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### Train Shows:

Annapolis

Arbutus

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## "The Trolley" The Official WB&A Newsletter



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

## President's Report

In case you hadn't noticed the Social Committee of the WB&A has been putting out a calendar full of club activities. We have been very busy! Our calendar can be viewed anytime on our website and we have been sending the calendar out time from to time as an E blast.

Already this summer we've had a successful flea market which was in July, and a open house which was well attended at Chuck and Carol McGinnis's home. This month (September 24th) we will be taking an excursion train ride on the Durbin Rocket. We've already had our first Coffee House social, which we will be holding monthly at different locations in both Maryland and Virginia. October will be our first our Arbutus show. November we will have our business meeting at the Trolley Museum in Silver Spring. In December we are back at Arbutus for our last show before the end of this year. Next year we're hoping to add to all this with a club dinner and more open homes to see what you have been doing with your Trains through the pandemic. Again, watch for an E-blast as well as postings on our website.

Open Board of Director positions. We are currently looking to fill several positions, three board positions for this election and Eastern Division Representative. I also need a membership chair person. I like to thank Bill Moss who has been membership chairman for the last six years for all of his hard work.

This year's survey shows that a lot of you have interest in participating further in the club. Some as board members, others on special committees, which we are looking to form currently. Call me and we can talk further about your interest. Please consider stepping up and helping out. I'd like to thank you for your efforts and support of the club make us a healthy and exciting club.

Tom Salen  
President, WB&A





# Treasurer's Report as of 09/01/22

By Mike Ackerman

The Chapter's financial activities for Jan. 1, 2022 through Sep. 1, 2022 are summarized below. If you have any other questions or comments feel free to contact me at mjackermn@gmail.com

Check Book Balance – Jan. 1, 2022           \$31,204  
Check Book Balance - Sep. 1, 2022       \$31,715

Significant Activities Jan. 1, 2022 thru Sep. 1, 2022

	Expenses	Revenue
Train Meets	2,972	3000
Membership Dues 2021 (40)		600
Membership Dues 2021 Prepaid (135)		*2025
Membership Dues 2022 (115)		1,725
Membership Dues 2022 Prepaid (37)		*555
Membership Dues 2023 Prepaid (1)		*15
Membership Dues 2023 (9)		135
Membership Expenses & Donations	652	18
Trolley (3 issues)	438	
Web Site & Zoom	447	
Election Expenses		
Membership Meetings	759	
Board Meetings	380	
Miscellaneous Expenses	20	701

\* Note: Revenue and expenses listed as "prepaid" were received or paid before January 1, 2022 and are therefore not accounted for as revenue or expense for 2022 since they are included in the Check Book Balance of January 1, 2022



# 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 Meets.
- 6 Receive quarterly the WB&A Newsletter "The Trolley".
- 7 Access to the chapter facebook page [www.facebook.com/wba.chaptertca](http://www.facebook.com/wba.chaptertca)
- 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.

## WB&A GENERAL BUSINESS Meeting

June 4, 2022

American Legion Patriot Hall Squadron 180  
330 Center Street North, Vienna VA 22180

Meeting Start Time: 10:00 AM

Meeting End Time: 11:45 AM

In Attendance: Tom Salen, John Buxton, Bill Moss, Chuck McGinnis, Carol McGinnis, Bob Gray, Bob Heine, John Buxton, Michael Ackerman, Dave Eadie, John Gomoljak, Galen Goss, Al Marotta, Martin Newdorf, Chuck Almquist, Jerry Olexson, Michael Ferrante, Ted Walton, Joe Bustamante, Charles Gildhaus, Len Brunini, Steve Burket, and Bob Kimmel.

**I. Call to Order/Certification of Quorum** - A quorum being determined, the meeting was called to order by Tom Salen, WB&A President

### II. Reports

**A. President's Report** - Tom Salen opened the meeting by welcoming WB&A members and guests to the General Business Meeting. He noted that the WB&A Board of Directors had been active since our last General Business Meeting in November planning events and activities. Tom introduced Chuck McGinnis, our newest Board member, who will be filling in for Skip Lee until our next elections.

**B. Approval of Minutes** from Previous General

Membership Meeting - Copies of the minutes from the November 2021 WB&A General Business Meeting were distributed to the attendees. Club Secretary, Bob Gray, asked for any additions and corrections and a motion was made for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**C. Treasurer's Report** - Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed. Club Treasurer, Michael Ackerman said that the Club's finances continue to be in good shape. He noted that most of the revenue comes from membership dues. He clarified the accounting process used to document the WB&A's purchase/donation of tables for the Annapolis Show.

**D. Membership Report** - Chairman, Bill Moss, reported that as of June 4, 2022, WB&A membership stands at 225. 185 people have paid for 2021 membership, 126 have paid for 2022, and 3 have paid for 2023. 40 members have not paid their 2021. Bill announced that George Leigh was the winner of the 2021 Train Drawing.

**E. Eastern Division of TCA Report** - Dave Eadie reported that about 8,000 people attended the April York Show including 370 public attendees. He discussed the upcoming elections for Eastern Division Board officers. Dave noted that the cost to run the York Shows is increasing and increased fees are being contemplated. He also noted that the Purple Hall will be for layouts only in the future. Purple Hall vendors will be moved to the Orange Hall. The Yellow Hall will not be used this coming October. Dave and Carol McGinnis discussed the TCA Directory of TCA members that is now available through the TCA website. York Shows will use a 2½ day format in the future. Dave announced that he will not be running for Eastern Division representative again so we need to identify a person to fill this position. Dave reviewed the responsibilities of the position. The next York Show will be held on October 20-22, 2022. Even though the TCA membership is declining, the percentage of members attending the York Show is increasing. Bob Heine noted that WB&A members, via our survey, expressed a preference for a 3-day York Shows over 2-day shows. The group thanked Dave Eadie for his 6 years of service as our Eastern Division Representative.

### III. Ongoing Business

**A. Arbutus Show Update** - John Buxton reviewed the process of transitioning the Arbutus show to a WB&A endeavor. He reported that the WB&A will host the Arbutus Train Show on October 2, 2022. It will run from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Flyers for the event are available and it is currently featured on the WB&A website. There is a possibility of another show in Arbutus in December. John thanked Carol McGinnis for her role in negotiating the transfer. He also asked all members to take flyers for WB&A events and distribute them in their community. Carol McGinnis noted that the Arbutus Show has a long history, going back to 1993. The cost of tables will be \$15.00 for WB&A members and \$20.00 for non-WB&A members. Hopefully, we will have access to space for running layouts.

**B. National Capital Trolley Museum/WB&A Flea Market -**

John Buxton reviewed plans for the parking lot show to be held on July 23rd. Flyers have been produced and will be distributed in the Silver Spring area. Exhibitors will bring their own tables and place them near where their vehicles are parked. The Trolley Museum will receive \$10.00 for each vendor spot in the parking lot.

**C. Annapolis Show 2023** - The Annapolis Show will take place on Sunday, February 26, 2023. Discussions are ongoing with the venue representative regarding costs for 2023. John Gomoljak will be the WB&A Chairperson for this event with Tom Salen assisting. Tom discussed the increasing costs for venues for events.

**D. WB&A Membership Survey** - Tom Salen noted that the response to the survey was excellent with over 50% of members responding. A number of members offered to serve on committees. Bob Gray said that the survey was one half of a process to determine where we are as an organization and where we would like to be in the future. We need to look at what other train clubs are doing to attract new and younger members. The survey revealed that the number one interest of WB&A members was Operating Trains. Michael Ackerman noted that the survey showed that members really like train shows, everyone likes the Trolley Newsletter, very few members want to attend meetings or mini meets. Tom Salen suggested that we rename the Mini Meets as a business meeting. The winners of the drawing for gift cards was announced. That drawing was part of the survey process to encourage responses. Dave Eadie suggested that the WB&A should do a member survey about every ten years. Although the comments made by members on the survey were not available at this meeting, they are listed below.

1. Visits to operating train layouts
2. Have an outdoor flea market with a cookout/picnic
3. Have WB&A social get-togethers
4. Have various open table yard sales
5. A bus trip to Steam Town National Historic Site and/or East Broad Top Railroad
6. Railroad train rides
7. Western Maryland Scenic RR trip
8. Arrange a "multi-day" train trip
9. Have visits to rail sites in our area
10. Have "Skills clinics"
11. Have a WB&A get-together in York, PA
12. Run a train show in Arbutus, MD
13. Display layouts on video or visit layouts in person
14. Have a modeling workshop for children
15. Involve more children in the hobby
16. Have classes and clinics on ZOOM or the Internet
17. Publicize lists off train repair people and dealers
18. Present a history of the WB&A Electric Railway
19. Present history of railroading through models
20. Enhance social networking



The next steps in the process is for the BOD is to analyze the survey results and address future Club activities.

**F. Scale Show** John Buxton described the Scale Show held at the State Fair Grounds in Timonium, MD. He suggested that the WB&A continue to promote events at a table at these shows.

**G. Night at the Ball Park:** Bill Moss reported on the 2022 WB&A Night at the Ball Park. Bill tries to schedule our event when the minor league teams from Baltimore and Washington face off at the Bowie Ball Park. There will be another WB&A ball game event on July 2, 2022.

**H. Non-WB&A Event:** Bob Gray announced that WB&A member Karl Taschenberger will host a non-WB&A event on December 11, 2022 in Bowie, MD.

**I. WB&A Drawings:** A question was raised about future WB&A drawings for a train. Tom Salen said we have tabled our yearly raffle for now.

**J. Elections** for three board members will be held this fall. Next WB&A General Business Meeting will be held on December 12, 2022 at the National Capital Trolley Museum.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

Minutes submitted by: Bob Gray, WB&A Secretary

- “Start Your Day With WB&A” get together in Annapolis on October 10, 2022.
- WB&A Open House/Picnic at the McGinnis Home on October 13, 2022
- The Durbin Train Ride Excursion on September 24, 2022
- WB&A Mini Meet @ National Capital Trolley Museum on November 12, 2022
- The WB&A Arbutus Train Show on December 17, 2022
- The WB&A Annapolis Train Show on February 26, 2023

The WB&A Survey also revealed our members’ areas of interest in rank order from highest to lowest.

1. Operating Toy Trains
2. Collecting Trains
3. Train-Related Research
4. Scale Modeling
5. Railfanning
6. Selling Trains

The Board is committed to including operating layouts in its shows and meets as well as exploring ways to support members’ interest in education and research. Members who have operating layouts are encouraged to share their endeavors through open-houses and video/on-line visits.

Members were asked what they would be interested in learning more about. Two areas were of particular interest. The first area is electrical related, things such as DC, DCC, TMCC, and Legacy. The other area of interest was train repair. Hopefully we can come up with some ideas to address these areas. If you have thoughts on this, please share them.

We will be looking at ways to increase our membership by developing programming that appeals to younger train enthusiasts. To accomplish this, we are exploring what other youth organizations are doing. We have seen Scout groups participating in Maryland Train shows. Again, we welcome your thoughts on this topic.

To close, we were extremely pleased with the level of response to the 2022 WB&A Membership Survey. 120 of our 240 members returned their survey. The Board will continue to refer to the survey as we strive to develop an appreciation of and to preserve an important segment of history - railroading - through research, education, community outreach, fellowship, and to promote the growth and enjoyment of collecting and operating toy, model and scale trains.

## The 2022 WB&A Membership Survey Your Feedback Made a Difference From your WB&A Board of Directors

Whenever I complete a survey, I wonder . . .

1. Where did my feedback go?
2. Did my feedback influence any change?

On the first question, the survey forms were returned to Bob Heine who tabulated the results and recorded all the comments. Bob Gray, then, organized the data for distribution to the WB&A membership. The WB&A Board of Director’s analyzed the survey data at its May and June meetings and the results were presented and discussed at the WB&A General Business meeting held at the Vienna American Legion in June.

On the second question, “Did my feedback influence any change?” the Board of Directors are committed to take direct action based on the survey information.

Here is what members expressed support for and interest in . . .

1. WB&A Train Shows.
2. The Trolley Newsletter
3. The WB&A Website
4. WB&A Excursions
5. WB&A Social Events
6. Local Mini Meets
7. On-line Interest Groups

In response, the WB&A Board has planned the following events.

- National Capital Trolley Museum Meet on July 23, 2022
- The WB&A Arbutus Train Show on October 2, 2022

## In Memoriam

### Stephen Dwight Burket

Stephen Dwight Burket, 75, died at Fair Oaks Hospital on August 6, 2022 from Covid, despite having all available vaccinations.

Steve was born in Altoona, PA, to William





Anthony Burket and Edna Ketner Burket. He grew up in Geeseytown, PA, and graduated from Hollidaysburg Area High School, class of 1965. He received an Associate degree in Agricultural Business from the Pennsylvania State University at the Altoona campus, and a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics at University Park in 1971, where he met his wife, Janice. They were married in 1971 and were fortunate to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Steve went on to obtain a Master of Science degree in Resource Economics from Penn State. He came to the D.C. area in 1974 to work for the International Trade Commission (ITC) as a Trade Analyst, retiring after 31 years. He also managed the Credit Union at the ITC for many years.

Steve was a model train enthusiast, having a layout at home and setting up a layout at the ITC for many Christmases. Having grown up on a farm, he also helped his friend Fred and his family on the Warren family farm in Middleburg, VA. Steve hunted from childhood, and was invariably successful. He supported his sons in Boy Scouts of America as they attained the rank of Eagle.

Steve is survived and will be missed by his wife, Janice, sons Jacob and William, grand-daughters Sary and Piper, and sister, Jane E Kutz, and her family in Hollidaysburg, PA.

### **Phil Graves 69-2485**

In 2019, we celebrated Phil's 50 years as a TCA member. The following pictures were taken at a WB&A mini meet at the Masonic Lodge where Phil was a member.



Phil loved the WB&A and as you can tell, was another lifelong member joining in 1969. There wasn't much he didn't know about trains. Always pleasant to talk to whether on the phone or in person, Phil had a story to tell. Phil offered us a venue for our June General Business Meeting at the Sharon Lodge each year being a member of the KoC. And typical of Phil, when a position on WB&A board could not be filled, he stepped up and became a director for two years. He too was always seen at York every six months when in his 80's, first with a cane, then on a scooter. He too will be missed.



### **James Warrington 72-4768**

Another lifelong member, Jim joined in 1972. Upon, returning from Germany where he met Clem Clement, they both joined the TCA and were permanent fixtures at York, having tables side by side in the Blue Hall.

### **Chaplain James M. Warrington stories**

It was a nice fall day in Kaiserslautern (Ramstein AB,) Germany. I was "flying" at my ugly gray desk wishing I could go real flying up in the sky. The government grounded many of us when we were too old to fly safe or had too many hours of operational service. We were assigned to shuffle paper and manage flying procedures for the younger/luckier: us with all experience to go again down the runways...

The phone rings in our little office of 8 folk and our wonderful secretary answers: Major CLEM, the Chaplain want to "talk". Well, the group phonies razed innocent



me about attending church more, religious work, hitting the donation plate and being a better person. The voice said "when is the next train meet?" It was Chaplain James, who started a 50-year relationship with me and my family. He baptized my young 2 boys, blessed us for many wonderful years and considered us a part of his family

We couldn't be more honored.

We attended 4 train auctions each year: 2 in the spring and two in the fall. Spring auctions were in a hall on the Rhine River near Dusseldorf, and 2 in the fall at the Darmstadt Castle. A participant was a Swiss Count. When the Count raised his bid card, it never went down till he won.

We had to arrive early to get a space inside the Darmstadt Castles' walled yard. Jim and I were struggling to get a good parking space to vend from, the language and the newness of it all. Then I hear a "PVHTT< PVHHOT POW... A '28 Chevy stumbled in to the courtyard with a flat tire. I tell Chaplain James "We got this" I help fix the tire and we befriend the owner, Charles Becker. His driver was Deter Hass, part owner with Charles of Hobby Haus in Frankfort and collector of antique trains and owner/flyer of wooden aircraft and gliders. Chaplain James, Sandy and I attended a Swiss Train Congress hosted by the Count. one season. 102 attendees in a rented castle nearby and enjoyed a formal 7 course banquet and lots of toy trains and real steam train rides and seeing the Count's collection and those of friends over the week there. Both gone now but fast friends of ours.

James wanted the big "57" Marklin passenger cars. I liked the small simple Marklin's at 10 Mark a car. We met in middle with the medium sized cars. Back home, Both James' European and my European cars and those of 103 others were stolen by NETTE of Hartford, Conn. To steal from a WWII Vet (James), military officers and Fellow Americans... Foo on them.

And then there is the rain, the broken F4, fighter plane, pan cakes and The Chaplain. One cold and rainy night, James had a calling. He got up, put on his collar went for some eggs in the dining hall, grabs a pan-tray of flat cake, his trusty Bible, and rain togs and trudged to the soaked flight line. Under a dripping wing of the broken fighter, he held the flashlight, and the pan cake as he and the wet repair man caught-up on doings of the Lord, HIS guidance and love for a wet, chilly airman and munched stale cake. The airplane flew the next morning as the maintenance guy warmly sleep in his dormitory as Chaplain James came to work a little late and was counseled for lateness. Lead on, Chaplain James.

At baptism time for our dear little baby Joe (Now a PHD) swathed in a little suit, Chaplain James was on scene. The baby was yallering and mom was hanging 2.0 outa ten. The Man walked up the center isle of the base chapel and lovingly picked up Joe. The child instantly snuggled and piped down to the booming voice of Chaplain James. HE was there as of course; it is His House. The gathered crowd was frozen in place. Chaplain James said mighty words and all was good. Baby Joe now has a PHD, and a lovely family. At their wedding, the judge who bride Wendee had clerked

for, had heard that Chaplain James and I had a train collection and ordered that antique trains be brought to the wedding. So, after nuptials, as the ladies in the group were gathered around happy Wendee, the Judge held court and we men played trains. (Gotta do what the judge orders.) HE was there as of course; it is His House. The gathered crowd was frozen in place. Chaplain James said mighty words and all was good.

We came back to new England in the summer of '75. Jim returned to a Texas assignment and DC area duties. He did back-To-back 18-month KIA funeral tours at Arlington National Cemetery (I can't imagine the heart pain he felt. What a champion.) After the ceremony, Chaplain James was beside himself with giggles!! It seems on a recent trip to Israel, I had found a hip flask, washed it out 50 feet on the Jordan River from its terminus in the Dead Sea. Reeds kept me from getting any closer. Baby Joe got his splash from the River Jordan. Chaplain James had asked if for the water back after the ceremony. The priest in the next service had thrown the water, saying he wanted cleansed water. James chuckled as he told the other religion that he had tossed real River Jorden water...

In 1976, he drove to my home in Jersey, met my mother and stayed at my family home. We did the TCA national convention. Mother thought there was hope for me...

After I moved to Virginia, Chaplain James and I were a pair at many train meets. We traveled the highways between our homes and Maurer's auction house in PA, 3.5 hours away, grabbing farm eggs and bacon at the Ridge Restaurant, location of the "Molly, the cow" episode. Next to the Ridge was the local farmer's market. Molly, the plaster cow on wheels, stood guard if the market was open, and went inside if not. The joining pasture was sold for to be housing area. The new rich owner wanted to close the Ridge restaurant but the farmers around there said no, as they all met there for eggs on Saturday and after school the kids walked by, patted Molly and grabbed some ice cream. When Molly came up for auction the rich owner bid her way up. When things slowed down, a doubled strap- buttoned.

One local farmer in overalls stood up as raised the bid. The rich guy raised as did the farmer, the rich guy wacked in a bigger bid and the second farmer stood up. The little kids offered their nickels and dimes and Molly won the Day as all stood cheering. Molly the cow was escorted/pushed up the hill to the middle school and stands today by the flag pole. Hungering for the sacred hand-pats from her kids. Golly, I miss those days.

For years, James was my copilot for parading in old Washington, DC. We were in the spring cherry blossom parade, Memorial Day parade and one time the HOT July 4th celebration. He loved showing my

top-down 1930 MODEL A Cabriolet and letting the pretty parade ladies sit in the seat during pre-parade warmups. One cherry blossom parade, he, protected by a poncho and steel helmet, played General Patton by standing the entire length of the parade. His crowd screamed cheers as he passed. Chaplain James was on duty. James away bought lunch after the parades at the Metro dinner and, when we broke down, he was the step-and-fetch-it tool guy.

At the huge antique car show in Hershey, I had booths in the flea market to buy/sell trains and car parts and provide free advice to the love-lorn. Low and behold one booth had two "Rubber Ducks" for sale. The junker dealer did not know what they were. James misted as he held one. Mine rides on the license of my model A Ford as a tag-topper for those who served in WWII.

As I write, I hear his laugh and feel his warn hand on my shoulder as I plod on in the hands of Chaplain James. He baptized our two boys. He attended our oldest son's wedding to Ms. Wendee in Kansas City and sent prayed to our youngest at his Spanish wedding to Ms. Rebecca.

They, like Chaplain James, don't come along very often and we are eternally blessed by his words.  
Clem

### **Eastern Division-TCA Report Dave Eadie**

As you all know. I have served as your WB&A Chapter Representative to Eastern Division for the past six years. I have decided its time to not run again in this Fall's WB&A elections. This was not an easy decision I assure you but the right one for me. So, please consider running for this position to represent your WB&A at York. One perk is that Eastern Division will pay your expenses for the week at York in including hotel, per diem and mileage. Some of the responsibilities you will have include attending the Board meeting on Tuesday of York week prior to the meet opening. In addition, there are usually one or two Zoom Board meetings prior to each York Meet as well. You will also be asked to submit a written report on the activities of the WB&A Chapter for the current year and you should submit an occasional article for the WB&A Trolley newsletter that informs chapter members of any York Show updates and changes. One of the other assignments I had was organizing and coordinating the Lost & Found activities at each York Show. For the most part, Lost and Found is administered by the York Registration desk in the Silver Hall. You would provide Eastern Division with a report listing those item "lost" and those items "found". So, please do consider representing the WB&A Chapter and being being a part of the York Meet Show.

And thanks again for allowing me to serve as your Chapter's Representative to Eastern Division these past six years. It was a great experience I will treasure.

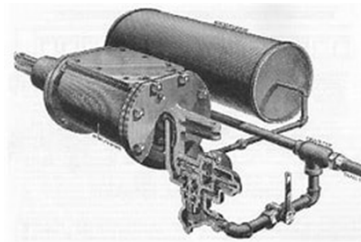


### **Membership Moments by Bill Moss**

We have scheduled more WB&A train shows and social events such as Breakfasts, an Open House, and a Train Excursion. Please visit our Website ([wba-tca-eastern.org](http://wba-tca-eastern.org)) for more information and consider attending our events and volunteering to help at one or more of our shows. We need your help as our membership decreases. Three members have passed away and several have decided to leave the TCA and WB&A for health reasons. So far this year 17 members have still not paid last year's (2021) dues. We have sent out Dues Reminder Letters and have extended the 2021 dues deadline to November 31, 2022. Please check your membership card to see if you have a 2021 sticker attached. If you wish to continue your membership, please send in your dues by using the Membership Renewal Form in this Trolley. We have also formed several committees recently, including a Membership Committee. This has made it easier for me to step back from the Membership Chair after six years.

Thank you for your cooperation over the years. I have enjoyed working with everyone and look forward to seeing you at our future shows.

### **Historian's Corner: Stop that Train!**



#### **Air brakes**

Let me take you back to before 1873. Trains are across the world. Rails of wood have been found in China dating 2200 years ago, in 1515 a funicular railway was constructed in Austria, and in 1758 the world's oldest operational railway in Leeds, England. Methods of stopping these trains varied with one of the most prevalent being a brakeman on each car. These railroad employees had to listen for and react to a brake whistle coming from the engineer. They would then use a screw and linkage device to individually slow their car.

Along came 1876 and the first automatic air brake was invented by George Westinghouse that revolutionized the railroad industry, making braking a safer venture and thus permitting trains to travel at higher speeds. Westinghouse made many alterations to improve his invention leading to various forms of the automatic brake.

After other improvements in 1893 public outcry lead to the initiation by Congress of **Railroad Safety Appliance Act** which made both of these inventions (Couplers from April, 2022 Trolley article and Air Brakes) mandatory on all trains in the United States.

Yours in "Training".

By Carol Redman McGinnis, #HE95-41066



## ***Doodlebugs*** ***By Bob Gray***

In the 17th Century people who were a little goofy, were called doodlebugs. Adults who play with model trains might be considered a little bit goofy. But WB&A members all know that “Doodlebugs” are, in fact, self-propelled locomotives. They were used for pulling or, sometimes, pushing individual rail cars.

There really is an insect called a doodlebug that gets its name from another definition of the term that describes a person who likes to draw. As these ant-like creatures move through the sand, their big butts drag behind them, leaving behind scribbly little trails that resemble drawings or doodlings.

In 1840s America, a “doodlebug” referred to Y-shaped branches of trees that were said to be able to locate oil deposits. They were just scams, as miraculous oil detecting technology did not actually exist. Nefarious salesmen who peddled such devices came to be known as “doodlebuggers.”

Another form of Doodlebug zoomed into Britain during World War II. They were the V-1 flying bombs, otherwise known as “doodlebugs” that Nazi Germany deployed against Britain with devastating effect before countermeasures were developed that made the bomb planes essentially obsolete. The bombs got their misleadingly whimsical nickname from the sound of their pulsejet engines as they flew overhead.

Finally, we get to the railroad-related “Doodlebugs.” In the early 20th century, short rail lines railroads used self-propelled train cars that were known as “doodlebugs.”

Below is the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway M160 that ran regular service up until 1967. The service ran from Carlsbad to Clovis by way of Roswell. The consist was normally a passenger car and the engine. The engine was typically a “doodlebug” which was built by the Brill Motorcar Company as a gas-electric 535 HP.



Popular with small railroads, they provided passenger and rail service at lower cost than a train with a locomotive and coaches with larger crews. The name “Doodlebug” is derived from the perceived insect-like appearance of the units, as well as the slow speeds at which they wobbled or doodled down the tracks. Early models were usually powered by a gasoline engine, with either a mechanical drive train or a generator providing

electricity to traction motors.

Due to their compact size, Doodlebug models are attractive to model train fans. They allow us to pack a lot of action in small layouts. I have sprinkled a few pictures of small-scale Doodlebugs throughout this article.



MTH RailKing O Gauge Doodlebug

In later years, it was common for the full-sized doodlebugs to be repowered with a diesel engine. Doodlebugs sometimes pulled an unpowered trailer car, but were more often used singly. They were popular with some railroads during the first part of the 20th century to provide passenger and mail service on lightly used branch lines at less expense than with a train consisting of a locomotive and coaches with larger crew. Several railroads, mostly small regional and local networks, provided their main passenger services through doodlebugs in a cost-cutting effort.



MTH 30-2158-0 Pennsylvania Doodlebug

The Electro-Motive Company of Cleveland, Ohio made Doodlebugs in the 1920s, but by their very nature they were under-powered for the applications some purchasers chose to use the for. By the early 1930s the railroads had purchased 500 of the doodlebug motorcars, virtually all of them being misused.

The Doodlebug disaster was a railway accident that occurred on July 31, 1940, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in the United States. A Pennsylvania Railroad, gasoline-powered “doodlebug” passenger rail car collided head-on with a freight train; the impact and resulting fire caused the deaths of all but three of the 46 onboard.



Lionel 2235090 O Christmas Lionchief Plus 2.0 Doodlebug



The earliest history of the doodlebug can be traced back to the General Electric in 1904. It was then that the company's engineers realized that there may be a market for self-propelled rail cars in the railroad industry. They were quite different from similar cars used by the interurban and streetcar industry, which were powered by standard electricity.



Lionel Maryland & Pennsylvania Doodlebug

In Europe, steam powered doodlebugs were built in Germany, France and Czechoslovakia. They were generally referred to as a Kittel rail car. Gasoline and diesel-powered models were also developed. The steam powered Kittel was put into service in many places throughout Europe. Marklin currently offers a model of Kittel rail car.



Bachmann 81403 Santa Fe Doodlebug

In conclusion, in the early 20th century, short rail lines that were in light use would employ single, self-propelled train cars that were known as "doodlebugs." These autonomous cars were a welcome alternative to large locomotives.

**Note:** For more on Doodlebugs check out "EMC delivers first doodlebug motorcar" by Preston Cook in the April 7, 2022 issue of Classic Trains.

### **WB&A Month by Month Calendar**

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**\*October 2, 2022 WB&A Arbutus Firehall Train Meet**  
5200 Southwestern Blvd, Arbutus, MD 21227  
9 AM – 1 PM

**October 15,16, 2022 Great Scale Show,** Timonium  
Fairgrounds, Baltimore, MD WB&A TABLE

**October 20, 21, 22, 2022 YORK TRAIN SHOW,**  
334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA 17404 (hosted by  
Eastern Division)  
Thursday Noon - 5 PM Member Halls Noon -  
6:30 PM Vendor Halls

Friday 9 AM - 5 PM Member Halls 9 AM -  
6:30 PM Vendor Halls

Saturday 9 AM – 2 PM Member Halls 9 AM -  
3 PM Vendor Halls

**\*November 12, 2022 WB&A Mini Meet** (Meet and  
Business Meeting), National Capital Trolley  
Museum

**December 10, 2022 Bowie Train Show** (sponsored by  
MMRC)

**\*December 17, 2022 WB&A Arbutus Firehall Train Meet,**  
5200 Southwestern Blvd, Arbutus, MD 21227  
9 AM – 1 PM

**February 4, 5, 2023 Great Scale Show,** Timonium  
Fairgrounds, Baltimore, MD WB&A TABLE

**\*February 26, 2023 WB&A Annapolis Elks Club Train  
Show,** 2 Pythian Dr, Edgewater, MD 21037

**April 20, 21, 22, 2023 YORK TRAIN SHOW,** 334 Carlisle  
Ave., York, PA 17404 (hosted by Eastern  
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Friday 9 AM - 5 PM Member Halls 9 AM -  
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**June 2023 TCA National Convention,** Burlington, VT  
69<sup>th</sup> Convention

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Oct. 15, 2022	Northern Virginia Model Railroaders
Oct. 15-16, 2022	Great Scale Show, Timonium Fairgrounds
Oct. 20-22, 2022	Eastern Div. York Meet, York Fairgrounds
Nov. 6, 2022	Gaithersburg RR Show & Sale, Montgomery Fair
Nov. 12, 2022	WB&A Mini Meet, National Capital Trolley Mus.
Nov. 12, 2022	Northern Virginia Model Railroaders
Nov. 16, 2022	Start Your Day w/WB&A, 9-11, Panera, Vienna, VA
Nov. 28, 2022	Northern Virginia Model Railroaders
Dec. 10, 2022	Bowie Train Show
Dec. 14, 2022	Start Your Day w/WB&A, 10-12, Webers Parkville, MD
Dec. 17, 2022	Northern Virginia Model Railroaders
Feb. 4-5, 2023	Great Scale Show, Timonium Fairgrounds
Feb. 26, 2023	WB&A Annapolis Elks Club Train Show
Apr. 20-22, 2023	Eastern Div. York Meet, York Fairgrounds

### ***Start Your Day w/ WB&A***

“Start Your Day w/ WB&A” are informal get-togethers of model train enthusiasts at local morning gathering spots to socialize and talk about trains. These events are the result of a suggestion made by a member attending a WB&A General Business Meeting about a year ago.

Members and guests are invited to attend. Attendees are encouraged to bring a railroad item for discussion. These gatherings provide an excellent opportunity to share information regarding local events as well as TCA, TCA/Eastern Division, and WB&A activities.

All WB&A members are invited to pick a location and schedule a “Start Your Day w/ WB&A” get-together. Just contact Bob Gray at [bgray5002@yahoo.com](mailto:bgray5002@yahoo.com). to spread the word.

Following is the schedule for “Start Your Day w/ WB&A” get-togethers.

- Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 9:00 am at Grumps Café in Gambrills, Md.
- Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 9:00 am at Panera Bread in Vienna, VA.
- Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 9:00 am at Weber's Cider Mill Farm, Parkville, Md.

Check the WB&A website for details; [wba-tca-eastern.org](http://wba-tca-eastern.org).







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# WB&A ARBUTUS FIREHALL TRAIN MEET

## Sunday, October 2, 2022

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## Annapolis Train Show

**February 26, 2023**

Annapolis Elks Lodge  
2 Pythian Drive  
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10:00 AM To 3:00 PM

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 am. Exclusive access for members.



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