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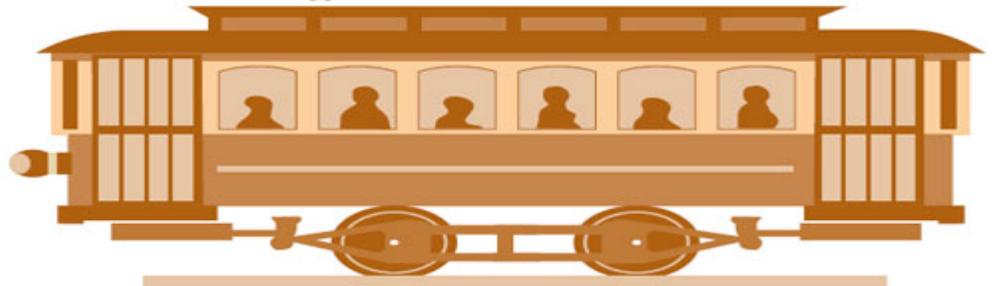
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WELCOME TO BAWLMER!

ALL ABOARD.... NEXT STOP CAMDEN STATION, BALTIMORE... for the **56th TCA National Convention**. It is with great pleasure that the WB&A Chapter is hosting the many TCA members and their families from around the world June 20th - June 27th. By the time of this publication, seven years of planning and organizing a very memorable convention, filled with exciting tours, dinner cruise, welcome party, public displays, trading pits, auctions, and activities for the ladies as well as children, will have come to a conclusion.

Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who had a hand in ensuring that this years convention was truly a success under the direction of co-chairs, Dan & Hope Danielson and Eileen Rollyson. Everyone truly deserves a round of applause for all their hard work and dedication. This truly represents the train family camaraderie; when a task needed to be done we all came together to see that it was accomplished. The fruit of our labors and hospitality of over 350 chapter members shined for all of TCA in Bawlm-er. Thanks to our parent organizations, Eastern Division and TCA National for all of their guidance and support for a successful 56th TCA National Convention.

As TCA National has supported us throughout the convention, among other things; remember to continue to support TCA National as well with their 2010 annual giving campaign: **\$10 IN 2010**.

The next issue of the *Trolley* and the chapter web site will feature highlights and pictures from the convention. If you have any great memories or pictures that you would like to share from the convention, please send them to me (newsletter_editor@wbachaptertca.org) so we can include them.

If you haven't done so already, make sure that you take advantage of purchasing a Railking® Bump - N - Go Camden Street Trolley while supplies last (see page 6 for more details), as every WB&A member should have one as a commemoration of the 56th TCA National Convention.

The train is now pulling out of Baltimore after a **GREAT CONVENTION WEEK** and heading west to the next stop, **Sacramento**, for the 57th TCA National Convention hosted by the Nor-Cal Division.

Have a great summer!

Nancy Tentzeras, WB&A President



**Treasurer's Report
As of June 20, 2010**

My report in the April - June Newsletter mentioned we were rescheduling our 2010 Annapolis meet to September 11. The later breaking news is that date is not valid. Our next scheduled meet in Annapolis will be February 12, 2011. Our chapter has fulfilled its \$11,000 commitment to the 2010 TCA Convention and this years event is going to be great. Overall, our Chapter is on solid financial ground and we have the funds necessary to support our planned activities over the remainder of the year. July is a slow month for train shows. If you like live steam, hot weather, and junk to buy, consider attending the Live Steam Show in Berryville, VA, July 23 - 25. Vintage operating steam tractors and other steam engines of every make and model are on display.



The Chapter's financial activities for 2010 are summarized below. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me at 703-927-9843 or glen.mackinnon@verizon.net.
- Glenn

Checkbook Balance January 1, 2010	\$11,093.74	
Significant Activities January 1, 2010 thru June 20, 2010		
	Expenses	Revenue
MD Armory February 10 Meet	\$530	\$0
MD Armory February 11 Meet	\$300	\$0
Membership Dues 10	\$174	\$4,869
Mini Meet	\$475	\$0
Newsletter 2010	\$1,234	\$785
WGH (Operating Layout)	\$250	\$0
TCA Calendars	\$500	\$0
Christmas Layout Tour	\$32	\$0
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$12	\$0
Checkbook Balance June 20, 2010	\$13,616.63	

**Secretary's Report
for March 20, 2010
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Nancy Tentzeras at 1:00 PM at the home of James and Colleen Hall. The President verified that we had a quorum present and any votes taken at this meeting are binding.

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

Non-Voting Member in attendance was as follows: Dan Danielson

Items that the Board discussed included the following:

- Glenn MacKinnon reported the treasury balance at \$13,890.00, which includes the balance of the matured CD. The budget and finances of the cancelled Annapolis Armory show were discussed.
- For 2010, 300 members have renewed with 51 members still needing to renew their memberships. Motion was approved to purchase 100 TCA calendars to be used by the chapter as gifts for membership renewals or new memberships. It was requested that Bob e-mail or call all members that have not renewed.
- There was discussion of making up the Annapolis Armory Meet on September 11th as suggested by Art Tate.
- Pete Jackson reported on the Kena Temple Meet scheduled for December 11th.
- Dan Danielson reported on the June 6th Mini-Meet.
- George Tsakiris was appointed as the November mini-meet chairman. George will contact Carol McGinnis about reserving Frances Fuchs School for the November 6th, 2010 mini-meet.
- Nancy Tentzeras discussed updating the WB&A bylaws to align with recently revised National and Eastern Division bylaw revisions. Also seeking to change status of the chapter from 501c7 to 501c3.
- Nancy Tentzeras reported on the Holiday Outing scheduled for December 19th. Flyers will be available at York and the TCA Convention promoting the event. There will be \$5 off for early registration if received by October 1st.
- Dan Danielson reported on the 2010 Convention.
- Pete Jackson reported on Kids Korner at York, need volunteers to help.
- Nancy Tentzeras reported that all ads have been submitted for the newsletter except three including Engine House Hobbies (change in ownership) and KMA Junction.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Tsakiris, Acting Secretary

Historian's Corner

Looking back on the 1967 TCA National Convention brings back memories of good times and good friends. The convention was held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in downtown Baltimore. This hotel is now the Radisson, so we have really come back home.

The motto then was "Be on the Scene at Lucky Thirteen!" On sale were a McCoy boxcar designed for the WB&A Chapter and a 1967 Convention Car (the same as the ones James Hall has provided as a fundraiser). The grand ballroom at the Lord Baltimore housed most of the activities and trains "of every make, gauge, and description." Operating layouts featured Standard Gauge and 0-72.

528 members were registered for the convention with a total of 1200 people in attendance which included families and guests.

(When) "Sunday morning arrived with quite a few people still remaining for final chats, deals and goodbyes; thus closed the largest TCA Convention to date and one of the most successful, in terms of good fellowship and the scope of models on display, for sale and for trading."

With the 2010 convention just over let's reflect on how far TCA has come!

Keep the wheels down and the smoke up,
Carol Redman McGinnis, 95-41066



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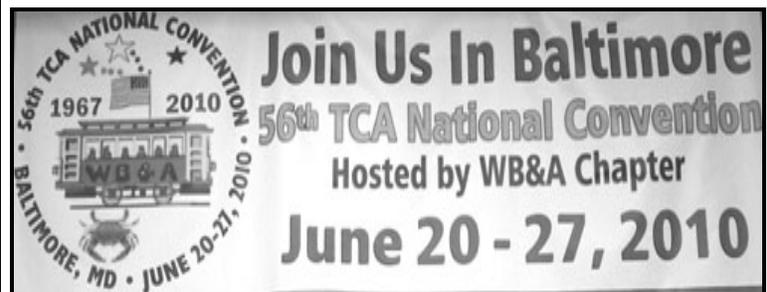
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1	Fun and Fellowship with your Train Friends.
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4	Free admission to local WB&A Train Shows. (Shows advertised in local newspapers.)
5	Free admission & table at WB& A Mini-Meets.
6	Receive quarterly the WB&A Newsletter "The Trolley".
7	Access to the newly designed and enhanced chapter web site (www.wbachaptertca.org)
8	A chance to participate in the 2010 TCA National Convention in Baltimore.
9	Serving as a committee member or officer at the local level is very rewarding.
10	Buy, sell, trade with local train enthusiasts.

Membership Moments By Bob Ferguson

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP as of June 20th - 312

Chapter membership is holding strong. For those who have not renewed for 2010, there is still time. Don't be left out of all the benefits the WB&A Chapter has to offer. Recruit a friend to become a member as well. We continue to welcome new members who have joined TCA as the word is getting out to all points about the benefits and meets sponsored by the chapter. There are no limitations on where members can be from, you all get the same benefits. Members who reside within Delaware, Maryland, Washington DC, and Northern Virginia have voting rights, but everyone gets to come to the meets and receive our newsletters. Keep up the good work.



View from the Observation Car *by George Tsakiris*

Point of Rocks

A Classic Railroad Station Design by E. Francis Baldwin

In the last installment of *View from the Observation Car*, rail fanning at Point of Rocks and the C&O Canal was highlighted. In this edition we'll take a look at the small but iconic rail station at Point of Rocks Maryland, located between Frederick, Maryland and Leesburg, Virginia.



As you'll recall, the town is near the Potomac River, C&O Canal, and the edge of the Catoctin Mountains. The station was built originally for the B&O Railroad and subsequently used by its successors, Chessie, and now MARC Commuter Rail. Two rail lines, each with two track main, converge at the station. In addition to MARC Rail, the tracks are used by CSX and Amtrak. The legendary (now Amtrak) Capitol Limited provides service from Washington DC to Chicago and passes through Point of Rocks.

The station was designed by E. Francis Baldwin and began service in 1875-6. Mr. Baldwin designed many stations in Maryland including Mount Claire Station and the associated roundhouse; both now part of the B&O Museum in Baltimore. He also designed the B&O Warehouse in Camden Yards; this building dominates the backdrop just past the outfield at Orioles Park. Mr. Baldwin designed over 500 buildings in his lifetime including many railroad stations and other railroad buildings during his 25 year association with the

B&O. Of the 500 buildings he designed about 150 are still standing!

Point of Rocks station is part of the National Historic Register and according to their website, the "proportion, detailing, and color of the Point of Rocks Station is unusually sophisticated for its rural setting and ranks among the most outstanding work of the Victorian gothic period." The building is made of a combination of brick, sandstone, and granite giving the building a multi-color and multi-texture look. The building is generally 2 1/2 stories with a tower and light use of gingerbread ornamentation.

Complementing the building itself, we have two-two track mains converging just a few hundred feet in front of the clock tower. Being situated near the Potomac River and the Catoctin Mountains provides a spectacular backdrop providing a beautiful setting for this magnificent building.

To demonstrate how important railroads were to communities in the late 19th century, especially smaller ones, look no further than point of Rocks.



First, the railroad station is by far the most impressive building in the area. Second, when the railroad was built the town was moved closer to the railroad!

Going recently to shoot photos of the station for this article I noticed that the exterior is showing some wear and some minor damage, possibly from the recent severe winter we had. Disappointing is that the building is not open to the public and appears to be administrative offices and upper floors appear to have storage. MARC Rail Commuters use small shelters near the tracks.

There is local movement to better preserve this magnificent building and put it to better use.



Growing Up With Trains
(second in a series)
Boxcar Brian Reilly

By the time I was three years old my Dad had taught me to setup and run my trains and accessories. I'd learned how to strip wire and wrap it around the appropriate posts to connect and run my train and a handful of accessories. When Dad was at work, my mother would supervise all that I was doing.

My parents knew my love of trains so they took me down to Lionel's showroom in lower midtown. To a little kid, it was an awesome site. As I recall it was a very large room with an extensive layout in two or three tiers with Standard Gauge trains running on the lowest. As your eyes moved higher, 2800 series "O" dominated while the smaller O-Gauge trains, like I had, traversed the tracks on the upper level. I don't remember if O-27 trains were featured or not.

The trains and accessories were scooting about at what seemed like lightning speed. All manner of accessories were working perfectly with gates going up and down, little men coming out of sheds waving lanterns, with lights blinking red, green and yellow all over the place. It was a scene that I will never forget. The show that "Our Trackers" put on at many of our meets and area shows is the next thing to it. It is fun to watch, particularly small children, become mesmerized by all that is going on.

My cousin, Phillip, lived in a large brown stone in Forest Hills Queens near the tennis courts where the tourney was played in late summer. Phil ran Standard Gauge trains in a sunroom in their home large enough to be used as a dining room. His layout took a great deal of available floor space. In those days, many children ran their trains on the floor. At times, trains would be set up on a sheet of plywood in order that they would be slid under a table or a kid's bed when your Mother wanted the space for some other purpose.

We used to joke that the rich kids had Standard while the poorer kids played with "O", O-27, or windups, excuse me, clockwork trains. My two younger brothers ran windup trains. At a York Meet, many years later, I found a Marx UP 10000 set the same as my younger brother once had and bought it for him for his birthday. Needless to say Neil was very surprised to see his little train again in operating condition!

Phil and I were never close as he was 10 years older than me. As adults, a Christmas or Birthday card with an occasional note "was it" between us. He was in the Navy when I was still a kid. I saw him again only once in L.A. in 30 years.

My father had started a new job when he got a call from his brother, Larry, out in Omaha. Larry told Dad that Grandma Reilly, recently widowed, was ill and the family needed him back home for a time, no more than a couple of years. We packed and headed west.

Phil, with his family, moved west about the same time leaving us only one cousin, Del, on my mother's side who lived on Staten Island and became my pen pal when we both were in junior high. He moved to Los Angeles and Brian to Omaha -- *who had the better deal?* My work brought me back to the East Coast and "The City" that never sleeps over 30 years later!

When my mother died, I tried to reach Phil on the phone; he was not at home. There was no "voice mail" in 1988 so I sent him a telegram to inform him that his Aunt Dot had passed away. In a few days we received a condolence card, and letter, from him and his wife, Pat. Phil apologized for not being at home when I called. He wrote that he and Pat had been at a train meet! Whadda know?

Next in the series, Omaha, Nebraska, a Railroad Town, second only to one ... Chicago, Illinois.

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The nominating committee is seeking candidates for ***three Board of Directors and the Eastern Division Representative, whose positions are up for re-election this year.***

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Interested candidates need to submit resumes by August 25th so the slate of candidates can be finalized and submitted to the secretary by September 1st in order to prepare the ballot and the resumes to be included in the 4th quarter newsletter. If elected your term of office is for two years beginning January 1st, 2011 through December 31st, 2012

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- Ballots will be counted for the 2010 elections.

**Put this date on your calendar.
See you there!**

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.

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THE BALTIMORE TRANSIT CO.**

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In November 1963, the citizens of Baltimore started to remember the street cars that they use to ride to school and work. They all wanted to be the last one to ride the street car on the very last day of operation. Some organizations, like the Baltimore NRHS made an absolute classic of the last street car consisting of 2 PCC cars coupled together, draped in black bunting, like it was a funeral.

Next issue... my memories of street cars and trackless trolleys when I was growing up.

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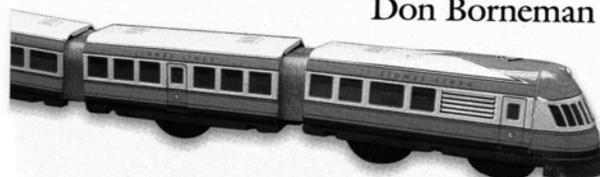
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