

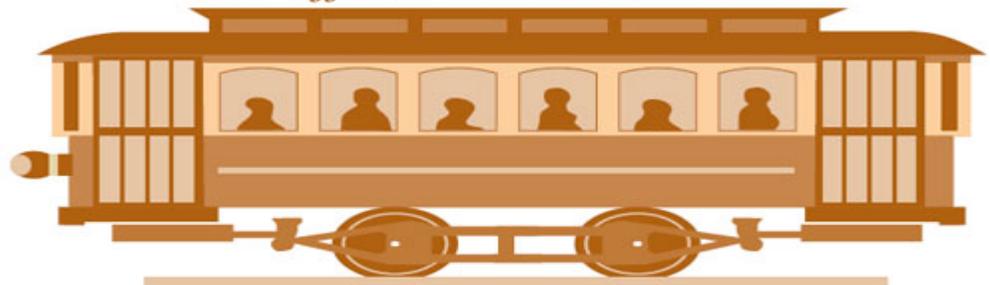
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ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Many of us are riding high now after a very successful 56th TCA National Convention in Baltimore. The success is largely due to the many volunteers who were constantly *on the right track* full of energy seeing this huge endeavor to completion. I **APPLAUD** the WB&A Chapter Membership and volunteers for a job well done.

Now take all that excess energy and free time that you may have now (unless you are working on your layout) and participate in the many activities that the chapter has planned, whether it is the Kena Temple Meet December 11th (register for a table, bring your friends and family to attend, or lend a helping hand) or the upcoming DC Christmas Layout tour December 19th, which is promised to be a fun filled day of trains and holiday cheer with friends and family. What a way to start the holiday season.

But there is more where you can actively get involved in the chapter activities, volunteer some time at Kids Korner at York, offer to do a seminar at one of our meets or mini-meets (share your wealth of information with your fellow train enthusiasts), consider being a meet chairman, write an article for the Trolley or even the chapter web site. I know there are some very talented people out there who have a lot to offer to the WB&A Chapter. Please contact me or any of the Board of Directors if you are interested in helping out.

More importantly we need ideas from the chapter membership of what you would like to see done and how we can better serve the membership. Bring your new ideas and share them with the membership at the upcoming Fall Mini-Meet/General Membership Meeting Saturday November 06th, 2010 at the Frances Fuchs Special Center, 11011 Cherry Hill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705, 9 AM - 1 PM.

With your new ideas and continued support, the WB&A Chapter will continue to be *On the Right Track* at being one of the very active chapters of the Train Collector Association. Keep up the good work.

Nancy Tentzeras, WB&A President

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**Treasurer's Report
As of August 24, 2010**

Summer is winding down and the train show season is beginning. Planning for the December 11th Kena Temple meet is well underway. Meet announcements have been placed in several toy Train Magazines including Classic Toy Trains, Model Railroader and O Gauge Railroading. Last years Kena Meet lost money for the first time. The reason... the number of table holders continues to dwindle. As you begin the process of dusting off your trains and train related items consider the possibility that there are pieces you no longer want or need. Set them aside and sign up for a table at Kena. The chapter needs your support!

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 August 24, 2010		
	Expenses	Revenue
Kena Temple December 2010 Meet	\$50	
MD Armory February 2010 Meet	\$530	\$0
MD Armory February 2011 Meet	\$300	\$0
Membership Dues 10	\$183	\$4,995
Mini Meet	\$475	\$0
Newsletter 2010	\$1,725	\$725
WGH (Operating Layout)	\$250	\$0
TCA Calendars	\$500	\$0
Christmas Layout Tour	\$32	\$0
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$12	\$0
Checkbook Balance August 24, 2010		\$13,725.63

***Make your reservations for the
D.C. Christmas Layout tour,
Sunday, December 19, 2010.
Deadline for Early Bird Discount is
OCTOBER 1ST, 2010.
A fun-filled day with family and friends.
See you all there!
(see page 7 for more details)***

**Secretary's Report
for June 06, 2010
General Membership Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Nancy Tentzeras at 10:30 AM at the Masonic Lodge in Falls Church VA. Nancy welcomed and thanked everyone for joining in the meeting, commending the strong leadership that the BOD has this year. Guests in attendance included Eastern Division Vice President, Brian Reilly, and TCA National President, Clem Clement.

Items discussed included the following:

- Glenn MacKinnon reported that the chapter finances are in good shape, including the certificate of deposit of \$2259 which was transferred to the checking account.
- As a gesture of thanks to the membership, there were TCA calendars available to those in attendance.
- Bob Ferguson reported that there are currently 311 paid members. Bob is sending TCA new members an invite to join the chapter. Clem suggested that we receive the TCA Drop-list.
- Mary and Pete Jackson reported that they had 64 kids at Kids Korner at April York. Will need assistance at the convention.
- There was discussion on the Kena Temple meet scheduled for December 11th. Art Tate reported that we had to cancel the February Annapolis Armory Meet due to snow, rescheduled the meet for September 11th, however there was conflict with the Armory Schedule, so we are now planning for February again.
- Nancy Tentzeras reported on the upcoming Christmas Layout Tour scheduled for December 19th. Register by October 1st to get the early bird discount. Flyers are available.
- Nancy Tentzeras appointed George Tsakiris as Nominating Chairman. George reported that we are seeking positions for (3) Board of Directors and Eastern Division Representative. Anyone interested should let George know.
- Dan Danielson reported on what's happening at Eastern Division.
- Dan Danielson reported on the upcoming 2010 convention in Baltimore.
- Clem Clement, TCA National President, reported on the happenings of TCA National. A lot has taken place under his leadership. Clem shared different ideas that division and chapters have done with their membership to raise awareness of the Toy Train Hobby.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Tentzeras, Secretary WB&A Chapter
(minutes scribed by Colleen Hall)

Historian's Corner

The TCA Quarterly remains one of the best references for toy train information. It contains articles from hundreds of different authors. You'll get information from many of important persons inside and outside of TCA including their views of the hobby, opinions on trends in the hobby, and gain confidence in their testimonies.

There is information about many manufacturers from those in the USA currently in production like Lionel, MTH, Atlas, and Williams to those abroad like LGB and Marklin. Yes, there are many, many more and that's all waiting for you to explore. And there are articles on any number subjects. Gather back issues that you do not have and get a hold of the Index to Volumes to get the most out of this information. Or, go to the TCA website and set up a login account as a member to log onto <http://www.tcamembers.org/membersonly/tcqarchive.php> to view all 56 years of TCA Quarterlies!

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



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OCTOBER YORK WILL BE THE END OF KIDS KORNER UNLESS THERE IS SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER FOR PETE & MARY. THANKS TO PETE & MARY FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OVER THE YEARS TO MAKING KIDS KORNER A SUCCESS.



TOP TEN WB&A BENEFETS

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. (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 August 20th - 316

Chapter membership is holding strong. Membership renewals have started to come in for 2011, including three new members. Please send in your 2011 membership renewal (see page 4) in the envelope provided in this newsletter.

Feel free to stop by the WB&A table in the Silver Hall at York across from the Registration Desk to renew your membership. If anyone is interested in assisting at the Membership table, please let me know and I will add you to the list. If you know of anyone who has lapsed in their membership, remind them to renew their membership in order to continue receiving the many WB&A benefits, including the Trolley

It has been an honor to serve on the BOD of the WB&A and to be the National Secretary for the 2010 TCA Baltimore Convention.

I ask for your VOTE to serve another TWO years on the WB&A BOD.

Thank you, COLLEEN HALL.

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*View from the Observation Car
by George Tsakiris*

The Busy Season

Many of us in the WB&A have just gotten back our collective breath after hosting the TCA National Convention in Baltimore. Just in time for the busy season.

For many of us, trains are a year round hobby but there is the busy season, that time from fall-winter when train collectors/operators are busiest. This tends to peak around the holiday season when toy trains are a tradition. Run that around the tree! Have family and friends drop over to check out your layout, your collection, and run some trains!

Holiday time also heightens interest in trains for the general public (non-hobbyist). This is the ideal time for us to be ambassadors to the world of toy trains. Outreach is key to the survival and growth of the toy train hobby.

Outreach happens in many ways. During the busy season many clubs open their permanent layouts to the public. One of the first activities I went to during my rediscovery of toy trains was an open house held by an HO club in an old train station. While my tastes went to O scale, the experience was so positive, the scenery, the yards, the trains!

Modular clubs provide outreach year round but especially during the busy season. Modular clubs bring the fun and action closer to the public in a variety of venues train shows, museums, festivals, etc. The action, the sounds, the smoke, the variety of trains, cars, and accessories! THE FUN! Modular club members participating in shows spend a fair amount of time talking with the public and answering questions about the hobby. The favorite question to answer is, "how do I get started in the hobby?"

Outdoor G gauge displays are featured during the Holidays at various gardens, the National Arboretum, and on the south lawn of the White House. The National Christmas Tree Railroad consists entirely of volunteers that set up G gauge trains to run around the National Christmas Tree. Talk about being ambassadors to the hobby! Tens of thousands of people from all over the world come to see the Holiday festival that includes the trains. News groups from around the world have done stories on this annual display.

Some of you will be actively engaged in these outreach activities. However, we all can "spread the good word" about our hobby in so many ways. Been collecting for years? How about showing your collection to someone new to the hobby? This could make a lasting impression on a youngster. As an example, a member of the National Capital Trackers every now and then hosts a "train show" at his home for members of the immediate neighborhood. Kids of all ages can see his train collection and run some trains. He gets to show off his collection and layout, talk about his favorite hobby, and meet new folks. This is outreach at the grassroots level.

The busy season, it's an opportunity to share the fun, the wonderment, and the excitement of our hobby with others!

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Your 2011 Dues are due by December 31st, 2010**

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

Dear Reader, we left off last time as my family and I were headed west to Omaha, Nebraska where we were destined to live half of my lifetime. We arrived during a late summer heat wave and in the middle of an Omaha and council bluffs [Iowa] Street Railway strike. My recollection was the skeleton of a street car, i.e., “trolley” that had been burned nearly to the ground.

The streetcar company had brought in strikebreakers, which inflamed an already difficult situation. Folks were getting to work via carpools and on foot until issues were settled and things got back to normal. Little did I know this would be my initial glimpse into the turbulent side of Labor-Management Relations, a field in which I’d earn my livelihood years later.

Omaha, being a crossroads east and west between Chicago and Denver as well as Minneapolis-St. Paul, north and south, had become a large railroad hub. The City is a commercial center for agri-business, insurance, banking, light manufacturing, and once was for the meat processing and packing industry along with being a natural transportation center.

In the darkest days of the civil war, President Abraham Lincoln and General Grenville Dodge, a native of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Lincoln’s chief engineer during the war, came to “The Bluffs” which derived its name from the fact that several Indian Tribes, the Omahas, Winnebagoes, Pawnees, and Pottawattamies, who were part of the Sioux Nation except the later which had been driven out of Western Pennsylvania, met to council in these unique bluffs, west and north of the city. Iowa became a state in 1847 while Nebraska’s application for statehood was delayed by the war until 1867. During this period, Council Bluffs became the last outpost for official Federal Government business until you reached California, some 1,800 miles further west.

Lincoln and Dodge selected a site high in the bluffs above the Missouri River. [The ‘bluffs’ are a range of low mountains duplicated only in China.] The Missouri was nicknamed the “Mighty Mo” because of its dangerous undercurrent and prone to flood lowlands while its surface appeared calm.

Before I left Omaha to return to New York City, the corps of Engineers had built several dams along the river’s Nebraska-South Dakota border to tame the “Mighty Mo” and create man-made fishing and recreation lakes for all to enjoy. At the time I left, they were stocking these “lakes” with fish for future use. One lake would be designated for motor boat usage while another, for sailboats,

etc. Needless to say, the dams tamed the river and it is now safe for small boats, fishing and recreation pursuits. [We should do more things like this. —Ed.]

The site where Lincoln and Dodge surveyed is a monument today. The two men could view not only the river but Omaha and the flat farmland that stretched west over the horizon. It was at this place that President Lincoln, a true visionary for his time, designated Council Bluffs the Eastern Terminus of a railroad that would reach out to the West Coast while linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans by rail to facilitate pioneer settlements, development of farms, ranches and the growth of commerce.

The Union Pacific was chosen as the road that would lay rails westward while the Central Pacific would build from the west. These famous railroads met in Promontory, Utah, where a golden spike was laid to signify and commemorate this significant event. Cecil B. DeMille directed the epic movie, “Union Pacific,” which commemorated the 70th Anniversary of the UPRR and the historic occasion out in Utah. [Note: The Central would later be divided and “morphed” into the Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific. The Rio Grande may also have had a piece of the action.]

The world Premiere of “Union Pacific” was held in Omaha’s Orpheum Theatre when the city designated the month of May, 1939, “Golden Spike Days.” Men grew beards, wore top hats and tails while their ladies wore period clothes and bonnets. Downtown store fronts sported log cabin entrances and frontages — and everyone had a great time including the main actors who starred in the movie rode in open convertibles during the celebration.

DeMilles’ legendary “cast of thousands” included, all *very young*, Joel McCrea, the RR lawman and Civil War buddy of Robert Preston; Barbara Stanwyck, their love interest and the engineer’s daughter; Brian Donlevy, the sleazy tavern owner; and a *very young* Anthony Quinn, as the hired gun to shoot McCrea and help the bad guys to steal the RR workers’ payroll!

There was a line in the movie that has stayed with me a long time. Workers were packing up their equipment to move westward and build another leg of the transcontinental railroad. One called out, “Where we goin’?” The reply, “**North Platte, Nebraska.**” “**Where the heck is that?**” was the next question. The answer, “**END OF THE TRACK!**” Today, one of the UP’s largest “switching yards” is located in North Platte where freight trains and their consists are monitored electronically. [When this flick shows up on TCM or cable, it’s worth a look.]

Next in our series, “First Christmas in Omaha, For Me,” then “A Little Boy Meets the Real Thing,” followed by “Everyone Should have an Uncle George.”

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We will depart by bus at **11:30 AM** on **December 19th, 2010** from **College Park Metro Station**. (2nd pickup location may be added if a 2nd bus is needed)

The trip will include the following:

- *Bus Transportation*
- *Snacks and water on board the bus*
- *Admission to the College Park Aviation Museum (National Capital Trackers Layout)*
- *Sunday Holiday Brunch at Phillips Seafood*
- *Visit the U.S. Botanical Gardens (Holiday Magical Garden-Train Exhibits)*
- *Visit the National Christmas Tree (What's a Christmas tree without a train running around it? Enjoy large scale trains encircling "our" National Christmas Tree and other decorations)*
- *Stop at Union Station to visit the Norwegian Christmas trains weave through beautiful and authentic Norwegian winter landscape*
- *******Surprise Stops may be added ~ Trip is Handicap Accessible*******



The cost for the trip for members and/or member spouses is **\$50.00** per person, guests of WB&A members is **\$60.00** per person, children ages **10 and under** is **\$45.00** per child.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: Save \$5.00 per person if you reserve your seats by October 1st, 2010.

A minimum of 40 people needed for the Outing or the outing will be canceled. So let **ALL** your **Family & Friends** know and come join in the **HOLIDAY CHEER**.

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Contact the Chapter Secretary/Trip Director Nicholas Tentzeras at 301.515.0234 or email trip_director@wbachaptertca.org with your questions.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVING YOUR SEAT(S) IS NOVEMBER 15th, 2010!!

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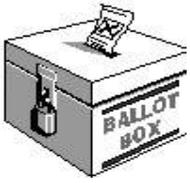
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Elections for 2011—2012

Please review the resumes and cast your vote!



Nominating Committee Mission Statement

The Nominating Committee had the responsibility of selecting qualified Chapter members to run for selected offices to the WB&A Chapter for the next two years. It has selected qualified candidates who have demonstrated leadership abilities and a commitment that will be an asset to the Chapter for the future. These members have actively supported the Chapter by volunteering their time and resources, attending the meets, bringing in new members and expressing a desire to serve. The goal of the committee is that each member who has volunteered to serve on the board will prove to do their best in making our organization the Number 1 Chapter of TCA in the United States.

Thanks to George Tsakiris and his committee for their time and effort.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS *in alphabetical order*

Steve Burket - Oakton, VA - TCA #77-10452

Train Interests: Lionel O and O27, postwar and modern. I have been rewiring my layout, and plan to make some design changes.

Current Position: I have served on the WB&A BOD for 2 years.

Past Positions: This past year, I served as Registration Co-Chair for the TCA National Convention in Baltimore, MD. I have been a member of TCA for 33 years, and supported the WB&A chapter for over 30 years. I have helped set up and tear down at train meets and Kids' Korner at York, and have organized train meets for other clubs in the past.

Special Skills: International Trade Analyst for 32 years with the U.S. International Trade Commission. For 27 years, I also managed the agency's TACOMIS Federal Credit Union. I retired in 2005 and currently own a small handyman business.

For 6 years, I set up a train layout for Christmas at the agency where I worked that was visited by Day Care Centers and fellow workers and their families. I was Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor for the Railroading Merit Badge for a decade.

Chapter Goals: I have enjoyed serving on the Board, and getting better acquainted with the officers and members of WB&A. I intend to get to know more members and listen to your comments and suggestions about the chapter.

Colleen Hall - Linden, VA - TCA #04-58266

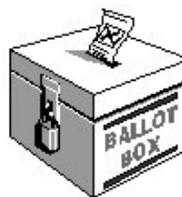
Train Interests: My husband, James and I collect McCoy trains and enjoy the individuality of the cars and their heritage. Along with the McCoy trains, we also have some other unique trains in our collection

Current Positions: Board of directors of the WB&A.

Past Positions: 2010 TCA Baltimore Convention Secretary and Chair of the Dinner Cruise.

Special Skills: Paralegal with a well-known law firm specializing in intellectual property law, and trial work. My strong points include organizational, secretarial skills, listening, and research along with 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 able 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 integrating new ideas for the future.



The 2011—2012 Ballot is enclosed within this newsletter. Let your voice be heard, For your ballot to be counted, it must have your WB&A # on the outside and be Postmarked no later than October 22 2010. Do not enclose your ballot in an envelope.

All ballots will be taken unopened to the General Membership meeting on November 6th, 2010 to be validated and counted. After the ballots are counted, the newly elected Board of Directors and Eastern Division Representative will be announced by the Secretary, Nicholas Tentzeras. New Board of Directors and Eastern Division Representative assume their duties on January 01, 2011.

Mary P. Jackson - Springfield, VA - TCA #03-55939

Train Interests: I join my husband in collecting O-gauge prewar and post-war trains. I am so appreciative of the things that I have been able to learn through my husband and the rest of our friends.

Current Positions: Member of the Board of Directors of the WB&A and co-chair of Kids Korner.

Past Positions: I have been a long time member of TCA and our WB&A Chapter. I have previously held a WB&A Board of Directors position and volunteered in various capacities..

Special Skills: My interests include being co-chairman (along with my husband) of Kids Korner which I thoroughly enjoy. Also being part of this great organization and fellowship is most rewarding. I have no really good skills (as I am still learning all about how the engines work & etc.!) except when it comes to seeing that all the kids have a good safe time while enjoying themselves playing with all the trains. I also worked with my husband as co-chairman of the Kids Klub in Baltimore where we did have a lot of fun with all the train races, the computer train games, the arts and crafts table (all train related of course).

Chapter Goals: My wish and goal is that we would increase our younger generation to seek a future in the hobby of model trains, which I am still working on.

EASTERN DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE

Dan Danielson - Gainesville, VA - TCA #65-1226

Train Interests: I am primarily a postwar Lionel collector, with additional interests in modern era Lionel, K-Line, and MTH. I also enjoy building layouts and operating trains. I also collect diecast cars and trucks from the postwar era.

Current Positions: WB&A chapter Representative to the Eastern Division Board of Directors.

Past Positions: Throughout my 45 years as a TCA member, I have served as: WB&A Chapter Secretary, WB&A Meet Registrar, WB&A Meet Chairman, WB&A Chapter President, Eastern Division York Meet Registrar, Eastern Division York Meet committee Member, TCA national Education & Museum committee Chairman/Co-Chairman, TCA National Standards Committee Member, and 56th TCA national convention Co-Chair.

Special Skills: I am currently the WB&A Chapter Representative to the Eastern Division Board of Directors. I believe that this experience during the past two years makes me ultimately qualified to continue to serve the Chapter in the capacity. It is very important that this individual be able to keep the needs and concerns of the Chapter continually in front of the Division as its day-to-day business is discussed and acted upon. I am personally acquainted with all the individuals on the Eastern Division Board of Directors so it is very easy for me to discuss the needs of the Chapter with each and every one of them

Chapter Goals: My goals for the Chapter are:

- to continue to keep the Chapter needs and concerns in front of the Division
- to help the Chapter to continue to grow
- to encourage Chapter members to be contributors to the Chapter, Division, and TCA National.
- To prepare Chapter members to serve on the Board of Directors of Eastern Division as well as TCA National

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GOODBYE, 'BAWLNER' ~ HELLO, SACRAMENTO !

Goodbye, 'Bawlnmer,' thanks for your hospitality!

Convention week was a wonderful collection of special friendships, delicious food (especially the Chesapeake Bay crab cakes!), great fun, and sightseeing, sightseeing, and more sightseeing. TCA welcomed 6 new members to our great hobby.

More than 1,500 TCA members, their families and friends, visited Baltimore, MD for the 56th TCA national Convention June 20—27, 2010, presented by the WB&A Chapter-TCA. Convention Registration Co-Chairs, Jan and Steve Burket and their huge team of volunteers, along with Angelo Lautazi, were busy for months pre-registering members, and again at the Sheraton Baltimore city Center Hotel — convention headquarters — and at the Baltimore convention Center, handing out badges, and registering more members. Convention Webmaster, Joe Helsing, designed a great website which made registering online a simple process. Great job team!

TCA vice-president-elect and Merchandise Chair Carol McGinnis (and her husband, Chuck) selected and sold great logo shirts, hats, mugs, trolleys, plush crabs, pins, patches, and a plethora of other fundraising items. Sales were brisk both at the Sheraton and at the Convention Center.

Baltimore has so much charm — it's know as Charm city — and history. The charm comes from its distinct neighborhoods (did you have dinner in Little Italy?), white marble steps, and painted screens. And, yes, Baltimore is home to Charm city Cakes — as seen on the Food Network. History is everywhere in Baltimore: Francis Scott Key wrote the poem from an enemy ship in Baltimore harbor during the War of 1812 that later became our Star Spangled Banner; Baltimore was the site of the first 13 miles of railroad track, and has a long history of being a railroad town; and Edgar Allan Poe is buried at Westminster Burial Grounds... "Quoth the Raven, Nevermore."

A fleet of free shuttle buses carried convention guests between convention hotels, the Convention Center and Baltimore's famous Inner Harbor. The wonderful bus drivers and tour guides from Karen Salomon's Greenspring Tours shared a wealth of information with riders, pointing out important locations, giving Baltimore history lessons, and providing answers to our many questions.

Convention tours chairman, John Caron, along with Karen Salomon, selected something for everyone. Tours began early Monday morning to Maryland's beautiful Eastern Shore, and to our nation's capital, Washington, DC. Those visiting the Eastern Shore were treated to a scenic Victorian waterfront, home of the Chesapeake Bay maritime Museum, the Hooper Strait Lighthouse, oyster-harvesting skipjacks, shopping and dining. Those traveling to our Nation's Capital, Washington, DC, visited the newly renovated Smithsonian Institutions National Museum of American History where they saw the Star Spangled Banner which flew over Baltimore's Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, along with Southern Railway's mighty Pacific locomotive 1401. The tour also included stops for photo opportunities at major landmarks, including several war memorials, i.e., World War II, Korean and Vietnam; the White House and the Capitol.

Sold out layout tours also began Monday and ran throughout convention week. We visited Mike Wolf at MTH headquarters, Tony Lash's huge O gauge layout, the Train Room museum and Lionel Classic-Heritage shop owned by Charles Mazingo, Lou Koehler's multi—gauge layout, Ken Listman's spectacular 1,200 sq. ft. layout, and Bill Duff's amazing display of uncataloged sets.

Also, on Monday we took a Mystery Dinner Train trip on the Walkersville Southern Railroad, complete with a fried chicken picnic buffet in the park. Local actors got us all involved in a real 'who-dun-it!' TCA president-elect Ron Stowell was selected to ride in the locomotive.

During convention week, we toured historical sites in Annapolis, Washington, DC, and in and around Baltimore. We saw trains, train stations, trolleys, museums (including our own National Toy Train Museum), galleries, gardens, and a baseball game between the Baltimore Orioles and the Washington Nationals — the Orioles won! (If you left early, you missed a great comeback win for the Orioles.)

James and Colleen Hall, our convention Secretary and 'right hand', along with Mike Jaggard hosted an evening dinner cruise sailing out of Baltimore's famous Inner Harbor on the "Spirit of Baltimore" and the "Inner Harbor Spirit." Moonlight, dinner, dancing, door prizes, and fun entertainment by the ships wait staff made for a very special event.

The first-ever convention off-site Welcome Party, chaired by Gary Ehrlinger, was held at the B&O's historic Camden Station... the home of Sports Legends and Geppi's Entertainment museums. Thanks to chairman Fred Strieby, the Silent Auction offered some unusual and exciting trains and accessories. There was something for everyone to enjoy at this venue. Nearly 100 door prizes were given away!

WB&A Chapter President Nancy Tentzeras welcomed TCA National board members to Baltimore. With the leadership of President Clem Clement, the board meetings went well, moving along quickly to finish up loose ends, and plan the future of TCA.

Frank Vacek, along with Mike Zippert, chaired the Trading Pits and Public Display areas at the Baltimore Convention Center. Another TCA 'convention-first' offered booths as well as tables in the Trading Pits. More than 200 booths and tables held wonderful trains and treasures which were quickly snapped up. A successful members' auction took place in the Trading Pits Saturday morning.

Lionel, MTH, and Weaver showcased their latest offerings in the Public Display area. The National Capital Trackers built a huge O gauge operating modular layout. The Standard Gauge Modular Association (SGMA) ran some very special trains on another huge modular layout. President "Clem" put his famous Stomper up against some of the club's fastest locomotives...he won some races, but lost the BIG one! The S gaugers were represented by the Baltimore Area American Flyer Club, and the Carolina, Old Dominion and Tidewater Divisions of the Atlantic Coast S Gaugers. The Meade Area Railroad Society operated a large HO modular layout. Randy Vaughn displayed his unique Erector layout. Scenic Express's Jim Elster and his staff presented an educational show of "how to" tips to bring our layouts to life. John Luppino from the TCA National Business Office was on hand to help with membership renewals and other issues, along with Jane Boyce selling TCA specialty items. Thanks, everyone!

Mary and Pete Jackson chaired Kids Korner located adjacent to the Trading Pits. Pete and Mary and their team of volunteers had as much fun as the children! There were train races, railroad crafts, games and toys to entertain our youngest train enthusiasts. National Kids Club chairman Sam Merando and his family were seen enjoying Kids Korner.

Saturday night's Banquet, chaired by vice-president-elect Carol McGinnis, presented the opportunity for us to enjoy good food, good wine, and special friendships. The Auction of prototypes, train sets, previous convention banquet cars, a beautifully-crafted operating railroad crossing signal, built and donated by James Hall, and an Angela Trotta Thomas print with our convention logo Remarque, made for lively bidding, and helped improve TCA's budget. Each table had a winner of an O gauge MTH American Beer banquet car designed by Convention Car Chair Dan Rollyson, and a Sunset Trains tin WB&A Chapter trolley built and donated by Jerry Loman. A drawing for a spectacular one-of-a-kind quilt of American Flyer, Ives and Lionel catalog covers made by Crystal Liebenow was won by Suzie Brasher.

Following the Banquet, President Clement and his lovely "Miss Sandy" hosted a social in their hotel suite until the early hours of Sunday. This was a great party and provided an opportunity to say farewell to friends from far and near... A great end to a great convention!

Sunday was a busy day of packing and scrambling for cars, trains, and planes for the trip home, and time to reflect on a wonderful convention week.

Thanks to convention Co-Chair and Treasurer Eileen Rollyson who developed a budget which kept us "on track" to produce a successful convention for both TCA National and WB&A Chapter. Eileen was definitely the right person for the job!

Thanks to TCA National convention Chairman Dannie Martin for "keeping us on the right track" throughout the seven-year planning process!

Thanks, too, to the tons of volunteers who helped make this convention a success! We can't name all of you because we would be sure to miss someone. You know who you are...pat yourself on the back!...And to WB&A chapter past-president Art Tate who kept us 'fed and hydrated'. We couldn't have done it without y'all!

So, now it's on to Sacramento. See you there!

Dan Danielson

Convention Co-Chair



WB&A Eastern Division Report
by
Dan Danielson

Several new things are happening or about to happen concerning our Division. These are really exciting times for the Division.

First, the BOD authorized an expenditure of up to \$10,000 for new computers, the necessary software, and consulting support by the registrar and her team. This should insure that the registration process for York continues to become easier for us and for the registration team. It is really amazing how quickly this equipment and necessary software becomes obsolete in this day and age of electronics. This new equipment should help to keep us going for several more years.

Second, it is time for election of new Eastern Division officers and Directors. The candidates for office are as follows:

- President: Jim Kronz
- Vice President: Brian Reilly
- Secretary: John Zobel
- Treasurer: Lee Wood
- Director-at-Large: Dave Goodhart, Mike Harrison, Bill McCluskey, and Peter Primiani (vote for three)

Make sure you vote when you receive your ballot. The success and future of the Division depends on having strong leadership. Don't forget to thank Sam Geiser for his leadership during the last 4 years. He has had to deal with some very difficult issues that have required a great deal of his time.

Finally, the Board will meet in September to nominate folks to run for national office. Carol McGinnis, our current National Vice President, will be considered for nomination to the office of President Elect. We wish her much good luck in this endeavor. She has been an excellent Chapter leader and supporter.

See you in the fall at York..

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during the York Meet***

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***National Toy Train Museum
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10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday October 15th, 2010

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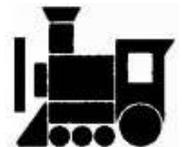
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My first street car ride that I can remember was when my mother and aunt took me to Montgomery Wards on the No. 18 street car, which was a semi convertible. We took it downtown and then transferred to the No. 27 trackless, which took us to the end of the line in Carroll Park right across the street from Montgomery Wards; this was an all day event.

The two street car rides that I enjoyed the most was when we moved to a section of Baltimore called Highland town, and the whole family took the No. 10 trackless trolley. We would then transfer to the No. 13 PCC street car at Fayette and Howard St. No. 13 took us to Ellicott City, which was the end of the line; where we would get off and go to the drug store. We would take this ride at least twice a week for one reason only, to cool off during the days before there was air conditioning. The favorite street car ride of all was when we had to take the No. 22 bus to Highland town. This bus was called the cross-town line. We would take it from the beginning until the end of the line where we would transfer to the No. 34 street car, which was a PCC. This would take us to the end of this street car line where there was Gwynn Oak Amusement Park. This adventure had to start in the late afternoon and would last until after dark.

As for trackless trolleys, I took the No. 10 to high school, and a couple years later, I took this trolley for two months when I went to the police academy. I remember in the winter of 1955-56 waiting for the trackless trolley when I saw a street car with a snow plow and two large brushes on each side of the street car brushing snow and ice from the tracks.

The only tragedy that I saw was when a child was struck by a Peter Witt street car and the child got struck just before the wheels and I was watching the rescue when my mother grabbed me and took me home; she didn't want me to see such things. Never did I find out how the child was.

Next issue: back to Baltimore Street Cars.

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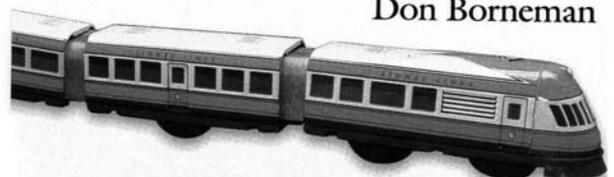
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