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

WHO NEEDS A HOBBY TODAY?

A good friend, Brian Reilly, sent me an article on why so few people have hobbies today and what may be causing this loss of a great activity that most Americans shared until recent times. I thought I would share it and some of my thoughts with you, my fellow club members and train hobbyists.

Not so long ago folks came home from work, ate dinner and many went to the basement, a workshop or study to pursue their hobby. Why did they do this? Simply put, there was nothing else to do and hobbies offered a creative and satisfying pastime that offered relief from the sameness in everyday life of fifty or sixty years ago. Hobbies not only gave us a happy diversion from daily life but also conveyed a sense of pride and accomplishment that enriched our lives. Television changed all that and it has been down hill ever since. Years ago, sons and daughters observed and even participated in mom and dad's hobbies thus sustaining an interest in what they were doing that often followed into adulthood. The sense of accomplishment and pride, whether it was construction of a train layout or mom's garden, resulted in something tangible that we could hold up to the world and say "I created that". Computers, electronic games, cell phones (kids spend hours on theses) and demon TV have all resulted in the near death of the Hobby. For years all of us in toy train collecting have anguished over declining membership and what we fear may be the demise of our hobby with so few young people joining TCA and getting into trains. I had almost given up bringing new blood on board when Brian's article made something click in my mind.

A few months ago another old friend of mine, who had seen my layout many times, decided he wanted to give model trains a try. The first thing I did was invite him to York. We all know that anyone who has any interest in toy trains will be hooked if they

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Treasurer's Report As of December 31, 2008

Happy New Year. Wishing all of you a great 2009. We are posed for a great year in 2009 as we continue to have our two train meets at Annapolis and Kena Temple. The lead up to Christmas in 2008 meant my involvement for the fourth year in the National Christmas Tree Railroad. Starting after Thanksgiving, G-Gauge trains are set up around the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse in front of the White House. The trains were running daily during December. Next year, take the time to come down to the Ellipse and see the trains. It's quite a sight to see! Thank you for all your support in 2008. The Chapter's financial activities for 2008 are summarized below. If you have any questions or comments feel free 703-927-9843 contact m e a t to o r glen.mackinnon@verizon.net. - Glenn

Significant Activities January 1, 2008 thru August 25, 2008					
6	Expenses	Revenue			
MD Armory February 08 Meet	\$2,572	\$2,879			
MD Armory February 09 Meet	\$325	\$0			
Kena Temple December 08	\$3,127	\$3,158			
Mini-Meets 08	\$915	\$0			
Altoona Trip	\$3,704	\$3,730			
Newsletter 08	\$3,072	\$1,240			
Membership Dues 08	\$273	\$5,671			
Membership Dues 09	\$98	\$1,890			
Kids Korner	\$468	\$506			
WB&A Web Site	\$354	\$0			
Secretarial Expenses	\$77	\$0			
Treasurer Expenses	\$85	\$0			
2010 Convention	\$4,000	\$0			
Postal Museum Show	\$330	\$0			
Election 08	\$71	\$0			
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$658	\$0			
Checkbook Balance Decembe	er 31, 2008	\$11,874.56			
Certificate of Deposit (4.369	\$2,139.72				

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Secretary's Report for August 20, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Art Tate at 7:00 PM. The Secretary verified that we had a quorum present and any votes taken at this meeting are binding.

Voting Members in attendance were as follows: Art Tate, Nancy Tentzeras, Glenn MacKinnon, Nicholas Tentzeras, Dan Danielson, Mary Jackson, Pete Jackson, and Carol McGinnis.

Non-Voting Member in attendance was as follows: David Martino

Items that the Board discussed included the following:

- Treasurer Glenn MacKinnon reported that the checking account balance as of August 20th is \$12,025.87 and the CD has a balance of \$2,093.67. We have made a \$4000 disbursement to the 2010 convention.
- Membership Director Carol McGinnis reported that we currently have 343 members; and that 24 members have not renewed from 2007 who have been dropped.
- Art reported on the Financial Request from Jane Boyce for items for the museum, the board expressed waiting until after the 2010 convention before committing to anything.
- Dan reported that he is finalizing the slate of candidates for the 2009—2010 term which includes thus far Mary Jackson. He also state that Nicholas Tentzeras expressed running for Eastern Division Representative. It was decided to leave the 2 vacant Board of Directors position vacant until the end of the year..
- Dan gave an update on the 2010 convention and the 1st fundraiser is underway for the Phillips Seafood Truck.
- Pete reported that a contract has been signed for 5 years with Kena Temple to continue holding our Holiday train meet in December. Seven tables have been sold thus far.
- There was discussion about future chapter outings and it was suggested to stick to day trips over a weekend trip. We are looking a holiday day trip to visit the local holiday train layouts at the College Park Aviation Museum, Botanical Gardens, and the Ellipse.
- Pete and Mary reported that they need door prizes and snacks for Kids Korner @ York; looking to set-up Thursday morning.
- Dave Martino reported on the various happenings at Eastern Division.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM. Next meeting will be October 29th, 2008 at the home of Carol and Chuck McGinnis. The Secretary's Report was accepted as Published.

Respectfully Submitted, Nicholas Tentzeras, Secretary

Who Needs a Hobby Today? - continued from page 1

ever see York. My friend was immediately enthralled and forever captivated by what he saw. He joined TCA and WB&A the same day. The next week we were at the lumber vard buying materials for the bench work of a new layout we would build for him. He tried to enlist his son-in-law to help him but the young man was unenthusiastic until he saw my layout and the new electronics. Seeing what great possibilities trains presented, he was bitten by the bug and helped his father-in-law complete the layout while designing new track patterns on his computer. The young man is not quite ready for TCA yet (he hasn't seen York) but the seed has been planted. Another friend saw the new layout and he was submitted his name for membership in WB&A. Something has happened here that I may have missed over the years. We must actively seek out friends, relatives, etc. who may have interests in hobbies they are not even aware of Recruit them, show them your layout (whose eyes don't light up when they see a train display?), *take them to York*, and expose as many people as you can to our hobby. I unconsciously did this and brought three new participants into toy train collecting. Train collecting has brought new friends and experiences into my life that I never knew existed. When our friends see what wonderful encounters await them, they may join us in our fun and bring new insight to our hobby.

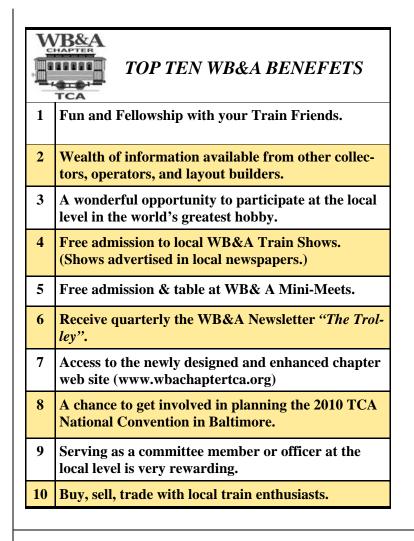
So get out there and show them what they're missing. You'll both love it.

Art Tate, President



Upcoming Train Shows

Train Show/Meet	Date (s)	Contact
Annapolis Armory	Feb 14, 09	410.974.0373
York, PA	Apr 23 - 25	302.674.5797
VA Mini Meet	June 7	WB&A Only
York, PA	Oct 15 - 17	302.674.5797
MD Mini-Meet	Nov. 7	WB&A Only
Kena Temple	Dec 12	703-455-6154



Congratulations

to the newly elected Board of Directors for the 2009 – 2010 term

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Eastern Division Representative

Dan Danielson

A BIG Thank You for volunteering to serve the Chapter!!

Historian's Corner by Carol Redman McGinnis

A look back in history gives us the opportunity to reflect on what has gone before. It also allows us to learn more about new things, or in this case old things. Our TCA was born in 1954, 10 years after the end of WWII. Train manufacturing can be broken down into pre-war (1901—1942) post war (1945—1969), and modern era (1970—2000). As train collectors and operators many of us are familiar with some of the pre war era manufacturing lines such as Lionel, Bachman, Ives, and American Flyer. We know about post war era manufacturers such as Lionel, Bachman, and Marx. An then there are the modern manufacturers such as MTH (Mike's Train House), Williams, S-Helper, Atlas, and Lionel. But we need to learn about the other manufacturer's that build and maintain this industry. And I'll be the first to let you that I probably have mixed up my metaphors here.

What do you know about McCoy (1957—1998)? Would they be considered postwar or modern? And what about Beggs or Bassett-Lowke? I remember riding Buddy-L around the yard a couple of different times. Where do they fit into this scheme? While I know that some of you know the answers to these questions it's up to you to share those answers with the rest of us. TCA is all about the exchange of information and knowledge so let's keep it rolling!

The National Toy Train Museum in Strasburg, Pennsylvania is a place for all of this reflection to fill us all with awe and wonder. This foundation of our hobby provides us with the chance to see many of the trains that brought us to where we are today. There are over 350 manufacturers of trains represented in the collection at the museum, yes I said 350! Consider how amazing that is that these trains are preserved, catalogued, and available to the public, and to you. In tandem is the National Toy Train Library that houses catalogs, quarterlies, newsletters, and magazines documenting the trains that we all love. Take advantage of this resource and keep their doors open. Let your division presidents know that the hours of operation for the museum and library need to be kept as they are, for you the member (s) to visit.

Keeping the wheels down and the smoke up.

55th ANNUAL TCA CONVENTION SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA JUNE 28TH—JULY 5TH 2009 Hosted by the DESERT DIVISION FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT http://www.tcaaz2009.org



The challenge is to grow TCA by 1500 to 2000 new members over the next year in the 2009 "WIN BIG" Membership Drive, which is running from November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009. You and the Eastern Division are automatically entered to win from \$50 up to \$1000 when a Division member signs an application for new member. Check out the member, Division, quarterly and Grand Prizes below.

WIN \$50, \$100, \$200, \$500—Even \$1000

Member Prizes

\$50 Gift Certificates to TCA Museum Store awarded <u>each quarter</u> to two current TCA member recruiters.

\$200 Check awarded at the 2009 TCA National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ, by random drawing from all participating members.

Division Prizes

\$200 Gift Certificates to the TCA Museum Store, awarded each quarter to two Divisions.

\$200 Check awarded at the 2009 TCA National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ, to the Division recruiting the greatest number of new members to date.

\$200 Check awarded at the 2009 TCA National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ to Division recruiting the greatest percentage of new members to date.

Grand Prizes—awarded at the end of the membership drive on October 31, 2009

\$100 Gift Certificates awarded to top 10 TCA individual member recruiters.

\$500 Check awarded to the Division recruiting the greatest number of new members.

\$500 Check awarded to the Division recruiting the greatest percentage of new members.

\$1000 Check awarded by random drawing from all participating TCA members.

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

Tall Tales, Mainly They Were True... by Boxcar Brian

We'll Have No More of That on My Train

In the days of steam, Mike Gentleman was hog-head for the U.P.'s Challenger on the first leg of her run west from Omaha to Grand Island, Nebraska. A large man, over six feet tall and 300 plus pounds; he was gregarious with a booming voice that garnered immediate attention from anyone within ear range. Holly couldn't cast any better for the role.

His young fireman related this story. On a cold Nebraska night's run he was "firing" for Uncle Mike. The "captain" of the train sat near the firebox as one would expect. In the days before stokers, on cold nights, the fireman had a routine. After shoveling in a scoop of coal to the boiler, he would briefly warm his front. He would then turn to his right to warm his left side. Then to the right again to warm his back as he scooped out a shovel full of coal to feed the boiler. Then to his right again, with the shovel full of coal to warm his right side. By now, dear reader you know the drill. . .

While he was warming his backside, he surreptiously removed a flash from his pocket and took a quick nip "to warm his innards."

Old Timer Mike roared out, while thrusting his hand toward his fireman, "What have we here?" The fireman dutifully handed over the near-full flask. [It was a long run on a very cold night, so it had to last until Grand Island.] Uncle Mike raised it to his lips, "Gurgle, gurgle, gurgle" and down it went.

He then handed the near-empty flask back to his fireman and admonished him, "WE'LL HAVE NO MORE OF THAT ON MY TRAIN!" In relating that story to his friends, the then young fireman at the time had said to himself, "*I certainly hope not*."

Since I'm a toy train hobbyist, I usually inquire what a true RR man's hobby is. During prohibition, Uncle Mike's was distilling bathtub gin and brewing his own beer at home. Later in life he loved to play cards and smoked a smelly pipe which he laid out on a napkin on his card table to frequently scrape and clean out the crust which didn't smell very good either. My Aunt Nell, my Dad's elder sister, would warn friends, "Don't play cards with him, he cheats." [Rest in peace, Uncle Mike.]

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WB&A Mini-Meet & General Membership Meeting Sunday June 07th, 2009 Kemper—Macon Ware Lodge 411 Little Falls, Falls Church, VA Mini—Meet 9:00 AM — Business Meeting 10:30 AM

Membership Moments by Carol Redman McGinnis

Membership for 2008 has climbed to 349 as of November 25th. This is our largest membership in many years. This number does not include three members who have resigned in order to run for Director at Large of Eastern Division. Dues collected are over \$5600 and we have already collected almost \$1,000 for 2009. In addition we have received two donations from Paul Dean and Charles Almquist. Thanks guys.

One hundred seventeen members have already paid for 2009, so we are just past one third of the way and it's merely the end of November. By the time you get this newsletter Kena Temple will be history and I anticipate that we'll get many more renewals then.

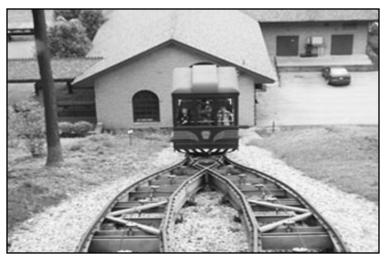
Keep your dues up to date. If you have not renewed this will be your LAST newsletter. Also, you will be getting a postcard and/or an email reminding you to send your dues in. Share your newsletters with interested people, and use the application to solicit new members. Word of mouth is our most powerful tool, and you are the ones to make this happen. Keep the Membership Director aware of address, phone number, and/or email changes so that our records are accurate. We always want to be able to get in touch to let you know about trips, meets, and other events.

Keeping the wheels down and the smoke up, Carol McGinnis, Membership Director

WB&A 2008 YEAR IN REVIEW



Kids having fun at Annapolis Meet February 9th, 2008.



Riding Funicular up to horseshoe curve May 17th, 2008.



Building dreams in the name of trains June 7th, 2008.



Playing trains at the Postal Museum June 14th, 2008.



MD Mini-Meet & Membership Meeting November 08, 2008.



Pete & Art discussing logistics at Kena Meet Dec. 13, 2008.

Stan's Trolley Tidbits THE START OF THE END OF THE STREET CAR

Street cars were in Baltimore City for 104 years, until it's rebirth in 1992 with the start of Light Rail.

But there were early signs that they would end in February 1915. Something appeared in Baltimore City that was named the "Jitney". It was basically a truck body with benches on it. During this time there was high unemployment and soon there were many of these Jitneys running the route of the street cars. In today's world you would have people operating taxis in private automobiles and they are called hackers. During this time period there was nothing like the Public Service Commission like there is today.

In July 1915, the United Railway and Electric Companies created a few subsidiaries, one called the City Motor Co., which went head to head with the Jitneys. The other was called the Baltimore Transit Co., which you will hear about later. This line went into the well to do neighborhood like North Charles St. and Lake Roland Park.

Shortly there after, the United States entered World War 1. There was a tremendous increase in passenger service, especially to the Bethlehem Ship yards.

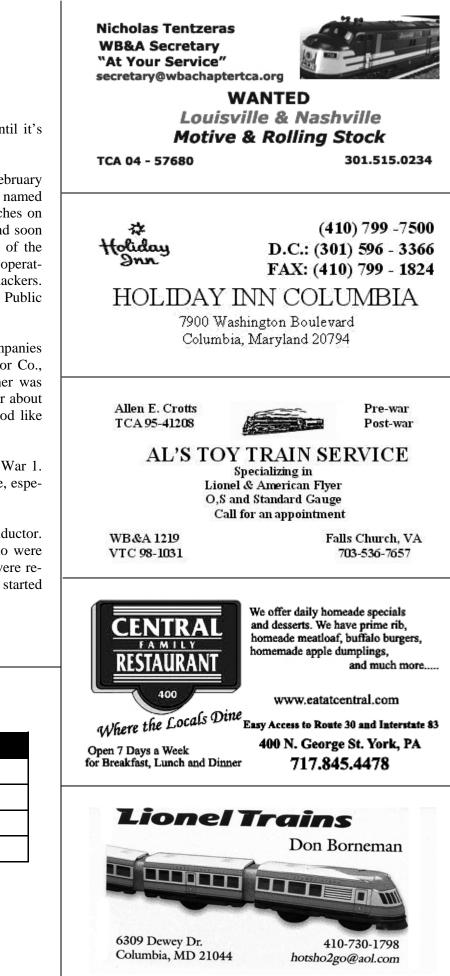
Also during this time there was a first women conductor. There was about 100 to 125 female conductors, who were known as conductorettes. After World War 1, they were reduced by natural attrition, but when World War II started they were permitted to operate street cars again.

To be Continued!

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WB&A Chapter—TCA Hosts 2010 National TCA Convention

Plans for the 2010 National TCA Convention in Baltimore, MD are moving along at an 'ahead-of-theschedule' pace.

Most recently John Caron's Tour Committee selected Greensprings Tours to manage and coordinate tours during convention week. John initially interviewed ten tour, bus, and/or destination management companies in the Baltimore area. Thanks, John, for your superb leadership of this very important convention component!

WB&A Chapter's first convention fundraiser — a die cast Phillips Seafood truck — has been a great success. Only a few of the 300 trucks produced are still available. Contact Dan Danielson (703.743.2152 or postwar@comcast.net) if you want one. The truck is \$15.95 + shipping.

Dan Rollyson's Convention Car Committee will present the final selection of cars at the upcoming Convention Planning meeting. You'll want to see them!

The next meeting of the entire convention planning committee will be held Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 1:00 pm in the Heritage Hunt Clubhouse, Gainesville, VA. Contact Dan for directions. There are volunteer opportunities for every WB&A member — some now and some during the convention. Family and friends are encouraged to join in this grand adventure. Please join us to learn about all the exciting plans! Light refreshments will be served.

Happy New Year!

Hope and Dan Danielson 2010 Convention Co-Chairs

Dan and Eileen Rollyson 2010 Convention Co-Chairs

We extend our Deepest Sympathies to Carol McGinnis and her Family on the passing of their mother, Jody Redman, widow of the late Lou Redman (CM-3), a founding member of TCA; she too was actively involved in TCA. She will truly be missed by many who knew her.

Beltsville Mini– Meet November 8, 2008

Our Fall WB&A Mini-Meet was held in Beltsville on Saturday, November 8, 2008 from 9 AM—1:30 PM. Yes, it lasted 30 minutes longer than planned, but that can be credited to everyone enjoying themselves. We had many members in attendance, and interesting trains on the tables, as well as good conversation and discussion. If you missed it you should make sure to attend next year. We had 2 new members from Annapolis join and one former member rejoin. Welcome to all!

The Board of Directors ballots were counted and the results announced. See the membership minutes for those results. Thanks to Glenn MacKinnon, Frank Vacek, and new member Bob Ferguson. The membership discussed the bylaws about elections and decided to allow ballots that were received up through November 8th to count toward the results. With the USPS mailing process there were several members who did not receive their newsletters, and therefore their ballots, in time to meet the October deadline for mailing them back. Any ballot received by November 8th was accepted into the count. This allowed all members to have their votes count.

There were several new, unwrapped toys collected for the Marines Corps Toys For Tots Campaign and were delivered. Thanks to all who contributed. Six dozen donuts, numerous pots of coffee disappeared as did six pizzas and several subs. With all of this no one ate the pretzels!

Carol McGinnis, Mini-Meet Director

CONGRATULATIONS

TO WB&A MEMBER,

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TCA NATIONAL PRESIDENT

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

Do you have an article or train tip that you would like to share with your fellow WB&A Chapter members? 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 via email to newsletter_editor@wbachaptertca.org or via US mail to Nancy Tentzeras WB&A Newsletter Editor, 12453 Quail Woods Drive, Germantown, MD 20874.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR 2009 TROLLEY

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> Baltimore, MD Annandale, VA Elkridge, MD Annapolis, MD Annapolis, MD Easton, MD Rosedale, MD Columbia, MD Warrenton, VA Oak Hill, VA

Help us in recruiting your train friends to be new members!

Share the Train Hobby with a friend, invite them to a WB&A Meet, activity, and/or share this newsletter with them.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for my recent election to the Board of Directors. I will do my best to serve WB&A!

STEVE BURKET



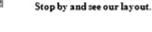
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Eastern Division President's Message Sam Geiser

Greetings All:

Congratulations to our new Eastern Division Board of Directors and a big thank you to all who voted. As of January 1st, 2009 the following individuals took office as the new Eastern Division leadership.

> President: Sam Geiser Vice President: Brian Reilly Secretary: John Zobel Treasurer: Jim Kronz Director: Lee Wood Director: Dave Goodhart Director Peter Primiani

We are all very excited by the outcome of the election and look forward to serving the Division and TCA.

As we have done in the past, I have scheduled a meeting of our newly elected Board for the 3rd week of January to get acquainted, review our management and administrative requirements and the Division's goals and objectives. I will also be proposing candidates to the Board for the approval for various committee chairman positions.

I and our board wish you a very happy holiday and a healthy New Year.

Happy Trails to all, Sam Geiser Eastern Division President



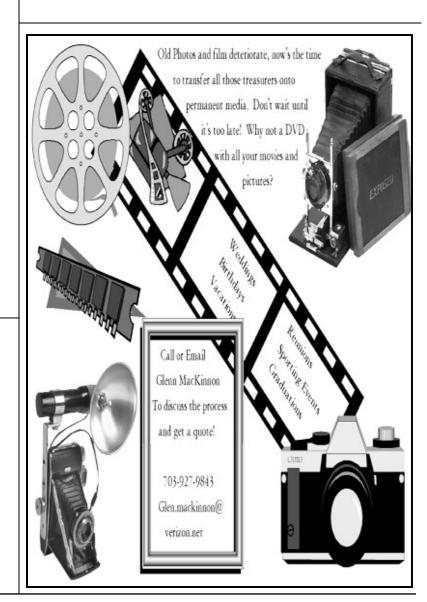
Have you renewed your WB&A membership or received your 2009 sticker? If not, please do so ASAP so you can still receive the great benefits we offer including this newsletter you are reading. Spring York Meet is Just Around the Corner

April 23rd—25th 2009

A time to renew great friendships, memories and have a lot of fun, all in the name of trains.

for more information http://www.easterntca.org

Look forward to seeing everyone there!



Nancy Tentzeras WB&A Newsletter Editor 12453 Quail Woods Drive Germantown, MD 20874-1545

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