive layout, pictures are on Facebook.

NEW BUSINESS

Art reported that the Annapolis Meet is progressing well. So far 25 tables have been sold for a total of \$590. Last year 70 tables were sold but if needed more tables could be added at a cost of \$8 each. There is an issue with catering, the prior company cannot do it this year so Art is working to find someone else to cover that. He will keep us informed on the status so other plans can be made if needed. Help will be needed on Friday for set up so all BoD are asked to see who could assist and the Secretary will work with Art to coordinate.

The drawing was held for the Southern set and the 2-\$100 gift certificates. Dave, with the assistance of Stephen Salem drew the winning names:

Norman Henderson of Clifton, VA won the Southern

John Gomoljak of Crownsville, MD won the New Member gift certificate

Jack Clifford of Olney, MD won the existing mem-

ber certificate

A new Logo for the trailer was briefly discussed, Bob Heine provided his idea and it will be looked into further.

Drawing items 2014, door prizes, etc. were discussed. Catoctin Mountain has supplied previously and we hope they will do so this year. Dan's new store would do it the following year. Dan will supply the Grand Prize for Vienna and could do gift certificates this year. A motion was made by Colleen and seconded by Tom that there be a cap of \$1,500 to \$2000 for the prizes and drawing items which was approved unanimously. Dan and Glenn will work to secure the items and advise the BoD.

We broke for lunch from 1:00 -1:35

Days for the next Train Store open house would include Catoctin Mountain on a Saturday in March and then one for Dan later in the year.

Upcoming member open houses are James and Colleen on May 3, 2014. John Buxton would like to hold an open house with his Dorfan trains, he will explore using a local store –Weber Farms in Parkton, MD, and try for a date of 12/28/2014. He will advise when firm plans are in place.

BSM: John Buxton presented his information on the Baltimore Streetcar Museum (BSM) for a WB&A Appreciation Event which will be at no cost to the members to attend. The proposal is for WB&A to use the visitor's center for a swap meet from 8am to 2pm with 20 tables. Set up would be 8-9, tables open 9-11, streetcar rides 11-1 and then tear down until 2. A donation of \$300 would be made to the BSM. The Museum would be closed to the public with only our members and BSM volunteers that would provided setup/tear down assistance. This would be free to our members however reservations would be needed for a table. A date of May 17, 2014 was selected and Colleen signed to agree to the proposal, as a few minor changes were indicated as well as a date selection, John will present to BSM for final approval. Colleen moved that we proceed with this project, Arne seconded and it passed with unanimous approval. John also suggested we could do some marketing with the BSM through car cards or "take one" fliers in the streetcars, further discussion and creation of the materials will be needed, Colleen will explore the possible marketing ideas.

John Buxton presented the idea for a WB&A members auction at Robert Wilson Auction in Myersville, MD. Members would be able to take their unneeded inventory to the auction. John will explore a reduced commission to the Auction House, possibly a small "commission" to WB&A for sponsoring the event as a fund raiser. John will see what the commission might be and the topic can be put in the Eblast and Trolley to gauge member interest in participating.

The Trolley (presented by Colleen) Paul Pullen indicated that not all ads for the Trolley have been paid as yet.¹ He will follow up with the advertisers but it was agreed that they will be dropped if not paid by

3/1/2014. It was agreed that prices will remain the same since we hope to save money with the electronic delivery of the Trolley.

Dan made a quick update on the project in Georgetown to build a layout for a man who is suffering from early stage dementia. The couple has been traveling but will be back soon with the trains, Dan will contact them and advise us when the project can move forward.

Trailer: The WB&A trailer and layouts were brought up. The layouts need work to be able to function properly, however there is no available space to do the work. Colleen and James have generously allowed us to store the trailer at their home, however due to the distance and space constraints no one has volunteered to go out there to perform the needed work. It would be nice to have at the Annapolis meet, however it is not in condition to be used at this point. Bob Heine agreed to pursue this matter but it is questionable whether the trailer should be kept due to the cost of licensing, insurance and storage issues. Bob will report back to the BoD on his findings.

Glenn provided a list of members who had volunteered to assist in various projects and planning areas which he took from last year's survey to the WB&A members. Board members were assigned to contact those members and get them involved where needed.

Dan motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Colleen seconded and it was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

¹ **Editor's Note:** This does not apply to Boxcar Brian's advertisement. I moved it off one page with the intent to place it on another page, but did not complete the move. I'm sorry, Boxcar Brian.

Membership Moments by David Eadie

The WB&A Chapter stands strong at 315 members as of today June 1st. We have a total of 205 who have paid their dues for 2014. If you have not done so, please renew your membership now in order to continue receiving this newsletter and all of the benefits we provide you.

So, far this year, 18 TCA members have joined our local club. We welcome you and hope you join us in the many activities we have during the year.

If you can not remember whether you paid or not, pull out your plastic WB&A membership card. It should have an orange "14" sticker on it. If you only see "13" or something earlier, and wish to remain a member please send in your dues. You can find a renewal form in this newsletter. We will have three more events this year, the Vienna Toy Train Show on

September 13th, the York meet in October, and the Baltimore business swap meet in November, to pay your 2014 dues. Hope to see you at these fun filled events.

Last year we offered to our club members, a chance to win a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to a train store. It was received so well, we are offering to do it again !! If you pay your 2015 dues by December 31st this year, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$ 100 gift certificate to a local train store. Additionally, for any WB&A member who signs up a new member, we will for go their 2015 dues payment.

Earlier this year, we sent out 300 invitations to new TCA members (2012 - 2014) in our geographic area. Inviting them offering them free admission to Annapolis as an introduction to the WB&A chapter. As a result, we had 8 new TCA members joined WB&A. We thank these new members and hope you continue to enjoy our club's offerings.

Thank you in advance.

Upcoming Vienna Firehouse Toy Train Show Reminder

Its only a few months away, but planning has already begun for the second appearance at the Vienna Firehouse, Saturday, September 13th for our annual Toy Train Show in Virginia. We have already submitted advertisements to Classic Toy Trains and the TCA newsletter. This show was a huge success as we sold out our table allotments and had over 250 paying customers and twice as many kids. So, if you would like a table or two, we have included a Table Request Form in this newsletter. We could also use

WB&A Board of Directors Business Meeting

When: August 23, 2014

Where: James & Colleen Hall's Home
474 Cherokee Run RD
Linden, VA 22642

Time: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Agenda: Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Eastern Division Report, Old Business, New Business.

your help with set-up and tear-down, so if you would like to help on Friday, September 12th or Saturday September 13th, please do contact Dave Eadie at dbeadie@verizon.net or Nada Boswell at wba.boswell@Gmail.com. In the meantime, enjoy these pictures from last year's show.



Share Your Memories

Please send any train-related articles, stories, and/or print-ready photos for consideration in any upcoming publication of "The Trolley" or on the Chapter Web Site. Send via e-mail to: bccr@netzero.net

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES
FOR Oct. 2014 TROLLEY
Sep. 14, 2014**

Toy Train Show & Sale

Presented by WB&A

Open to the Public

Saturday, September 13, 2014

9:00 AM To 2:00 PM (8:00 AM for WB&A and TCA members)

Admission: \$5 (FREE for WB&A members, Military/

Guard/Reserves & Children Under 12 or Scouts in uniform when accompanied by adult)

VIENNA FIREHOUSE

400 Center Street South, Vienna, VA 22180

Directions: I-95 to 495 west. Go west on Rt. 66 and take the Nutley Street exit northbound towards Vienna. Turn right onto Rt 123 (Main St). Turn right onto Center Street South to Firehouse on the left. Unloading at side entrance to Firehouse. Free parking behind Firehouse.

Plenty of fun for the whole family including:

Trains for sale including Lionel, MTH, K-Line, American Flyer, etc.

- G, O, S, HO, N, Standard & Z Gauge (old and new) (subject to change)

Several Train Layouts including Thomas

Door Prizes

50/50 Drawing

Coffee, Donuts, pastries provided 7 am Saturday.

Train Repairs & Parts

Free Parking

Free Train Appraisals

Delicious Food provided by Firehouse Auxiliary

Table Holders Contact:

Dave Eadie @ 703 451-4149 or e-mail: dbeadie@verizon.net for table reservations

Make check payable to WB&A Chapter and mail reservation, by August 24th, 2014. All table/s reservation must be made to TCA Member only. **Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your badge/s (or pick-up at event).** Tables not occupied by 9:30 AM may be resold. All vendor sellers of reproduction parts, must have a Certificate of Compliance (and must be displayed). No refunds given.

NOTE: Table set-up will be available on Friday, Sept. 12th from 3 – 9 pm. Otherwise, starting Sat. at 7

=====Detach Here=====

VIENNA FIREHOUSE MEET: SEPT. 13, 2014

Send Reservations to:

David Eadie

7825 Wintercress lane

Springfield, Va 22152-3842

Number of Tables ____ x \$25.00 (per table) = ____

Admissions if applicable \$5.00 \$ ____

Non-WB&A Helper(s): \$5.00 Each \$ ____

Total Due: \$ ____

Number of WB&A Members attending (Free Admission): _____

Name: _____ TCA# _____ WB&A# _____

Business (if applicable): _____ Ad-

dress: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Day Tele: _____ Eve Tele: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name of Helper(s): _____

Name of Helper(s): _____

I agree to abide by all rules of the Association (TCA), including those of its Divisions, Chapters, and Committees that may be in place from time to time.

Signed _____ Date: _____



View from the Observation Car

By George Tsakiris

Black Hall Layout at Spring York – Post Script

The last article in this column dealt with what it takes to fill the 133' long (York) Black Hall with a layout. In short, this was a six month effort by several folks leading up to a commitment from my modular club, the National Capital Trackers. The last column ended with the statement, "If you enjoy the layout then all of the effort will have been worth it!" Well after the fact and based upon the evidence; it was worth it!

We had over thirty members at setup between Tuesday and Thursday morning. We were operational by Wednesday afternoon and experienced minimal technical issues, due in part to upgraded modules, wiring harnesses, and power cabinets (housing pre-wired transformers, MTH TIUs, and Lionel Legacy equipment). There was a three-track main for digital command with 52 running slots over the course of York plus 10 running slots for the conventional-only loop. At the end of York (2:00pm Saturday) we stopped and were packed and on the road by 4:30pm. Teamwork!

What happened in the middle between setup and takedown was a very successful layout with 340'+ outside main, yard with interlocking and an over and under with wide radius corners. Lot of smiling faces both inside and outside the layout. It was a huge success and the "buzz" of the York show!

Many of you visiting the Black Hall and around the fairground expressed your delight with the layout. If you didn't visit the layout.....shame on you! You can view the attached pictures for a sense of what fun you missed.

Afterwards, Mike Petronella (Eastern Division York Show Manager) asked when the Trackers would like to return to York. I indicated in several years. After all other clubs need to come and display their layouts. Also it is, as described, lots of work and coming every few years makes it exciting for all and special.

Thanks to all for your support and your expressions of delight at the layout. That has made all the effort worth it!



York Setup—Teamwork



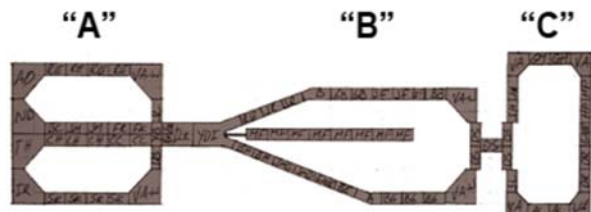
Conventional Fun



Yard Work



York Over and Under



**WB&A 2014 MEMBERSHIP
NEW/RENEWAL APPLICATION**

Return with Self Addressed Stamped Envelope & a check/money order for \$18 payable to WB&A.
Mail to: David Eadie, 7825 Wintercross LN, Springfield, VA 22152

Name _____

TCA# _____ WB&A# _____

Address _____ Apt# _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Signature _____

Please contact David Eadie at 703-451-4149
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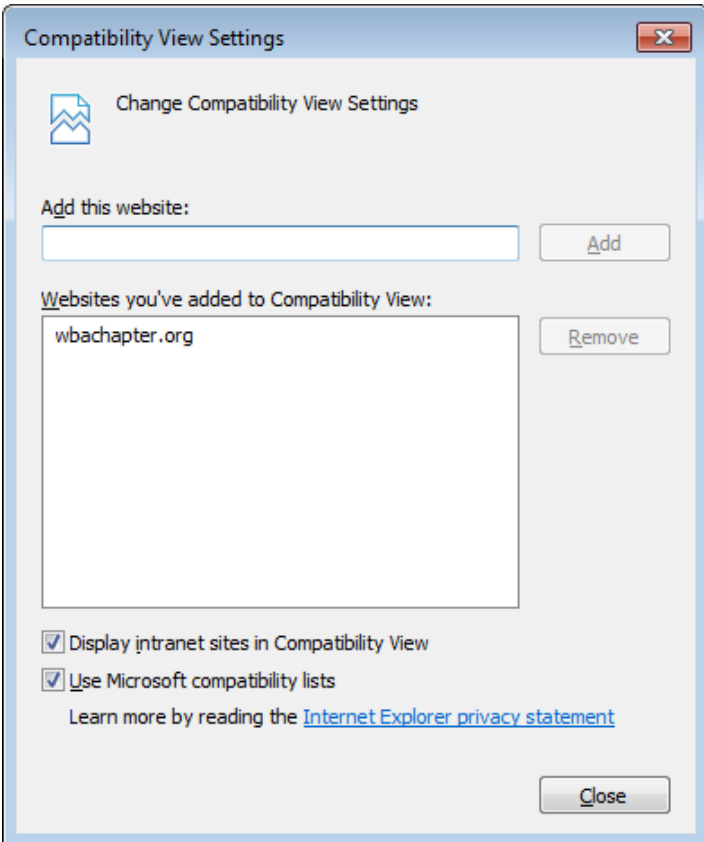
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WB&A Website – The Fix Is In!

If you have had any issues accessing the drop down menus on the WB&A website, I understand this is a problem with [Internet Explorer 11](#). The “fix” is to use the “compatibility mode” in Internet Explorer (go to TOOLS menu in Internet Explorer and select “compatibility mode.” You **MUST** be an administrator for this selection to be **remembered**.) You will see how to use the dialog box shown below. The URL of the present site will show up in the **Add this website:** box. You then click the add button on the right, and the web site will be added in the list. Or you can use other browsers, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox.



to ride that dated from the late 1800's to the 1940's. There was constant activity throughout the day. The streetcars ran on a regular basis, the trading tables were busy, the gift shop was open, and it seemed like



everyone was taking pictures. There was a tour of the car barn, where there were more streetcars awaiting restoration, and a tour of the machine shop / warehouse where they made and stored parts.



As I rode each streetcar, I couldn't help but



The First Annual Member Appreciation Day / Swap Meet

Bob Goodrich

On May 17th, Preakness Day here in Baltimore, the WB&A held its First Annual Member Appreciation Day / Swap Meet at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum from 9am - 2pm.

The weather was good and there were coffee and donuts and full tables for buying and trading trains to start off a great day. I have to say that this was, in my opinion, the best WB&A event that I have attended in my short time with the TCA / WB&A.

The folks at the BSCM were great! They took the time to answer all of our questions and everyone there was passionate and knowledgeable about the streetcars and how each one fit into Baltimore's history.

The museum had five streetcars ready for us

think of my dad, who would have loved to have been there to experience the memories and the joy that we did. Unfortunately, his failing health, at age 88, won't allow him to do anything. It was my dad who gave me this love for trains and trolleys, because he lived it, experienced them first-hand, and loved them so much.



On behalf of the WB&A, I would like to thank John Buxton for organizing this event, and Chris, Ray, Bob, Justin, and everyone at the BSCM for making this a day to remember. We estimated that more than fifty WB&A members came out to take part in this free event.



To the membership of the WB&A: This day was for you! As the name above says, we appreciate



View in the BSCM Shop. Note the Lionel based bridge from the Kennelworth Mall display.

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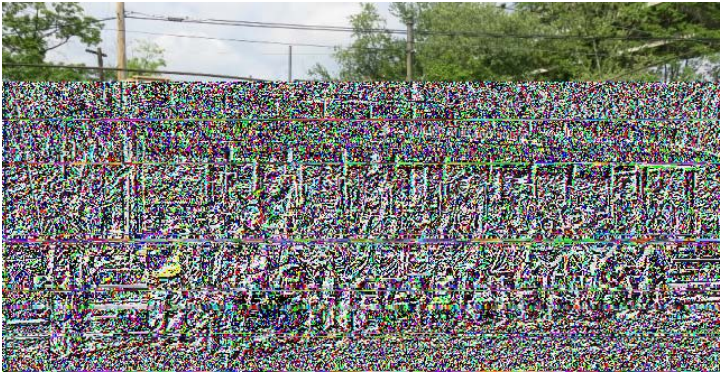
Mark your calendars now so you don't miss the Second Annual (members only) Appreciation Day / Swap Meet next year to be held again on Preakness Day, in Baltimore, at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum on May 16, 2015.



Photos by the author, the editor, and Michael Ferrante.

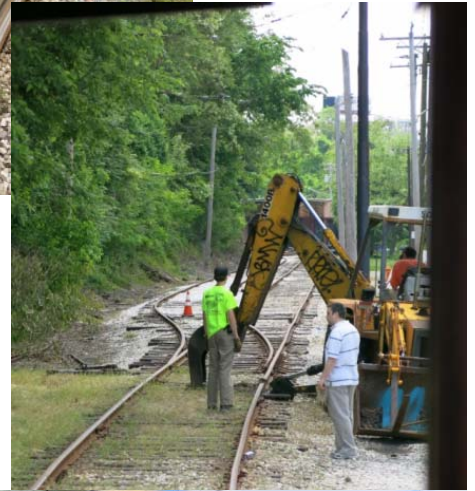


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Motorman John Buxton at BSCM



Kemper-Macon Lodge Mini-Meet Clem Clement

It certainly was a nice day for a WB&A gathering. As Dan was out of the loop, the WB&A team divided up his volunteer duties and the meet came off without a hitch. Coffee and doughnuts early followed by pizza and subs at lunchtime. What's not to like. (We thank all who brought food). All the tables were filled with trains, both for sale and for show and tell. (Clem had his usual odd stuff of questionable heritage: some York finds and grabs off of eBay. I'm particularly excited about a Nylint bronco with homey-did trailer converted to standard gauge operation.) Nada Boswell brought two very interesting prewar sets of passenger cars. One was the 3-car 1630/1630/1631 set in light blue with gray roofs and short box couplers. The other was a 3 car 2630/2630/2631 set with repainted roofs. The mystery part of one of the cars is that the base was painted a very light flat green like on one of Lionel's earlier houses. It makes no sense for this paint to be on this car. Phil and I went "hi-slobber" over these sets, having never seen such. Carol and Nada each unwrapped a mystery box. Nada's was a homey-did Gauge I New Bright converted to powered standard gauge with by a postwar O gauge motor. Carol's was a brass Gauge II trolley. Of course STOMPER and his new pal Snookins were in the house. President Colleen started the business meeting at about 10:00, which lasted until the chow bell rang. (Never call us late for chow.) The meeting



continued after we finished eating. The meeting was over at 12:45. In my mind it was one of the best meetings we have had. Plenty of hands in the air and interesting positive comments and suggestions about moving TCA and York forward with better marketing. (I love a meeting wherein many members get to voice their thoughts and opinions). Colleen ended the meeting and several of us went over to member Phil Graves' wondrous Sears home to enjoy all aspects of Phil's many collections. I arrived late and as is my custom, I parked my yellow Model A on his lawn ahooging my freshly oiled loud horn annoying all the neighbors. I think Phil kinda expects that outa me. He has his high school Model A coupe in the garage which several of us went to admire. It is such a trill to listen to Phil talk about his toys, what they are, where he found them and what is significant about each item. I learn much on each visit.

Here's what you missed if you didn't attend our June Mini Meet



Trains on display .



Mini-meet door prize winners Jerry Olexson and Dan Rollyson



Stomper & Snookins paid a visit to the show.



Wooden Toonerville Trolley found at the show.

Photos courtesy of Glenn Mackinnon and Clem Clement

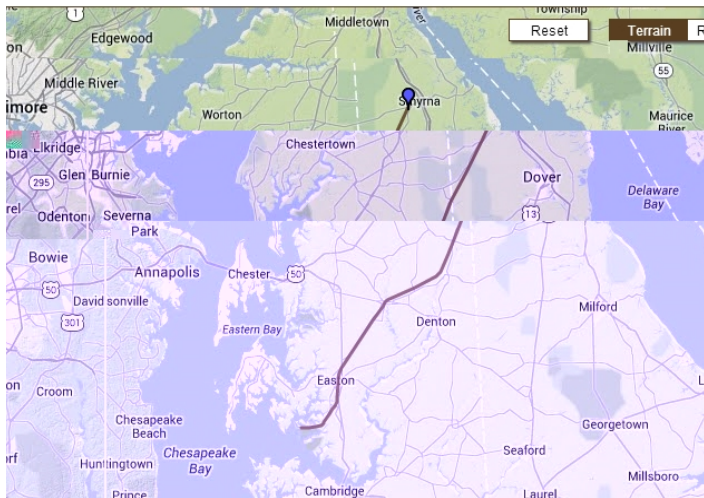


Closer view of the engines; lead unit is lettered Chesapeake Railroad. Both units are heavily vandalized, with all windows broken and some cab components destroyed. Photo by Mike Palmer, May 2003.

Help Wanted!

Our member, Jon Lillard <jonlillard@gmail.com>, has asked for help in getting information about the history of the abandoned railroad whose locomotives are pictured above. He writes "I have been asked to give a talk about The Rails To Oxford this Fall at the Oxford Museum (www.oxfordmuseum.net), especially the abandoned ones on the Eastern Shore. The most important one to Oxfordians is the old Clayton-Oxford Line."

The route of the railroad is shown below. If anyone has any information about this railroad, please contact Jon directly.



What little is known is as follows:

This abandoned railway passed through mostly farming areas of Delaware and Maryland's eastern shore. It was a branch off of the Pennsylvania RR's Delmarva peninsula line. It survived the Penn Central years but was later sold off as part of the Maryland & Delaware (MDDE) instead of becoming part of Conrail. The Clayton, DE to Easton, MD segment was in turn spun off by the MDDE to the Chesapeake RR (CHRR).

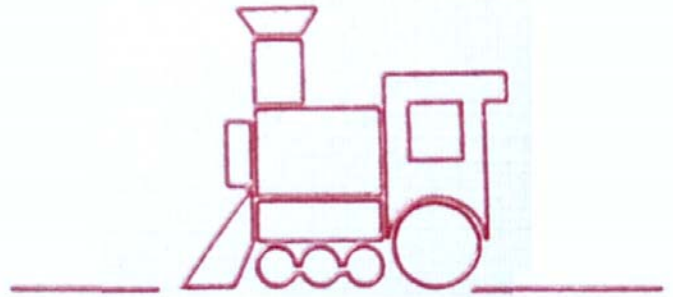
Heading southwest from Clayton, DE, the line passed through Kenton, Hartly, and Slaughter, DE and then through Marydel, Henderson, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Ridgely, Hillsboro, Queen Anne, Cordova, Chapel, and Easton, MD. At some point the line extended beyond Easton through Landaff and Trappe to Oxford on the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay.

Though this line is out of service, it is listed on the official Maryland state map as "MDOT" (Maryland Department of Transportation) as the line is 'rail-banked' for possible future use.

Another line of interest is from St. Michael's, the McDaniel-Ocean City line that passed through Easton and Hurlock on the way to Ocean City. My guess is that the train from Oxford ran to Easton, then people who wanted to go to the beach jumped aboard the McDaniel-OC line. OR, if they were on business they could continue to Clayton, then Dover, Philly, and New York. Does anyone have information on it?



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Sep 28	Arbutus Train Show, Arbutus, MD
October 16-18	Eastern Division York Meet
Nov 1	Swap/Business Meet, Overlea, MD
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Dec 13	Arbutus Train Show, Arbutus, MD



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Memorial Day 2014; Clem Remembers

We GWCers (George Washington Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America) gathered at Pan Am Shopping Center for a cup of Joe. I rolled early to pick up Chaplain James Warrington. As I drove, my mind went back many a year to Decoration Day in my home town of Woodbury New Jersey. As a WW I veteran and Legionnaire, Daddy used to proudly march in the parade. Daddy knew everybody in Woodbury, so when he marched there was yelling and hollering and proudness all over. Mother wouldn't let me march with him, (I'm not sure it was done anyway), but I sure wanted to be next to Daddy. The parade started in North Woodbury near Betty's Ice cream store and stopped at a vet cemetery next to the car dealers place, then on into town and out Barber Avenue to the cemetery there. Sometime mother would drive me out there. Gun salutes were fired and we all celebrated our heroes.

I also remember the Victory in Europe (VE) parade in Woodbury. Everything that rolled or walked or moved was in the streets! Jubilation was everywhere. Daddy ran the YMCA for 43 years so his boys (some of them, at least) were coming home. WOW it was a time. So now I get to be in a Memorial Day parade and I'm wishing Daddy was along for the ride.

Soon we joined the group enroute to the parade. It was the usual dance entering Washington, being directed this way and that as we headed to our assembly point in front of the Air and Space Museum on the Mall. As we drove the city streets, Paul's A started poppin' and fussin' but he skillfully maneuvered her to our assembly area. Once there, we figured out it would be a long time until the 2 PM start time, so Paul, with Jim's assistance, changed out his carb with a Craig Sawyer rebuilt one from Small Parts Day.

We visited the Vietnam helo unit next to us from the Americans in Wartime Museum collection. Chaplain James got to sit in a Huey and reported that the airspeed was reading 40 knots sitting still.



Jim helps Paul change out his carb



"President" Teddy Roosevelt's rolling Bully Pulpit

Paul, still a bit concerned about his car, decided that I should carry Teddy Roosevelt. What an honor!! I moved Smokey to where Teddy would be which gained me 27 spaces higher up in the parade order. We were mobbed with the citizenry wanting photo ops and seat time. Chaplain James and I chatted with the last of the original Buffalo Soldier re-enactors and a Rough Rider or two. As Mickey D's was nearby, we bought them a hamburger and had some fun chat time.

Andy, portraying Teddy R., showed up and we did photos all around. As expected of a guy playing this character, Andy was a character himself, so we had a good old time riding together. Chaplain James (at 88 years young) hopped into Smokey's rumble seat and off we went. AND we had an adult aboard! Teddy was forever yelling "BULLY" and "Should I run for a second term?" The crowd loved him.

I'm always in a quandary about ahooging my horn during a Memorial Day parade. The parade is in honor and remembrance of our war fighters and of the terribleness of war. Some say solemn is proper. Yet we celebrate those who served and we celebrate America so it seems OK to toot. Smokey is never still, except for the 2 minutes of silence at 3 PM, which, for me, is really powerful. The parade stops and buglers, positioned all along the parade route, blow taps in remembrance. Our iron steeds idle, and our hats are off. The crowd fell silent and the POWER seemed everywhere. The moment passes and on we went a little prouder and a little stronger.

I felt Daddy watching his boy and his ride. Daddy owned 4 brand new Model A's in his lifetime... he knows this car. So now I'm bestowed the honor of driving an old car in the Nation's Capital's parade. Smokey seems to know that this is special and she performs at her best.

All too soon the parade is done, and "Teddy" was given a ride by the parade staff back to his family at the Smithsonian. We drove slowly past Thunder alley, still active after Rolling Thunder went through the day before. Chaplain James and I went to lunch at the Metro diner and then home. A wonderful day full of memories

Clem Clement



Spring 2014 Yorkin report: Most of this is true...

Clem Clement

Another great York week has come and gone. Where did the time go?? I'm so tired I can't remember what I bought or what I paid for the fitty dolla Blu comet. Everything was a highlight!

Photos are now allowed in the Dealer and Black halls. THANKS Eastern for the change! Show hours will change in the fall. Look for the new times. Thursday and Friday nights the member halls close at 5:00 pm and the dealer halls at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday brought some rain and hi winds damaged some booth covers at the Holidrome. The Holidrome has redone some of its function rooms: the dining room became a conference room, fixed up the bar including a fire place, and moved the food service there. Their food handling was outsourced to Altlands. The place had several meetings going on and was booked full for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights (Not all trainics)

Tuesday evening came early as the rain and wind storm closed the Holidrome outside meet so smoothly me promised Ms. Sandy a romantic dinner experience. Off we go to try the Moonlight Cafe in Dover. Of course we drive right by it as we were looking at the S---creamery across the street. The Moonlight Cafe is between the two traffic lights in Dover on R74, just north of Mac's Ice Cream Parlor. We came back and found the small Cafe set back off the road. Ms. Sandy thought it was a used car dealer's shack and opined about the potential of non-romanticness. We pressed on in and the place is lovely. 38 seats and very friendly inside. Sandy quaffed two huge carb cakes (sharing a little bit of the huge chunks of meat, but not much of it. The cakes contain Gouda cheese and apples as well as bread crumbs and crab meat. I had soup and chicken and pasta. Bestest meal we have had in a long time. They open at 11am until 10 pm. They are crowded Friday and Saturdays. Cash only. Did I mention great service? Two cooks labored over the same 4 burner gas stove right in the room with us and the several wait staff made sure that a prepared plate never stopped until in the proper place in front of its customer. There was not chance of us having desert: too stuffed. Moonlight Cafe, 4010 Carlisle Rd Dover, PA 17315 (717) 292-5643.

Tuesday evening after dinner I hiked around the Holidrome parking lot, which is what I want to do to get some exercise. The lot was very clean. This is a change as we all tend to leave trash for the next guy to clean up. Actually the new staff did a fine job of cleanup. So did the strong winds and plenty of paper and boxes were in the woods. I search for the right size boxes to pack the stuff I buy at the outside meets. One big box did not move in the wind. Why: it had tossed out train parts in it. Track for my train day play area, sockets for my tools and screws for my work area, etc.

Wednesday had winds but no rain. The

Springettsbury Show has moved to a new location.

The National Toy Train Museum was in full splendor with fresh paint inside and new custom carpets. Just follow the rails! The place looks great! The staff and the committees worked very hard during the off season to get things ready for their April opening of the 2014 season. Congrats to all involved. The presentations by some of our supporting manufacturers were excellent. I hope all got to attend this excellent day at our museum and library.

There were 3 layouts this time; one each in the Black, White and Orange halls. They were all wonderful and a must see for all attendees.

We had such good times seeing so many friends which to me is the key feature of York week. Sadly some of our friends are no longer with us.

Rain and chilly were two of the phenoms describing Spring York 2014. Spring had barely arrived at York when we all showed up. It rained and stormed Tuesday afternoon and again on Friday evening. Chilly all week.

The outside off-fairgrounds meets that I attended were fun but slow, both in dealers and customers. Still goodies flowed. There is a great story about the huge pile of trains on the Prendeville tables at the Holidrome. Ed bought a 3-trailers load of trains from Texas. There were many great trains as well as a huge load of bottom-dwelling stuff. As Doug and Ed struggled with what to do about their high storage costs, Allentown show came up last month. They took a truck full of the "junque" and piled it on their Allentown tables to the discomfort of the Meet's leadership) Never mind they were selling from the truck enroute to the hall and until they got it back in the truck to return home. A high percent sold sez Ed. At the Holidrome there was a 2.367 feet high pile still full of goodies. Of course I dived in!

The Best Western was smaller than usual but the hardy were offering and customers were shopping. At the Billy Budd, Rich said that Tuesday evening it was good and all day Wednesday there was some action. He displayed a neat double helix of unknown, but commercial build. I did not get to the other shows.

(I must comment that the Reliance Fire Hall show was open during the York meet.)

Still photos now can be taken in the Dealer and Black Halls. This is great news!!! NO videos (As they don't wanna see Clem whizzing by seeking the famous Fitty dolla Blu comet). Still no photos in the member halls.

The opening of the York meet is so special. Members and guests from all over the world stand and honor our great flag and nation. A wonderful way to start a Meet!

I'm happy to report that some homey-did trains found me.

I ran into the Osisek brothers at their booth in the Blue hall. They and their dad (Harry was the grandfather) are building standard gauge rail tank

with two cars. One car carries bullets and the other is an operating rail gun. I asked Trip Riley about it and he is aware of their work. He said their tank is much simpler in construction than his. Both the tank and the rail gun shoot wooden bullets. A thumb tack on the back of the silver bullet connects with a magnet in the gun for loading. It is spring fired.

York attendance 12,0xx folks registered. 700 registered at the door.

It was sooo good to see so many friendly faces after such a cold and miserable winter. That was the biggest common topic of conversation. Sadly, recently we lost Fran Audie and Tony Hay was reported in the hospital.

The National Capital Trackers setup up a high tech stunning over-and-under layout in the Black Hall. They were up and running by 12 noon on setup day. What a record setting presentation. Photos at <http://www.nattractors.org/archives/category/shows/york-2014>. {Photos following are borrowed from the National Capital Trackers Website.}

I had a nice chat with Mike Wolf at the TCA museum. He was looking for some info on Marklin's Leipzig Station that he is going to repro. That should be stunning!

The York County Convention and Visitors Bureau folks are pleased to have TCA/Eastern Division as a member of the YCCVB.

There were more rare pieces than I have seen in a long time. LOTS and I mean lots of standard gauge IVES. For instance there is a transition tanker in bright yellow. It is not as rare as hen's teeth but more rare than the chance of me telling the truth. There were 4 at York this time. Plenty of IVES Gauge 1 trains as well. I think I was in heaven (which I was).

We found a great new place for our Thursday night dinner with our friends. Sam and Tony's had superb food and atmosphere and the prices were far less than we have been paying previously. Great time had by all. We eat early after a hard afternoon of playing trains and finish early making the evening free (For us this time we went back to the hotel and crashed. No more boozing till midnight for us oldsters.). This started when my boys were young and needed chow as soon as meet was over.

When Sandy and I pack to come home, we tight-pack to save space and we safe-pack to protect the treasures I have acquired. Then when I get home and unpack, it is like Christmas all over as I forget what I acquired. Also I usually put small pieces in safe packing places so they won't get lost: Well they is now lost. It takes months to find stuff. Christmas again.

Saturday morning I was making a final sweep to continue to invest my heir's future inheritance in. As I was chatting with a fellow about the 6 wheel Lionel # 33 he had which his dad had restored (I saw more 6 wheelers and trolleys than I have ever seen this time.) I noted a nice toy Bronco and trailer in Chessie yellow and picked it up just to be looking at something. By golly, it was a homey-converted toy to a track maintenance vehicle in standard gauge. The truck was a Nyl-

int Corp. with some kind of motor in it and the trailer was home made with some kind of electrical junction cover for the load. For my final buy, that was a winner. Thanks to the seller and his Dad. It found a new home and will join my fleet.

I'm ready for Fall Yorkin!!!!



**Memorial Day Parade 2014;
the Parade in Washington, DC**

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans - the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) - established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30, because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May.

Memorial Day was May 26 this year, and several members of the club accepted the invitation to join the National Parade to help commemorate it. Paul Gauthier led the group. Clem Clement carried Chaplain Jim Warrenton; Andy & Ellen Jaeger carried Rick & Anne Anderson; Jason Cunningham carried his mom, Lee Cunningham, Joanna Linn and her brother, Jonathan. I pulled up the rear.

We assembled next to a long line of Vietnam and earlier military equipment from the Americans in War-time Museum. It's always interesting to look closely at all these other vehicles and talk with the other folks in the parade. The enthusiasm is palpable and contagious.

Clem was drafted to carry "President" Teddy Roosevelt, which he considered a "Bully" job.

After we finished the parade, I drove to Arlington to visit my parents.



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Jason & Andy on parade



The crowds on Constitution Avenue

After visiting my parents, I returned to my car to find a small crowd gathered. One fellow asked me if I knew Doug Tomb... he said he thought Doug had a Model A, and introduced himself as Doug's cousin.

Another member of the crowd was a WWII vet. He told me of his service under Patton, and of the many battles he survived. Then he added he was there to visit those who didn't survive. I instantly thought of my cousin, Buddy Corbin, and my good and my food flight school friend, Russ Maynard. "I know how you feel," I said... we shook hands, and we parted ways.

As I drove home, I was awed by the sea of American Flags adorning the hundreds of thousands of graves.

I thought about the day, the parade, and why we were there:

I am your father, your mother, your uncle, your aunt, your sister, brother, and cousin. Remember me. At Gettysburg, Verdun, Normandy, Chosin Reservoir, Khe Sahn, Fallujah, Kandahar. I spilled my blood there for you. I spilled it for America.

Jim Gray

Photos by Clem Clement and Jim Grey

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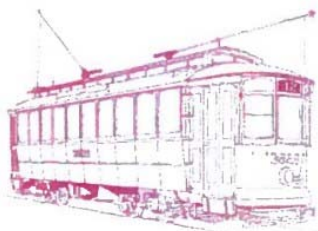
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