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"The Trolley" The Official WB&A Newsletter



WB&A Chapter - Eastern Division - Train Collectors Association
Established 1964

From the President's Desk

Dear All,

We asked for those interested in running for a position on the Board to reach out to us. I am happy to report that we have a slate of candidates.

For the *future 2017-18 election* it sure would be nice to hear from more of you. I ask you to think about how long those that are serving have been doing so and what is it that keeps you and other members from running?

While your Board is enthusiastic about serving and representing the membership of the WB&A, since this is YOUR Club, how do we get YOU interested in stepping up to volunteering for something and/or being part of the Board? I hope you will take the time to consider this and let us know.

While not everyone wants to be a "chief" I am confident that most of you have something to contribute for the common goal of the hobby, whether you're an operator or collector or someone that is in the business of trains. The bottom line is that a common goal of keeping the hobby alive and prospering for the years to come is one we should all share.

If I still cannot convince you to run, what about volunteering on a project-by-project basis or by being part of the Board. Did you know that the Trolley you hold in your hands is being done by a non-Board member Paul Pullen who does a tremendous job for the Club as a whole in putting this together every quarter. Also, our Facebook page is overseen by a Club member's wife, Sarah who has revamped it and continues to do a great job. Who knows you too might just find yourself enjoying being part of the evolution of the WB&A and getting to know some wonderful folks who understand your interest. With all this said, please know that I do appreciate and value your continued membership and trust you have bestowed in the Board, but it is important that you know and hear we can use your help and hope you will take up the call to be involved on a level that you feel you can partake in.

The 2016-17 election is upon us. Please note that enclosed in the Trolley are resumes of those running for the three Board positions and the four Executive offices that are up for election. Please take the time to read over their resumes and then take the time to cut out the Ballot and fill in your vote. What was that??? Yes you can fill in the name of someone who is a WB&A member for a position, if you believe, they should be on the Board and are not listed as a candidate. Once you complete your Ballot, please place it in an envelope and mail it back to Bill Moss (address will be provided on the Ballot). Don't forget to include your WB&A number so your vote will count. (For those receiving the Trolley by electronic email, a hard copy of the resumes and ballot have been mailed to you so review, complete and mail back to us, we wanted to **(Cont'd on Page 2)**



Treasurer's Report as of Sept. 8, 2015

By Glenn MacKinnon

The Chapter's financial activities for January-September, 2015 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, 2015 \$33,725.37

Check Book Balance – Sep. 8, 2015 \$30,827.83

	Expenses	Revenue
MD Armory Mar 2015 Meet	2540	3240
Annapolis Show 2016	30	
Vienna, VA Show 2015	70	
VTC/WB&A Joint Meet	979	842
Membership Dues 2015	96	4142
Newsletter 2015	641	
Sale of Trailer	67	1500
Sale of Trailer Contents		404
Kids Korner	364	515
Mini-Meet	262	
Baltimore Street Car Museum	544	
Fire Up 611	500	
Train Set for Drawing	1469	390
White Elephant		31
Web Site	3992	
How To Sessions	160	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1710	

(President's Report Cont'd) ensure that every member has an opportunity to vote.) **Remember, your ballot needs to be postmarked by October 24, 2015 to be counted.**

Did you know, that in the past we get about 1/3 of the membership to cast their vote. We are sending this Ballot to every member of the WB&A and it would be terrific to get a 100% return, yes I do dream and I don't think that dream is unattainable, for you see, I've come to know a lot of you over the last few years and I believe that you want to participate in the election of your Board.

I am thanking each and every one of you ahead of time for taking the time to complete and sending of your Ballot to Bill so that it can be included and counted at the November 7 General Meeting. Oh and while you are taking time to be involved, it sure would be great to see you at the meeting and while there you can hear what is going on and more importantly provide your thoughts and hopes for the future of the WB&A.

Your Board continues to be busy over the last three months and the How To Sessions is quickly becoming an event the members are attending and looking forward to and even volunteering to partake in by sharing their skills/knowledge. For information about the next meeting at



TOP TEN WB&A BENEFITS

- 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.wbchapter.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.

Dan and Hope Danielson's store Toy Trains and Collectibles in Manassas, Virginia, reach out to Nada Boswell at: wba.boswell@gmail.com.

As you know, Dave Eadie is looking for a "show of hands" if you'd be interested in a J-611 trip sometime next year. I am happy to report that he has heard from some of you and he has your name and information so that he can reach out to you once the Board can work out the specifics. If you haven't contacted Dave to let him know of your interest, please send him an email at dbeadie@verizon.net. It would be great if the WB&A could take up a large portion of the train ride, what a great way to come together as one Club!

The WB&A has also revamped its website and hope you will take a moment or two to check it out. We are looking into being able to have you pay your dues online and future train shows that we host. In addition, we're looking at a members' only page and a merchandise page. So keep clicking back on the website to see what is new! If you or a family member have the skills or would like to learn how to assist with the WB&A website, I'd love to hear from you or them (memberwba@gmail.com).

As we wrap up 2015 I hope you will continue to provide your comments/suggestions. As a reminder, if you find yourself with a bit of free time, we can always use a hand or two. 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 **(Cont'd on Page 3)**

(President's Report Cont'd) to be part of. It takes us all to partake in events to make it doable and it takes commu-nication to make it a better Club and one you want to continue to be part of.

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



Capital Trackers newest fun car, the Rat Transport car.

WB&A Board of Director's Meeting Saturday, March 28, 2015

Home of Nada Boswell – thank you Nada for hosting the meeting.

Meeting Start Time: 9:20 am

Meeting End Time: 2:15 pm

Next BoD Meeting will be held Saturday July 25, 2015 at the home of John Buxton, 2068 Proctor Lane, Parkville, MD 21234 (410)664-3330

Present

Colleen Hall, Tom Salen, Dave Eadie, John Buxton, Bob Heine, Dan Danielson, Nada Boswell

Action Items

1. Annapolis Meet recap – John/Dave
2. Joint Meet with VTC update – Colleen
3. Signature change for Checking/Savings Accounts – Glenn
4. Facebook changes by Sarah and gift – Colleen
5. Possible new webmaster for Website – Colleen
6. York membership table - Dave
7. Additional Train Meets – Colleen
8. Upcoming events, BSM, June 7 business meeting, Vienna Meet
9. How To Sessions – Dan/Nada

10. Additional Drawing Item

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary's report – The January 10, 2015 Minutes were distributed and read (copy attached). There was a motion to accept the minutes made by Tom Salen, seconded by Colleen Hall and was voted to be unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Glenn McKinnon was not in attendance. Dave Eadie presented his report. Line items were discussed noting \$1500 from the sale of the trailer and \$404 from the sale of some of the contents. Some contents do remain and will be offered at a future meet. The Annapolis Meet did show a profit.

A motion to accept the report was made by Bob Heine, seconded by John Buxton and was unanimously passed.

Membership Report – Dave Eadie presented the membership report. 186 members have paid for 2015. There will be drawing at the beginning of January 2016 for a \$100 gift card for new members joining in 2015 and a \$100 gift card for members who prepay their 2016 dues by December 31, 2015. Dave sent invitation to 120 new TCA members from 2013-2015 that are in our area, 6 of them attended, 3 of them joined at the meet. 1 member of the Trackers joined at the meet. There are still 50 members not paid for 2014-2015, Dave has been contacting the unpaid members and has had 15 that have paid. He will continue to contact those that are still due.

Eastern Report – Dan Danielson reported that Registration numbers for April York are not yet available. Debbie Geiser will be stepping down at the Registrar and Nancy Tentzeras may be the Registrar. A vote of the Eastern BoD is needed for that to happen.

The Upstate NY Division has voted out their President and that situation is now more stable.

John Zobel, current Eastern President has stepped down as Chairman of the Volunteer Committee, Hope Danielson will be the new Chairperson beginning at the April York meet.

Badges for table holders have not been received as yet.

The Lantry project completed by WB&A will be highlighted in Dan's report to the Eastern BoD at their meeting Tuesday just before York.

A discussion was held regarding the Eastern Division's new website that has a copyright held by someone other than the Division and has a biblical verse sited. Colleen and Nada had both emailed John Zobel regarding those issues. John did reply by email to both and he spoke with Glenn, however he wants to meet face to face with people rather than through email. A discussion needs to be held to discuss the lack of accountability and the loss of money such as Red Click, etc. Former President Kronz refused to sign a letter to explain what happened with Red Click. Eastern needs to show openness and accountability to its members and TCA Headquarters needs to know what is going on within the divisions. It is urged that all members contact John to express our concerns as we deserve to know what is going on.

John Zobel has appointed a finance committee of Bob

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Ferguson, Peter Primiani and Lee Wood to investigate where the money from York is going. More is being spent than is being taken in, about \$10,000 lost and about \$30,000 has been spent on software. These need to be investigated to bring spending under control.

Eastern Division holds a business meeting twice a year on Saturday mornings at York – 9:00 am, members are welcome to attend. It was noted by John Buxton that many people that join Eastern only view it as their ticket to attend York and don't really care much about the Division itself. Other Divisions have dues, newsletters, etc. It is therefore difficult to get people to step up and confront issues. Transparency is needed on the spending and staffing issues.

Being open to the public on Saturday at York continues to be debated. Saturdays tend to be pretty dead of late. All dealer hall table holders are required to have sales tax certificate from the State of Pennsylvania. If York was open to the public, even if just one day all table holders would need one. It might be possible to have the Dealer Halls only open to the public on Saturday and keep the member halls only for members, however Eastern seems to be afraid to confront the issue and try to move forward with any sort of plan. Dan will try to take Clem and Dave Eadie to Harrisburg to get the information regarding the tax certifications and distribute to table holders. Red Hall people seem very interested in making it an open meet on Saturdays, possibly start a petition to do so. Dan needs input to take to the Eastern BoD as being a closed meet on Saturday is hurting the members.

When York was expanded to be open on Thursday in the 1990s it was reported that members were paying cash at the door, this is just one example of poor control and possible loss of money by Eastern. While not accusing anyone of theft it is just another example of poor oversight of finances. Members need to step up and confront leadership and demand transparency. Of the 6,000 members that are at York only about 50 attend the business meeting.

Dan knows John and has ideas to present such as outsourcing registration like Greenberg and Worlds Greatest Hobby do. A contract would be needed to work with any outside group but Eastern needs to find a way to pull out of a small group of volunteers with no accountability and get experts to do it. They are only wasting money by trying to keep it in house without proper knowledge.

Annapolis Meet – Dan thanked John for a very well run and successful meet. John had sent out letters with the flyers which helped sell tables. Dave collected the table fees, he and John then merged their lists together. Set up Friday went very well. One issue was, despite opening for table holders at 6:00am, it was difficult to have them all be set up by 9:00 and the aisles cleared of boxes, etc. Some table holders were not happy with the Steel Drum group that played throughout most of the day. They were part of the group providing food service as a fund raiser.

Attendance was 200 paid, 125 kids and 50 WB&A members. There were 40 table holders and most of them said they did well in sales. The Trackers had a very nice set up

and was well liked by all attending. Allen Crotts was busy all day long as our Train Doctor.

John Woodall had paid up for 4 tables but was unable to attend at the last moment. He emailed a request to see if he might be able to get a full or partial refund. After a discussion a motion was made by Tom, seconded by Bob Heine to refund 50% of his payment and give him 1 free table at a future meet if he buys 4. The motion was passed unanimously. Dave and John will contact Mr. Woodall with this information.

WB&A needs to obtain a First Aid Kit for all future meets as there were a couple of minor cuts, etc. at Annapolis.

Joint VTC Meet – Colleen has been promoting through the E-blast and flyers have been placed at the Annapolis meet and other train related sites. So far WB&A has only sold 5 tables. VTC has sold more tables so far. All attendees will have to pay the \$5 admission, VTC charges everyone so we will have to go with their rule on this. WB&A usually admits members free. The Trackers will be attending. There was some initial confusion on that but it has been worked out. VTC and WB&A will split the honorarium equally so \$100 each.

There will be a membership table and drawing items. There will be a White Elephant Table but the clubs will keep 20% to follow VTC practice.

Friday access for setup is not clear as yet. As of now the site is not booked but we won't know for sure until a week or two before if we can get in Friday. The Lodge will set up the tables. Colleen plans to be there early to make sure the tables are set.

Colleen also mentioned that an Article written by Bruce Greenberg will appear in the VRE April issue highlighting National Train Day.

Signature changes on WB&A Checking Account- Because Art Tate is busy with his new business and cannot be involved with WB&A as much anymore it was suggested that he be removed as a signer on the account and replaced by Tom Salen. SunTrust would need a letter from WB&A on letterhead and a copy of the Board Meeting minutes where the change was approved.

Bob Heine made a motion that Art Tate be removed as a signer on WB&A Chapter DBA Eastern Division Train Collectors of America SunTrust Checking account and that Thomas Jay Salen be added as a signer. Glenn A. McKinnon is to remain as a signer. The motion was seconded by Dave Eadie and passed unanimously.

Glenn and Tom will go to a SunTrust Branch as soon as the minutes and letter are available to make the changes.

Facebook Changes – Sarah hosted a meeting at her home where changes needed to our Facebook page were discussed. There are actually 2, one set up by Art and another by Susan and Tom. Right now Art's page has been the most used. Sarah is going to try to figure out how to keep Art's page if possible and switch it to be set

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up as a non-profit. If that can't be accomplished it would probably be best to take down both pages and start a new one. She will do an article for the April Trolley to let members know about the coming changes. The Executive Board voted unanimously to give Sarah a \$50 gift card for the work she is doing for us. A suggestion was made that we might look into setting up some kind of monitor at future meets so that we could show Facebook posts from the meet while it was going on.

Website – Joe has been doing well maintaining the site for a small payment. He has been busy and they are moving from the area soon so he may no longer be available to manage the site.

Colleen knows a TCA member, Kraig Krist, that is very knowledgeable with websites and might be able to take ours on if Joe cannot continue. The BoD would like to see updates such as a "members only" page, possible collection of dues through the site, ability to post items for sale or wanted, links to other train related web sites, etc.

Colleen will get samples of sites he works on and forward to BoD members to look at to see if we like how he does them. If they look good we can pursue getting dollar amounts for any changes we want to the site and what his ongoing fee would be.

York membership table – Dave passed a sheet for sign-up to work the membership table at April York. We do have a table in the usual spot. Colleen has printed the drawing tickets for the MTH Norfolk and Western set. Dan is checking with MTH to see when the set will be shipped or if it might be possible to get a prototype if the set is not available.

Additional Train Meets – Several members have expressed an interest in having additional train meets. Pete and Mary Jackson hoped to find a place in Delaware and were told to get all of the information so that it can be taken to the BoD at a future meeting.

Tony Puzilla has spent a lot of time and effort exploring the possibility of a meet in Waldorf, MD. The room would be \$1400 plus another \$200 to extend to allow for

teardown, etc. It was unclear if we could get in early for that cost or if would even be possible to get in early. Due to the type of facility it is the club would have to prepay for lunches – that is really not possible. At the other locations the lunch is handled by a separate organization, generally as a fundraiser. We have no idea how many lunches are served and it was very unclear from what Tony provided how the club would recoup the lunch funds. The BoD does feel that Waldorf would be a good area for a meet but this particular venue does not work. Dan, Dave and/or Glenn will get in touch with Tony to explain the problems with the site.

Karl Taschenberger sent a proposal for either a replacement for Annapolis as we will no longer be able to use the Armory or for an Additional meet. He did research on the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bowie. Although the space is fairly large, they provide table set up and run a snack bar for lunch the cost is very high. The normal cost is \$3500 which is supposedly negotiable the BoD feels our max would be about \$1250 including tables and chairs. Also might be an issue with early setup on Friday. Colleen asked that Dan call him to advise him of the problem with this site.

At the Annapolis show Dan spoke with Rob, the Armory maintenance man who was so helpful throughout the show. He mentioned a huge church on Riva Road that may be a possibility to replace the Armory. Bob Ferguson will check with Rob to see if anyone knows what church that is. Rob is also going to try to find out where the large craft show that used to be at the Armory has moved to. Rob was so good at Annapolis that we want to keep in touch with him for future events in that area if he is available.

Basically if members want more shows they will need to step up to run them. The BoD needs to maintain overall control of the budget, etc. however. Pete and Mary, Tony and Karl will be contacted to advise of the decisions.

We broke for lunch 12:30-1:00pm

Upcoming Events – Baltimore Streetcar Museum May 16 will be an operator training day so there will be lots of cars running. The Museum had a request for the Strasberg Railroad to visit that same day and gave WB&A the option of allowing them or not. The BoD felt it would be fine as the actual facility is not open to the public and more riders mean more streetcars. John Buxton will advise the Museum that we are fine with that. Tables will be available free to members that want to bring items for sale, they will need to reserve them however as they are limited. WB&A will make a \$500 donation to the Museum for the event.

June 7 general business meeting will be held at Kemper Macon Lodge from 9:00-12:00 pm and Phil Graves is reserving the space.

Vienna meet October 31 date is set. We will be able to get in Friday afternoon. Tom has signs and will do flyers. He will also see if he can get it listed on the Vienna Calendar of Events. Permits may be required for signs so Tom

WB&A Board of Directors Business Meeting

When: Sunday, Oct. 3, 2015
Where: Kemper Macon Lodge

Time: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Come and join the WB&A Board of Directors
Agenda: Officer reports, Eastern
Division report, upcoming
Events, open discussion.

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will check with the Town on that. We would like to use the banner we used at Annapolis if possible and can find a place to display it.

How To Sessions, the first will be held April 12th from 10:00-12:00 at Dan's store, Allen Crofts will be there with his tools and test track to show members some ideas to maintain and repair their trains. We hope to have a session every other month with different topics.

Additional Drawing Item - John Buxton purchased a Lionel restored set consisting of #38 Locomotive, #112 Gondola, #113 Cattle Car, #116 Ballast Car and #117 Caboose. They have TCA stickers for the restoration work and fair retail is estimated at \$300-350. He paid \$200 for the set.

Only 300 tickets will be printed for this drawing item and will sell at \$5 or 6 for \$25 as do the other drawing item tickets. John will bring the set to York.

A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Dave to adjourn the meeting and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

Historian's Corner

September, 2015

Editors are always looking for articles. This is true from the beginning of time, and from the beginning of

TCA. Whatever the publication, whomever the editor, there are articles out there just waiting to be written. Whether we write for the Trolley, the Train Collectors Quarterly, the e-Train, the Toy Trains Mailing List, the WB&A Weekly e-Blast or the National Headquarters News, all these editors need your help.

You, and yea I'm talking to you, are an author in waiting. Did you know that? You may be asking yourself, what does it take to write an article? It does take time and you have to come up with an article. While this can be most challenging, it can also be the most fun. Think about this, your toy train passions encompass a variety of subjects and objects. Perhaps you have a layout of which you are proud. Write about what went into its creation, what you completed, and what you're looking for as added pieces. Perhaps you have a particular item about which you need more information. Write an article seeking information, a "Can You Identify?" Or, you may have an item that you know a lot about, so that's a no brainer!

Write about something "For The Good Of The Order." What you see that is better about TCA, or what has changed and how it has affected your collecting. Write about a train group that you are with that has meant something to you or to your family. Write about how you



WB&A 2015 Drawing Number 2

Item: Standard Gauge Set – NO BOXES

#38 Locomotive, #112 Gondola, #113 Cattle Car, #116 Ballast Car and #117 Caboose.

All Lionel with TCA Stickers for the Restoration Work

Send a check to WB&A Treasurer,
Glenn MacKinnon,
6908 Trillium Ln, Springfield, VA 22152.

(1 for \$5 or 6 for \$20)

Only 300 Tickets are being sold.

Drawing to be held in Jan, 2016

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brought a new member into TCA. Write about a train ride you took. Think about a picture that you took and add a caption.

An editor will take your work and make grammatical and spelling corrections. They may reformat to make it fit their publication, and/or they may make some edits based on the room available in that publication. They will work with you to get you published.

In the very first TCQ (Vol.1, No.1) the editor writes "The collecting bug has hit all of us, but at different times, and under different circumstances. The way you started makes interesting reading to other collectors. Why not write it down just as it occurred? We'll use our story in future issues of the Quarterly." What was written in 1955 applies now in 2015. No story is the same as another. It will make someone else think about their experiences and will bring good memories for others.

Take the step and write an article! Call me if you need any ideas and we'll work together to get your article going.

Yours in Train-ing.

Carol R. McGinnis, 95-41066

Membership Moments *by David Eadie*

September, 2015

Important Notice: If you cannot attend any of our remaining events this year, **please use the renewal form** in this newsletter or the one in our website (www.wbachapter.org) to pay your 2015 dues. We have only 3 events scheduled the remainder of the year; the October York Show, the Vienna Firehouse Show on October 31st, and the mini meet in Baltimore on November 2nd. Your WB&A membership card should have a brown "15" sticker on it. If you only see "14" or something earlier, and wish to remain a member please send in your dues now. **I would like to thank the 225 members who have paid their 2015 dues, many doing so at one of our events held though out the year. Doing so saves the club time and money of not sending out reminder notices.**

For those attending York this October, the Vienna Firehouse Show Oct 31st and the November 7th Mini-meet, we have on display, this year's two drawings. The first is a **Standard Gauge # 138 5 car Tinline Set**. Also, a drawing will be held for a **2015 MTH N&W 4-8-4 J and 4 car Passenger Set** from the 2015 Vol 2 catalog. Information on both drawing items can be found in this newsletter.

N&W J611 is back !!

As most of you know the N&W 611 J had its first excursion the weekend of June 6 this year out of Manassas, VA. We thought it would be fun as a club to ride her next year when she returns for the **Manassas Railfest** in June, 2016. If you are interested please contact me (dbeadie@verizon.net) with the number of people in

your party so we may get a head count on those interested.

As a reminder, again this year, those members who pre-pay their 2016 dues are entered into a drawing for a **\$100 gift certificate** at Dan Danielson's **Toy Trains and Collectibles store in Manassas, VA**. If you know a TCA member in our area who is not a WB&A member, invite them to attend the Vienna Show or the Baltimore mini-meet. If they join the WB&A, you will be entered into a drawing for **another \$ 100 gift certificate**.

Thank you in advance for being a part of WB&A.

Hope & Dan

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**WB&A 2016 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

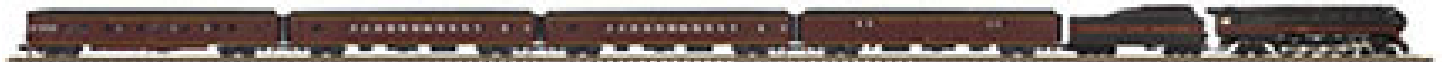
Name _____
TCA# _____ WB&A# _____
Address _____ Apt# _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____
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E-Mail _____
Signature _____

Please contact David Eadie at 703-451-4149
or dbeadie@verizon.net with any questions.

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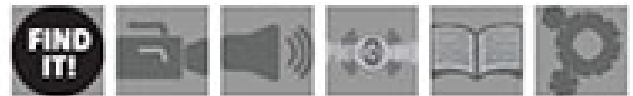
***Don't Miss Out on the chance
to win the WB&A Drawing for a new Premier Line
MTH J-Class Passenger Set!***

4-8-4 J Class Speciality Passenger Set w/Proto-Sound 3.0



Product Line: Premier

Roadname: Norfolk & Western



Shipping Date: MAR. 2015

4-8-4 J Class Speciality Passenger Set w/Proto-Sound 3.0 - Norfolk & Western

Set Features: Norfolk & Western 4-8-4 J Class Steam Engine (Cab No. 607), (1) 70' Streamlined Baggage Car, (2) 70' Streamlined Coach Cars, (1) 70' Streamlined Observation Car

Product Number: 20-3574-1 M.S.R.P. \$ 1349.95



***Contact any WB&A BOD Member for tickets, or send a
check to Treasurer, Glenn MacKinnion, 6908 Trillium Ln, Springfield, VA 22152.
Your tickets will be sent by return mail to you.
(1 for \$5 or 6 for \$25) Only 500 tickets are being sold.
Drawing to be held in December.***



Switching Tracks

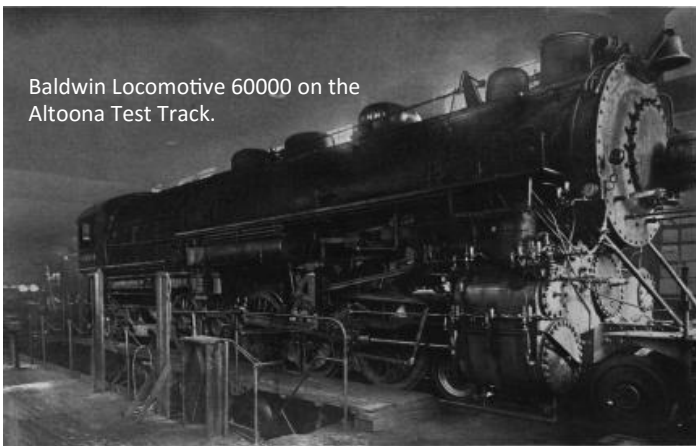
Paul Pullen

The Lionel Collectors Club of America has a neat program running now that is called "Switching Tracks." This involves shipping of a box car to be run on either LCCA members layouts or club layouts during a short period. When I learned of this, I thought it would be neat to have the Club Car running on my little Buffalo Creek Railroad that I set up for the WB&A Swap meet, since I had to remove my railroad and pack it away when my wife, Sue, and I became full-time care-givers for her parents in 2006. I immediately signed up to receive a car to run on the very portable BCRR. (The story of the BCRR is located in the article

<http://www.tcaetrain.org/articles/operating/bcrr/index.html>)



Well, as luck would have it, I received the car a couple of months early, so I had to go to work and get the BCRR ready for running the car. This involved bringing out one locomotive, Alco number 123, from the round-house and overhauling its prime mover to make it ready to assist



Baldwin Locomotive 60000 on the Altoona Test Track.



Alco 123 on the Buffalo Creek Test Track.



Buffalo Creek Test Track

with the operation of this special load. Alco 123 was pulled into the shop area, where the BCRR has set up a small operational set-up like the Altoona shops on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Once the diesel was overhauled, it was taken through a series of stationary test runs to make sure all the "bugs" had been eliminated, then was sent out onto the main line of the Carpet Central portion of the BCRR. There, waiting for motive power, was the Switching Tracks box car with a refinished hopper and a scratch-built box car for delivery along the right-of-way.

The following pictures are of the Switching Tracks car in route on the Buffalo Creek Carpet Central. (I know, it is not on a carpet! ;-)) A copy of the car will run at the November Meet.



The local starts out on its morning run.



Buffalo Creek 123 is working on the BCRR Main.



Modified Lionel NW-2 127 switches the load on the Canton RR.



Pre-war 1689E switches the load at Bethlehem Steel.

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When the “J” Came to Town

Dedication:

First and foremost I want to thank Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Executive Director, Virginia Museum of Transportation; Preston Claytor, Chairman of the “Fire Up 611!” Committee and Safety consultant; Jim Stump, Vice chairman of the “Fire Up 611!” Committee; Will Harris, President, Board of Directors of the Virginia Museum of Transportation; Trey Davis; and the “herder of volunteers”, Gary Gray.

We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mr. James A. Squires, CEO of Norfolk Southern Corporation for his leadership of the NS “21st Century Steam” program that made the resurrection of 611 possible. Thanks too to Frank S. Brown, Assistant Vice President of Norfolk Southern Corporation and everyone at North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, North Carolina who helped awaken N&W J 611 from her sleep.

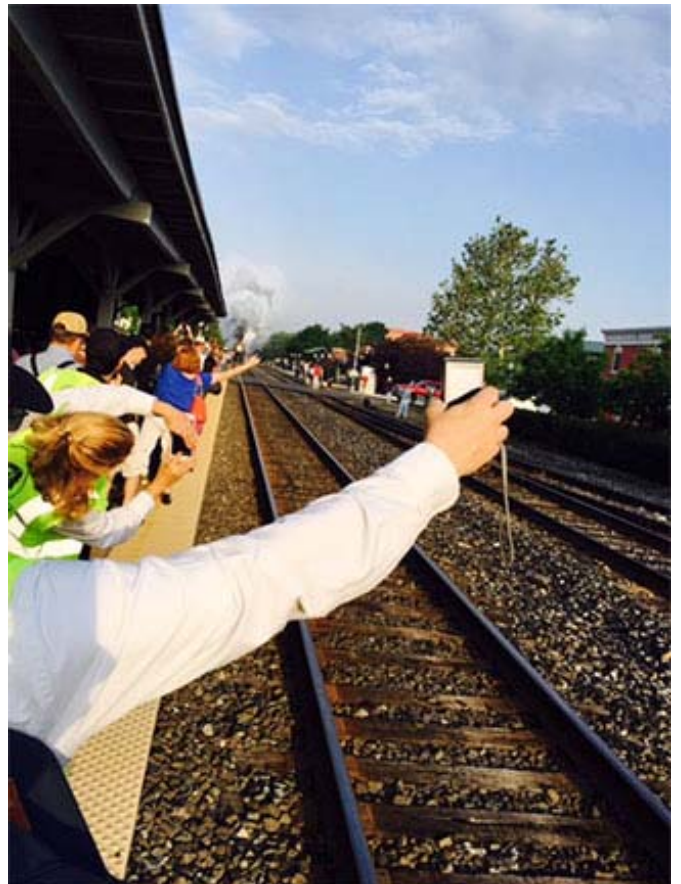
You men and women changed us here in Northern Virginia. Our landscape was again brightened with the steam of J-611 and her royal presence. In such a time of concern about the awful wars, the economy and all the hate crimes in the US and the world, the J-611 comes out of retirement to give us hope for the future. The thousands of fans who lined the roads, crossings, and parking lots all along our route to Front Royal and back this past weekend waved their enthusiastic salute to what J-611 means to America. May J 611 steam the rails of the forever!

It was 21st Annual Manassas Heritage Railway Festival weekend in Manassas, June 6 & 7, 2015, and the historic old town – the linchpin of the first Battle of Bull Run – was to be graced by a visitor from the past. The newly restored Norfolk & Western J class 611 “The Spirit of Roanoke”, the “Queen of Steam” was coming to town.

Norfolk Southern’s new “21st Century Steam” program had given new life to the 65-year-old Roanoke born, Roanoke bred, and Roanoke proud J-611. “On May 30, 2015, after a successful capital campaign and year-long restoration at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, North Carolina, the 611 thundered home to cheering crowds”. (The American brochure, published by the Virginia Museum of Transportation for the June 6 & 7 runs from Manassas to Front Royal).

The first set of these excursions (3 trips) operated by the Virginia Museum of Transportation, Fire Up 611, and in coordination with Norfolk Southern, was hosted on the former Southern Railway B-Line (East/West) from Manassas, Virginia B0.0 to Riverton Junction B50.9 (Front Royal, Virginia) on June 6th and 7th, 2015. This included a climb up the Linden grade, a grade over 1% for more than 3 miles in either direction. (Wikipedia)

When the J chooses a town, that town has been honored. Never before has a million plus pounds of steel, glass, rubber and black/red trimmed paint reached out and touched so many hearts. I can’t imagine her engineer ever coming down from the natural high after laying his hand on her and asking the J to ease on down the tracks one more time. Her heart is so big, she surely will touch that of America – she was made by the people for the people – the last remaining example of the most powerful passenger steam locomotives ever built. Born at the dawn of diesel, she earned her keep traveling up to 15,000 miles a month for years after other lines had dieselized. If you missed the “J’s” visit, go to her and be in her presence for a while. She commands awe, and will earn your respect. She rules. She rocks. To hear and feel her heart beating, her two massive cylinders chuffing, her



stack puffing and the body responding to 300 psi steam is to live!! Surely the world will recognize this masterpiece of steam as one of the greatest achievements of America.

Standing in front of the Manassas station, we hear a far-off rumble and hiss. Looking west, we see a great white and black cloud boiling up. Gradually, at first, then picking up speed, a massive, yet graceful, maroon and gold streamlined shape noses its way toward us through a swirling early morning mist. A sudden blast of steam

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shatters the quiet, serene morning – STEAM has come to town! That unmistakable baritone of the Queen of Steam, J 611 – has announced her presence. The crowd was awestruck; again the whistle, and the awe morphed into barely contained excitement. I felt a cold rush of adrenalin – I was 10 again; steam was coming to town; and I was ready to ride the high iron. For two days I was in the presence of the N&W J-611 and I am forever changed!

However you saw it, it was the right way for you and I hope you keep that vision warm and soft in the back of your mind. She is J-611 and don't you ever forget her!

The mystery of railroad and airplane numbering system continues for me: her builder's plate # is 388, but they numbered the 14 J class locomotives built beginning with 600. The 611 was one of the last three built, in 1950.

When the decision was made to keep only one, the 611 was chosen because she was in the best shape, so #s 612 and 613 were scrapped. Designed and built at the Norfolk & Western East End Shops between 1941 and 1950, the J class locomotives were the fastest passenger steam engines ever made. The 611's been given the nickname "The Spirit of Roanoke", and is operated on the tracks of the Norfolk Southern line as an active part of the Virginia Museum of Transportation in Roanoke. At the VMT, they call her the "Class J 611 - The Spirit of Roanoke". She may be only steel, glass, wire and cloth, but steam gives her life, and powers her soul.



As your trusty car host, I also need to report an incident on the Sunday afternoon tour. I'm sitting at attention in car NS43, keenly watching everything simultaneously for any sign of passengers needing my assistance, of anything outside the train worth reporting to all, when suddenly I'm huggafied on from the side. I didn't see nuthin' coming! My first thought was to call for my co-host Mr. Dan for assistance, but he was sweeping cinders at the other end of the car. Instantly I remembered our Virginia Museum of Transportation's power point safety guide and instruction presentation. I had printed it out and reached for it with both hands. No go; one of my hands was wrapped around my hugger person and wouldn't let go. Via my super host x-ray eyes, I was able to speed scan the rules and regulations. Rule 45.75 Section B-3, item (c) 3.1 said the safety and care of our guests is the most important job we have.

Rules 67.23 said nothing about huggers, but the good book says do unto others as they do unto you. Then I sent an instant empathy message to the J-611 for guidance. She went chufa, chufa, chufa, so I knew what I had to do: Identify the hugger and hug back. By golly, it was the most famous Colleen Hall, our WB&A Chapter president and my leader. She'd been on travel for her job for 3 weeks working 20 hours a day and was just back. I hadn't seen her since April. What a great lady. She and her hubby James were working a deluxe coach class car further down the line. All this fun and happiness with the J was because of Colleen's excellent work.

Little big man came by with his Gramma and his little sister. It seemed appropriate to me as I was sitting down at the time, to offer him a fist to bump. He hesitated, looked at Gramma, who nodded approval and fist bumped the man in the VMT vest nice and hard. Little sister just had to do what big brother done did. I, the gray old man got another fist bump. Gramma, not to be out done, had a fist bump for me as well. The kids beamed beeeeg time remarking that "Gramma rocks!" Many fist bumps and many kids later the old man got sumthin in his eyes (cinder or love tears... musta been a cinder as a real man doesn't cry).

During my walks thru of the cars, I stopped to chat with some friends in seats. As I looked around I knew someone in four rows next to each other. Train Collectors and old car people I knew were everywhere on the train. Riding the J was the thing for this weekend for sure.

We had a lost Mother event. The young fella about 3 was working the crowd, but he needed a potty break. Car host Mary guided him to our restroom and then he need-



ed to find Mom. Mary had befriended him before so she asked. He knew his car number and Mary knew where it was. So he manned up and took Mary's hand to proudly lead her to his Mom.

The crews from the engine (VMT) and NS (Her consist) were certainly super, helpful, pleasant and as excited as we were to be working the J. James Hall's smile big-

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ger'n his face. Wow was he exited to work as a host on the J in the "Jackson Park" mini dome.

An extra special event for me was to ride her back to the yard after her third trip of the weekend. I was far enough back from the engine so as to not hear the steam working. My car's AC was shut off. Three of us were late getting off after cleaning and checking cars. The cars have



their own language and they talked to us. We were slowly moving forward so the couplers were tight against their rear stops in their knuckles. We heard the sound of a successful mission completed. NOT squawks and groans and the jostling of road work, but murmurs of slide plate on slide plate, rubber bumpers on rubber, steel flexing and settling down after the day's work well done, fading echoes of happy kids and pleased adults, and the noticeable tingle of anticipation that she will roll south in the morning to greet other thrilled crowds with the arrive of the "J". Roll on, big J!

Sandy Clement got to serve in the "Stampede Pass" first class Empire Builder dome car. She was so proud to tell me all about it, including that she still could pour coffee without spilling a drop as she did 40 years ago during her 4000 flying hours as a Flight Nurse on USAF C-9s, and C-130's. In my mind she was the Queen of the topline of the Empire Builder.

Watching out the window at the happy crowds near Manassas, it was like being in a parade in my home town. I recognized so many friends and supporting fans waving on the J as we eased back into real time.

I was truly honored to work the cars with the NS employees aboard. They had their families with them and were so happy to ride the J. For example I chatted with some of the leveling crews (Not track grinders) The equipment they use, the procedures are fascinating to hear about. And me who thought I knew about trains and track work. One man had done leveling work on some of the trackage we rode on and commented and certain switches, diamonds etc. The spirit was high and friendly among that group thus if there was the slightest bump anywhere

nearby, they were funning him and all laughing. Professional pride shown through. This particular man had his 3 sons with him. They were in awe of their Daddy and that he talked the "The train man in the yellow vest (Me) and others about his work. Those boys were so proud of their daddy! Wives and kids on the train talking about what the Daddy/Husband did. An engineer from another railroad was in the car and so complimentary about the leadership of NS doing employee excursions. He said his company would never do that. Another passenger asked about the no humping sign on the outside of the car. An NS employee gave us a thorough explanation about speed, rules, and procedures. I had thought push and let them cruise. I did not know the max allowable contact speed was 4 mph and that some cars have sensors to detect a too-hard contact. Of course, passenger cars are not to be humped. I was very proud to be among them!

The nets contain interested discussion about "steamer coal." For our weekend jaunts, she brought her own coal



in hopper cars. Mixing "bit" and "hard coal" depending on locomotive requirements and availability: Too much hard anthracite and you develop too many clinkers; too much bit and you push out too many cinders. Burn rates differ as well. It would be interested to know what blend the J loves or maybe she keeps her food recipes secret as does Colonel Sanders and Starbucks.

Another mental snapshot I will take with me forever: Toward the end of the Sunday afternoon trip, some of the younger ones were worn out from all the train fun and two in particular curled up on their Mother's laps. I was crying as I spoke to both Mothers about never forgetting their cherub, resting in their laps, cruising along with the J. So special!

Dave Gunnarson grabbed this shot of the J without her consist. For his efforts to be close to the action, he got a car full of steam and loved it (no injury).

Did I mention Sandy and I had a wonderful time?? Thanks all and I hope to see you all behind the "J" soon.

Clem Clement and Jim Gray

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How To Session at Dan and Hope Danielson's store Toy Trains and Collectibles in Manassas, Virginia. First, Dan demonstrates doing scenery.



Dan shows the finished product.



Then Carol McGinnis goes over the finer points in construction of a laser-cut kit.



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:

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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: _____

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Oct. 4, 2015	Solebury Township Train Show, New Hope, PA
Oct. 17, 2015	Northern Virginia M.R. Open House, Vienna, VA
Oct. 21, 2015	Open House at Toy Train Museum, Strasburg, PA
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Oct. 24-25, 2015	Great Scale Model Train Show, Timonium, MD
Oct. 31, 2015	WB&A Toy & Train Show, Vienna, VA
Nov. 7, 2015	Business/Swap Meet, Overlea, MD
Nov. 14, 2015	Northern Virginia M.R. Open House, Vienna, VA
Nov 28, 2015	Hagerstown Model RR Museum Train sale
Nov. 30, 2015	Northern Virginia M.R. Open House, Vienna, VA
Dec. 12, 2015	Northern Virginia M.R. Open House, Vienna, VA
Dec. 19, 2015	Arbutus Shows Arbutus, MD



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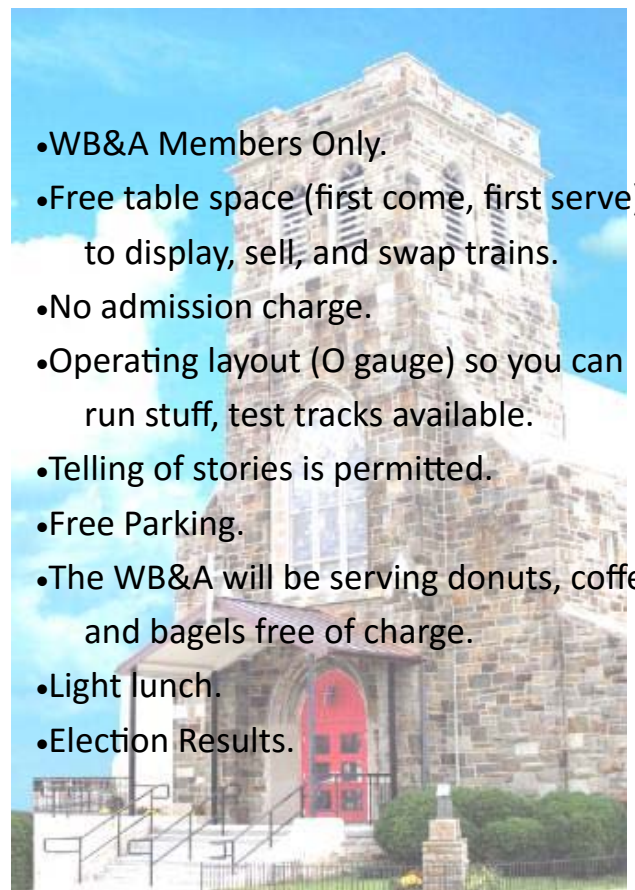
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Candidates for WB&A Offices
Candidate for the 2016-2017 President
Colleen Hall

Train Interests: My husband, James and I collect McCoy trains and enjoy the individuality of the cars and their heritage. Along with the McCoy trains, we also have some other unique trains in our collection. Current Position: President of the WB&A.

Past Positions: Secretary and BoD of the WB&A; 2010 TCA Baltimore Convention Secretary; and Chair of the Dinner Cruise.

Special Skills: Paralegal with a well-known law firm specializing in trial work. My strong points include organizational, secretarial skills, listening, research and management of people, billing, training, marketing and communication.

Chapter Goals: To continue to meet and listen to our members with the desire to cultivate the allure of train collecting for our present members. My strong desire continues to be to encourage new members to join so that this wonderful tradition will not die. I would challenge all to bring their children, grandchildren and friends along to the Meets, to York and to the Conventions so that our love of the hobby can be shared. The WB&A Chapter continues to strive to bring new members into the fold and to hold mini-meets so that we, as a Chapter, can come together to meet and to share ideas. I encourage you all to join us. I, along with my other WB&A BoD and officers are anxious to hear about what programs may work and we will continue to work on programs that are working well along with being part of new ideas for the future.

Candidate for the 2016-17 Vice-President
Arnold (Arne) Meyrow

Hi, my name is Arne Meyrow. My wife Mary and I live in Alexandria, VA. We have two grown children. We are fortunate to have them, and their families, living in Northern Virginia. Our four year old grandson has been entranced by my O gauge ceiling layout since he was six months old. After 40 years as a college and then a public school teacher and administrator, I retired from the Arlington schools in 2005. As I taught audio/video production, I also have a sub-chapter S Corporation that produces film, video, audio, and Power Point presentations.

I joined the TCA in 2009 and WB&A in 2011. I love trains; from 1:1 scale to Z scale. Born in 1947, I vividly remember the day in 1952 that my dad walked through the door with a Lionel Scout set. I continued to "play" with Lionel trains through high school. Then, the same story most of us have had, I put them away for college, marriage, work, and kids. After completing my Doctorate in 1991 I decided to use to my newly found spare time to set up my old train set. I was hooked again. While I have a great deal of post war Lionel trains, I run a MTH Railking DCS layout in the ceiling of my home office.

My leadership skills have been honed as a media producer, classroom teacher, faculty leader, and the Coordinator of an academic program at the Arlington Career Center.

I have served on the WB&A Board for the past two years:

- Most notably, I lead the initiative to oversee the design, construction, and setting up of the "S" gauge layout for Tom and Anne Lantry, with the help of Nada Boswell, Dan Danielson and Mike Ferrante
- I videotaped, and will be editing, the Club's second "How to Session" on building scenery, taught by Dan Danielson, and Carol McGinnes' session on scratch building houses for your layout
- I've manned our table at York
- Helped with the set-up of our Annapolis show

- I am initiating a plan to help grow our club membership by increasing our profile with a 3 foot by 6 foot pop-up banner for use at our table at York and at our train meets. In addition, I have volunteered to update the aging banner we have and the signage we use to guide attendees to our meets.

Candidate for the 2016-17 Secretary
Nada Jean Boswell

I am the current Secretary of the Board of Directors having served since January 2014.

I started going to York with my late-husband Skeeter in 1999, and now enjoy everything about the hobby and the many wonderful people I have met. I have his collection of post-war and some modern era trains.

I did some work with the Registration Committee for the 2010 Baltimore Convention which helped me become more involved with WB&A. The Convention was a huge undertaking by the club and the many dedicated members pulled together to provide a great event for TCA.

During my working years, I was in the banking industry, most of those years were spent in mortgage originations. The experience I bring includes research skills and a dedication to accuracy and customer service.

I would like to help find ways to encourage other members to be more active and to work with all members to seek out other train lovers to join us in our activities. I would also like to be part of and contribute to discovery of new ideas and opportunities for expanding the hobby using the many new opportunities of social media.

Candidate for the 2016-17 Treasurer
Glenn A. MacKinnion

Goals and OBJECTIVES: Continue to provide the best possible accounting management processes to the position of WB&A Treasurer to ensure 100% accuracy and member visibility of the Chapter's financial activities. Help facilitate positive changes in WB&A that add value to membership and enhance interest in the toy train hobby.

QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY:

- . Over 41 years' experience in diverse leadership and staff positions.
- . Proven training, research, analytical, writing, presentation, and project management skills.
- . Directed high visibility and high dollar value programs.
- . TCA and WB&A Member since 2003

EDUCATION:

- . Masters of Science in National Resource Management, Industrial College Of the Armed Forces . 1994
- . Armed Forces Staff College - 1988
- . Masters of Science in Management, Central Michigan Univ. - 1985
- . U.S. Army Command and General Staff College - 1984
- . Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Alfred University - 1972

EXPERIENCE:

- . National Christmas Tree Railroad Treasurer since July 2015 Serving
- . Serving as Vice President, Daventry Community Association, 2013-Present
- . Elected to the Daventry Community Association Board of Directors 2011-Present.
- . WB&A Treasurer since January 2005.
- . Member of TCA bylaws and policy book rewrite committee

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2008-2010.

. Member and Chairman, Rules and Regulations Committee, Eastern Division, TCA, 2004-2007. Supervised Eastern Division Bylaws Rewrite and established first ever policy book for the Division.

. Court Appointed Special Advocate, 2004-2009. Family Court appointed Representative providing support to abused and neglected children in Fairfax County.

. Northern Virginia Literacy Council Volunteer, 2002-2003. English tutor.

. Licensed Agent and Registered Representative for First Command Financial Planning, 1998-2002. Managed a clientele of over 400 families with a wide variety of financial goals.

. Active duty military service 1972-1998. Served in numerous stateside and overseas command and management positions until retirement in 1998.

Interests:

. Member National Capital Trackers.

. Collect Lionel Post-War Military and Space Trains and Accessories.

. Built and operate an L shaped 24ft X 16ft 0 Gauge layout in my basement.

. Member Pontiac and Oakland Club International (POCI)

Candidate for the 2016-17 WB&A BoD

John Buxton

I live in Parkville, MD and am married to Margaret, my wife of 37 years. I have 3 grown children Claire, Katy, and Brook, and am a proud grandparent. I work now part time as an "American Picker" specializing in Toy Trains, Railroadiana, and Books.

I have been a TCA member since 1996 and a WB&A member since 2012, and have enjoyed it very much. I collect and operate DORFAN, and FANDOR trains, and have restored 10 DORFAN Engines to running condition. I also enjoy early most all Prewar Trains. This hobby was passed to me by my Dad and Grandfather, and I would pass it along to others. Currently, to do this I set up and operate a public Christmas Garden at Weber's Cider Mill Farm in Parkville from Thanksgiving to New Years.

My past organized train experience was as President, and later Treasurer of Railroad Passenger Cars, Inc which was a passenger train car leasing company in Baltimore at Camden station from 1969 to 1990. RRP provided passenger cars to the NRHS, Chessie Steam Special, Amtrak and others. I am also a long time member of the trolley museum. I would very much like to continue to work and help WB&A TCA move forward, and see a growth in toy train collecting and operating in America.

My past leadership skills have come through my work career, RRP Passenger Car Leasing, and my Church. One of the goals that I would like to achieve, while serving on the Board of Directors, is to bring a continued excitement and passion to the toy train hobby to the next generation. That means meeting people where they are so they can come to appreciate this educational and relaxing hobby.

Candidate for the 2016-17 WB&A BoD

Robert Heine

BACKGROUND: 64 year old from Brooklyn, NY. Currently retired from 30-year career as a Computer Programmer for the U.S. Treasury Dep't, Washington, DC. Also worked briefly door-to-door on the 2010 U.S. Census count in NW Washington, DC. I am currently a board member & Treasurer for the non-profit charity known as "M.D. Health & Well-Being".

TRAIN HOBBY EXPERIENCE:

1) Current member of the WB&A Chapter Board - 1 term cur-

rently,

2) Former WB&A Membership Chairman for 2 years,

3) Elected and served formerly on the Eastern Division TCA Bd of Directors - 2 yrs,

4) TCA "York Meet" formerly Lost & Found Chairman,

5) Member of the TCA 2010 Baltimore Convention Tour & Registration Committees,

6) Volunteer Statistician/Demographer for the Nat'l TCA President "Clem" Clement.

MY OUTREACH: I try to keep in touch with many train enthusiasts (and their concerns), including LCCA, LOTS & TTOS members, and our amateur dealers/sellers/tableholders by attending most of our hobby's smaller meets year-round from Fredericksburg, VA and on up north to Westminster, Timonium, Arbutus, Earleigh Hts, MD. These weekend meets are the "life" of our hobby and we need to keep patronizing them despite the travel distances.

Candidate for the 2016-17 WB&A BoD

Anthony Puzzilla

Anthony Puzzilla is a retired Federal Government employee, but a full time rail fan and model train lover. He is a member of the Western Maryland Railway Historical Society, the Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA), the Train Collectors Association (TCA), the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis (WB&A) Chapter of the TCA, the Maryland Historical Society, the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad Foundation, the National Railway Historical Society, the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore, Maryland, and the Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum, Inc. Mr. Puzzilla is a regular contributor to the LCCA's The Lion Roars magazine. He has written a book, for Arcadia Publishing, entitled The Western Maryland Railway which is scheduled to be published on November 30, 2015.

Candidate for the 2016-17 WB&A BoD

Tom Salen

Train Interests: Train Interests: Collecting and operating Postwar Lionel Trains

Current Position: Vice President 2015, 2014

Past Positions:

- Vice President 2013, 2012,
- Board Member 2010, 2011
- Kids Corner Committee and the Registration Committee for the 2010 Convention in Baltimore, MD.
- Yearly volunteer at the Kena Temple, Fairfax, Virginia Train Show.

Special Skills: Background in sales and marketing.

Chapter Goals: Promote and expand our hobby to a new generation of collectors and enthusiasts, increasing our membership by getting the parents and the young children who are seeing our hobby for the first time (or the first time since their childhood) more involved. I would welcome the opportunity to participate at a higher and more active level.



Remember to vote, ballot enclosed.



WB&A CHAPTER TCA 2016-2017 ELECTION BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Vote for candidates by placing an "X" or "✓" in the box before their name **and/or** by writing in a member's full name.
2. Vote for only **1** President, **1** Vice President **1** Treasurer and **1** Secretary.
3. Vote for only **3** Board of Officers Directors.
4. Fill in your **WB&A** number in the appropriate space below. **Ballots without WB&A numbers will not be counted.**
5. Fold ballot and *mail in a separate envelope and affix 49¢* in postage and mail.
6. Ballots must be postmarked on or before **October 24, 2015**. Counting of Ballots and announcement of winners at the Business/Swap Meeting November 7, 2015.
7. **BALLOTS ARE TO BE MAILED TO: BILL MOSS AT 6929 STANDISH DRIVE, HYATTSVILLE, MD 20784**

WB&A Number: _____

Board Of Officers - Vote for One Position

President

Colleen Hall

Write-In _____

Vice-President

Arnold [Arne] Meyrow

Write-In _____

Treasurer

Glenn MacKinnon

Write-In _____

Secretary

Nada Boswell

Write-In _____

Board Of Directors - Vote for Three

John Buxton

Robert Heine

Anthony (Tony) Puzzilla

Thomas Salen

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

Write-In _____



HEAR YE HEAR YE

This is an invite to join the BoD on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at the VMT (The Virginia Museum of Transportation) in Roanoke at 303 Norfolk Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA 24016 (<http://fireup611.org/about-the-vmt/>) (<http://fireup611.org/>) where we will be presenting a ceremonial \$500 check (previously forwarded the actual check) for the donation that the WB&A made to the J-611 operation.

The VMT will be opening its doors at no cost to our WB&A members and the presentation will take place at approximately 1:00 p.m. (as the VMT opens).

We hope you can join us and take part in the community and fellowship of the WB&A and those of the J-611 Team. This is another shining example of how the WB&A is finding ways to connect with other train related clubs and organizations for the longevity of the hobby and the common goal of keeping it alive in the decades to come.

I ask that if you plan to attend that you send me your name and your guest(s) name so that I can give the VMT a rough idea of how many folks to expect on September 20 from the WB&A. If you would like to go, but need a ride, please let me know and I will see what I can do to arrange for a ride for you.

Please RSVP to me by September 13, 2015.