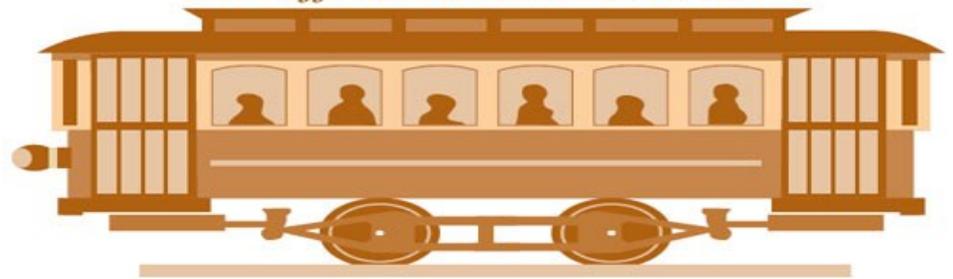


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From the President's Desk....

THIS TRAIN HAS REACHED THEIR DESTINATION

Wow, I can't believe that two years is almost up and this train has finally reached it's destination. It has been an enjoyable ride along the way and my pleasure to be your engineer these past couple of years, welcoming new train enthusiasts to the WB&A Chapter as well as learning a lot of train history along the way from many dedicated, loyal WB&A members, including previous leadership teams.

Without your support and that of your hardworking Board of Directors, the WB&A Chapter could not have accomplished the many things that we have set out to do these past few years. As we reported in the last issue of the *Trolley*, the 2010 TCA National Convention in Baltimore was a huge success after seven years of planning and the hard work of over 70 volunteers; job well done. As a result, the WB&A Chapter was able to answer to TCA National's 2011– 2012 Division/Chapter Appeal and make a donation of **\$5100** to be used to fund the new **LED lighting** for the **Standard Gauge Layout, the Thomas the Tank Train Case, and the "O" Gauge Layout**. The BOD is planning a bus trip to the TCA National Museum once the work has been completed for the WB&A members to see our donation to the lighting project in action. *More details to come.*

We have listened to what you have said and have added new activities, like train excursions, separating the Swap Meet from the General Membership Meeting, having Train Day Open Houses; additionally we are looking at incorporating new communication initiatives to attract new members through social media. Continue to let your leadership team know what activities or ideas that you may have for the chapter; better yet volunteer to help out at one of our meets, activities, or even host a Train Day Open House. Share your copy of the *Trolley* with a new TCA member and recruit them to join the WB&A so they too can enjoy the benefits and activities that the WB&A Chapter has to offer.

*Don't forget that the next train is leaving the station January 1st, 2012, so make sure you are **All Aboard** for another fun-filled year of trains, friendship and camaraderie .*

Have a great Fall Train Season.
Nancy Tentzeras, WB&A President (2010—2011)



**Treasurer's Report
as of August 28th, 2011**

Summer 2011 has been one of my best. The highlight was a seven day trip on a special Canadian Pacific (CP) train from Vancouver, British Columbia to Calgary, Alberta through the Canadian Rockies. Magnificent scenery and great people we met along the way made for a trip of a lifetime and I was able to check off another bucket list item. Other completed bucket list items included a visit to Venice Beach and the Santa Monica Pier as well as driving the Pacific Coast Highway from Pismo Beach to Carmel, California. I strongly recommend spending a night at the Jagged Point Motel north of San Simeon and the Hurst Castle. As a result of my travels, I'm completely invigorated and ready to get back to trains in the fall. Time is running out get your drawing ticket for the Scale GG1 and matching passenger cars. Contact any member of the Board of Directors for tickets. Our fall swap meet and business meeting in Maryland is coming up in November and planning for our December 10th Kena Temple meet is underway. WB&A is on the move and it's time to get on board. Our finances are excellent and we will be announcing new activities and programs in the near future. We need your help, so please volunteer.

The Chapter's financial activities for January — June 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

Check Book Balance — January 1, 2011 \$13,686.68

Check Book Balance — August 28, 2011 \$41,580.34

	EXPENSES	REVENUE
MD Armory March 2011 Meet	\$2516	\$3818
Kena Temple Dec 2011 Meet	\$ 140	\$0
Membership Dues 2011	\$342	\$4557
Newsletter	\$1089	\$700
Kids Korner	\$490	\$100
Tracker & N-Track Gifts	\$674	\$0
Swap Meet, Business Meeting and Open House Mailings	\$235	\$0
Swap Meet	\$184	\$0
Door Prizes	\$350	\$0
Train Set for Drawing	\$984	\$0
Open House	\$350	\$0
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$110	\$0

**Secretary's Report
for May 14, 2011
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Nancy Tentzeras at 1:00 PM at the home of Bob Ferguson.

Voting Members in attendance were as follows: Nancy Tentzeras, Glenn MacKinnon, Nicholas Tentzeras, Stephen Burket, Bob Ferguson, Colleen Hall, Tom Salen, and Art Tate.

Non-voting Members in attendance: Dan Danielson. Eastern Division President, Jim Kronz joined us for a little discussion prior to the meeting.

Items discussed included the following:

- Glenn MacKinnon reported on the various expenses the chapter has incurred thus far and that the chapter finances are in good shape. Glenn highlighted new expenses incurred for the Door Prize for the Swap Meet in June along with the Train Set for the Drawing at the Kena Temple Meet, these are expenses that will help engage the membership into further chapter activities.
- The BOD discussed with Rafi how to incorporate new communications initiatives (i.e. like facebook) into the web site. We need to make sure that our events are viral. Since our demographics are changing, therefore we need to attract new blood through social media. At the request of the BOD, we asked Rafi to put together a facebook page, he would let us know when complete so we could view before notifying the membership.
- Dan Danielson reported on the happenings at Eastern Division; the BOD Meeting at York was a success. Dan indicated that the 2010 Convention funds will be turned over shortly .
- The BOD discussed the following upcoming chapter events: the Swap Meet that is scheduled for June 5th at the Macon Ware Lodge from 9 AM—12PM. The General Membership Meeting is scheduled for June 11th at Amphora Restaurant in Vienna, VA at 8:00 AM. It is a breakfast meet that is Dutch treat (the member will be paying for their meal). The Train Day Outing is scheduled for June 25th at the home of James and Colleen Hall, we received more responses after the initial e-blast. We will be holding a drawing for a PRR Tuscan Red Engine and passenger car set. Tickets are \$5.00 or six for \$25.00; only 400 will be sold.

Next meeting to be held July 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM at Steve Burket and the following BOD is scheduled on September 24 at 10:00 AM at Art Tate's .

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Tentzeras, Secretary WB&A Chapter

Historian's Corner

As I sit here amidst the wind and the rain of Hurricane Irene I got a chance to look through an old TCA national Officer's Reporter, Vol. 5, No. 4 dated March 31 1984.

This document's editor was John Parker, Who was serving as National Secretary. John is a Charter Member of TCA and is currently still residing in the Western Division. He served for several years as the TCA Historian. The report speaks to a number of issues facing TCA including Membership complaints, guidelines for open meets, and a report from the budget and finance committee. As has been said before, much of this is still relevant today.

Of note in this report was the announcement of Honorary Membership made for then President Ronald Reagan. There is a moving story behind this nomination and acceptance. Bob (Robert Strauss, 77-12013) a school teacher from Raritan, NJ, and his students put together a white and gold Lionel campaign train that was presented to the President. When the presentation was arranged, Bob contacted the TCA Board of Directors (BOD) for approval on Honorary Membership. John, as Secretary, sent out a ballot to the BOD and an expedient approval was forthcoming. On March 18, 1984, the train was accepted by Maureen Reagan, daughter of the President, on his behalf, and confirmation of the acceptance of his Honorary Membership. A celebration of Mr. Reagan's second term and quite a point of pride for our association.

Housed at the National Toy Train Museum are trains on permanent loan from the White House Gift Unit representing President Reagan's love for toy trains. Included is a Western Coil and Electric Burlington Zephyr streamline engine and cars which you can find on display in the Streamliners display across from the mint Car and beside the 1928 Dealer Display.

Keeping the wheels down and the smoke up,
Carol Redman McGinnis
WB&A Historian



The 2012 – 2013 ballot is enclosed in this newsletter. Each candidate has submitted a resume listing their qualifications, goals and objectives for the chapter. Please read each one carefully and vote for continued Chapter growth and 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 Swap 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	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.

Membership Moments by Bob Ferguson

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP as of August 25th - 339

There are a total of 270 who have paid their dues for 2011. We, therefore, have a remaining 69 who have not yet paid for 2011. 2012 Membership drive is underway now. Use the renewal form on page 4 and mail in the membership envelope provided within the newsletter. If you include a SASE, we will mail your 2012 sticker or you can pick it up at any of the upcoming WB&A Meets.

You can also visit the WB&A table up at York in the Silver Hall across from the Registration Desk and renew your dues or at the Kena Temple Meet. While you are there, don't forget to take a chance on the WB&A Drawing of a rare, new *Pennsylvania GG-1 Electric Engine (Tuscan Red 5-Stripe) With Proto-Sound 2.0 with Passenger Cars.*

We have been getting regular submissions of dues from the newsletter notices. In addition we have been getting new members from letters sent out to new TCA people who live in our area as listed in the TCA newsletter. As a reminder, our area covers Delaware, Maryland, Washington DC, and northern Virginia.

Don't Miss Out on the chance
to win the WB&A Drawing of a rare, new
*Pennsylvania GG-1 Electric Engine
(Tuscan Red 5-Stripe) With Proto-Sound 2.0
with Passenger Cars*



Contact any WB&A BOD for tickets.
*or send in a separate check with your membership renewal, and
Membership Chairman, Bob Ferguson will mail your tickets
along with your membership renewal sticker.
(1 for \$5 or 6 for \$25) Only 400 tickets being sold*

Drawing to be held December 10th, 2011 at the Kena Temple Meet

**WB&A 2012 MEMBERSHIP
NEW/RENEWAL APPLICATION**

Return with Self Addressed Stamped Envelope & a check/money order for \$18 payable to WB&A.
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Please contact Bob Ferguson at 410-974-0158, 443-223-5645 (cell)
or bferg332001@yahoo.com with any questions.

View from the Observation Car by George Tsakiris

Architect E. Francis Baldwin and the Mount Clare Passenger Car Shop (B&O Museum)

In a previous installment of View from the Observation Car, the Point of Rocks railway station and an overview of it's renowned architect, E. Francis Baldwin was discussed. Mr. Baldwin designed over 500 buildings in his lifetime and his work can be found from New York to Georgia. However, most of his buildings were in Maryland including many railroad stations and other railroad buildings during his 25 year association with the B&O. He began working for the B&O in 1872. One of the most known and visible of his buildings is the Mount Clare Roundhouse better known these days as the B&O Railroad Museum.

This site is full of history, the first commercial railroad track was laid within the Mount Clare complex in 1829. The first passenger service occurred in 1830 and consisted of horse drawn rail cars; the cars were basically converted stage coaches! The first telegraph message was sent from here to Washington DC in 1844. A new brick Mount Clare Station was built in 1852 (currently part of the museum) and is adjacent to the roundhouse.

Locomotive, freight car, and passenger car manufacturing and maintenance were conducted at the Mount Clare complex. This 40+ acre complex is the oldest railroad manufacturing facility in the US and at its peak employed over 3,000 people.

The Mount Clare Roundhouse was built in 1884 to service B&O passenger cars. When completed it was the largest circular industrial building in the world at 235 feet in diameter and 123 feet in height. What a magnificent structure! This building is prominent in downtown Baltimore and can easily be seen from the highways or Orioles Park at Camden Yards.

Technically, it is not a roundhouse (used to store and service locomotives) but a circular railcar service facility. The roundtable within the car service facility is so efficient that two men could turn the turntable without the aid of a motor or animal. Air conditioned passenger cars were developed here in the 1920s.

The last B&O steam locomotive was built at Mount Clare in 1948. With the advent of diesel locomotives several of the service facilities at Mount Clare were no longer needed, including the roundhouse (Mount Clare Passenger Car Shop). Luckily through the years the B&O had a good

sense of its history and collected locomotives, railcars and artifacts. The former car shop at Mount Clare was selected to hold the B&Os collection and the B&O Transportation Museum at Mt. Clare opened July 4, 1953.

Ironically, the museum outlived its namesake company and was, thankfully, maintained by successors Chessie and CSX. The museum with E. Francis Baldwin's car shop as the centerpiece was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1961. In 1990 CSX deeded the facility to not-for-profit museum organization which then became affiliated with the Smithsonian.

In 2003 a large snowfall caused portions of the roof to collapse and cause considerable damage to some of the collection. The building was beautifully restored, visitor facilities expanded, and display of the collection was improved. Repair to the damaged collection continues to this day.

Rail fans this is the beginning of railroads in the US and E. Francis Baldwin's car shop is the centerpiece!





Elections for 2012—2013

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, Art Tate, Phil Graves for their time and effort.

PRESIDENT

Art Tate - Annapolis, MD - TCA #98-47853

Train Interests: "O" gauge – actively enjoys running Lionel, MTH and others on his newly built layout.

Current and Past Positions: Past President of WB&A (2003—2007); Treasurer of WB&A (2000—2004); WB&A Director (2000 to present); Meet Chairman of Annapolis WB&A Meet (2006 — to present); Member of Registration staff of Eastern Division York Meet (2006—present)

Special Skills: President and owner of NEC Staffing services since 1978; President of Rotary Club of Baltimore (2002 & 2003); President of Executive Association of Baltimore (2004)

Chapter Goals: I have been exposed to all facets of running a business from finance to sales to operations and am experienced in dealing with local, state and federal government including the IRS and laws that regulate for profit and not-profit enterprises. I feel that my experience will move WB&A forward and make it an even more valuable resource for our members. I want to make WB&A a club that people will identify with as a place to have fun and learn about our wonderful hobby. Lastly, I think my experience has taught me how to get things done and to build consensus and bring people together for a common cause.

VICE PRESIDENT

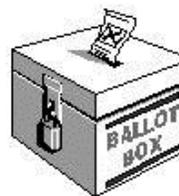
Tom Salen - Vienna, VA—TCA #03-55628

Train Interests: Collecting and operating Postwar Lionel Trains

Current and Past Positions: WB&A Director (2010 – 2011); Kids Korner Committee and Registration Committee for the 2010 Convention in Baltimore; Volunteer at the Kena Temple Meet

Special Skills: Background in sales and marketing

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



The 2012 — 2013 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 21, 2011. Do not enclose your ballot in a envelope.

All ballots will be taken unopened to the General Membership meeting on October 29th to be validated and counted.

After the ballots are counted, the newly elected Officers and Board of Directors will be announced by the Secretary, Nicholas Tentzeras. New Officers and Board of Directors assume their duties on January 01, 2012.

TREASURER

Glenn MacKinnon - Springfield, VA - TCA #03-55715

Train Interests: Member of the National Capital Trackers, National Christmas Tree Railroad Operators. Collect Lionel Post-War Military and Space Trains and Accessories and have built and operate an L shaped 24ft x 16ft O Gauge layout in his basement. Member of the Pontiac and Oakland Club International.

Current and Past Positions: Co-Chair of the Daventry Community Association Grounds Committee; Serving on the TCA Special Committee to revise the TCA National bylaws, 2007—2010. Managed WB&A advertising campaign for train meets. WB&A Treasurer since 2005, developed new financial report format while implementing new procedures for streamlining and certifying funds transactions dealing with train meet receipts and membership dues. Member and Chairman, Rules and Regulations Committee, Eastern Division, TCA, 2004—2008. Supervised Eastern Division Bylaws Rewrite and established first ever policy book for the division. Court Appointed Special Advocate, 2004—2009. Family Court appointed Representative providing support to abused and neglected children in Fairfax County. Northern Virginia Literacy Council Volunteer, 2002—2003, English Tutor. Licensed Agent and Registered Representative for First Command Financial Planning, 1998—2002. Managed a clientele of over 400 families with a wide variety of financial goals. Active duty military service 1972—1998. Served in numerous stateside and overseas command and management positions until retirement in 1998.

Special Skills: Over 37 years experience in diverse leadership and staff positions. Proven training, research, analytical, writing, presentation, and project management skills. Directed high visibility and high dollar value programs. TCA and WB&A member since 2003

Chapter Goals: Continue to provide the best possible accounting management processes to the position of WB&A Treasurer to ensure 100% accuracy and member visibility of the Chapter's financial activities.

SECRETARY

Candidacy is open for Write—In.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

in alphabetical order

Bob Ferguson – Annapolis, MD – TCA# 08-63282

Train Interests: O Gauge, 1953—1955 era Lionel, MTH present day.

Current and Past Positions: I am a retired Anne Arundel County Board of Education High School Administrator, Athletic Director, Football Coach and Teacher. I have served 2 terms as President for the Administrators Union of Anne Arundel County Public Schools for 2 terms, Vice President for 4 terms. I have been a member of the Board of Directors of WB&A for the past two years, Membership chair for two years; Director of Security of the 2010 TCA National Convention in Baltimore; Security for the Eastern Division York Meets (2010—2011)

Special Skills: Organizer, Problem Solver, Ombudsman

Chapter Goals: My goals in the WB&A are to increase membership as well as retaining the members that we have both young and old alike and do what I can to make the mini-meets more interesting..

James Hall - Linden, VA - TCA #94-39315

Train Interests: My Wife , Colleen 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. I have added an addition to our home which houses our train collection and layout (28x60) and a woodshop floor. We recently held an open house for our fellow WB&A members. Everyone seemed to have good time, and we have decided to make this an annual event

Current Positions: TCA National Standards Committee Member. Co-meet chairman of the Kena Train show along with Colleen. Member of the Standard Gauge Module Association ("SGMA")

Past Positions: 2010 TCA Baltimore Convention and Co-Chair of the Dinner Cruise

Special Skills: Being able to find solutions to problems by thinking outside the box.

Job History: Machinist Mate U.S. Navy, Chief Operator at Culpeper county's Wastewater and Water Plant,. I have been at Arlington County's 40 million gallon a day Wastewater Treatment Plant for 26 yrs and I am currently the Shift Supervisor, supervising eight plant operators.

Chapter Goals: To meet and listen to our members. Holding of mini-meets so that we, as a Chapter, can come together to share ideas. I'm looking forward to working with all our WB&A members to implement those ideas. To work on programs that work well along with being part of new ideas for the future.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Semi-annual WB&A Swap Meet

Saturday, November 05, 2011

Frances Fuchs Special Center
11011 Cherry Hill Road
Beltsville, MD 20705
9:00 AM—12:00 PM

- WB&A Members only + 1
- Free table space (½ table, first come, first served) to display, sell, swap your stuff and tell lies
- No admission charge
- Operating layout (O gauge) so you can run stuff
- Bring your own table and set up in the parking lot, weather permitting
- Telling of stories permitted

- The WB&A will be serving donuts, coffee and bagels *free of charge*.

WB&A Members in attendance can win a DOOR PRIZE

WB&A Semi-Annual Business Meeting

WHEN: Saturday, October 29th, 2011

WHERE: Double T Diner
12 Defense Highway
Annapolis, Md. 21401
410-571-9070

TIME: 9AM-12PM

WB&A Members only

Come and join the WB&A Board of Directors for breakfast, al carte and Dutch treat.

Agenda: Officer reports, Eastern Division report, upcoming events, open discussion, and election results

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES....

Please send any train-related articles, stories, and/or print-ready photos for consideration in any upcoming publication of "The Trolley" or on the Chapter Web Site. Send via email to: newsletter_editor@wbachaptertca.org.

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TOY TRAIN DISPLAY AT GREEN SPRING GARDENS

Green Spring Gardens is a National Historic site located in Alexandria, Virginia near Annandale. It consists of several outdoor gardens, the Historic House and the Horticulture Center. Green Spring Gardens will hold its annual Gardeners' Holiday Open House between noon and 4:30 pm on Sunday, December 4, 2011. There will be holiday displays in both the Historic House and the Horticulture Center.

This year, for the first time ever, the event will feature a small indoor operating display of toy trains at the Horticulture Center for both adults and children to enjoy. Hopefully, this will draw some visitors to WB&A Chapter's upcoming train meet at Kena Temple on December 10th.

So if you want to take a few hours from the frenetic activity and stress of the holiday season, come visit the Gardeners' Holiday Open House at Green Spring Gardens on December 4th. Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, Virginia. To learn more about Green Spring Gardens, visit www.greenspring.org.

Directions: From I-495, take Exit 52 on to Little River Turnpike (Rt. 236). Drive approximately 2.9 miles east on Little River Turnpike until you reach Braddock Road. Turn left onto Braddock Road. In approximately two-tenths (0.2) miles, turn right on Witch Hazel Road, which is actually Green Spring Gardens driveway. Caution: The use of internet mapping services or GPS systems is not recommended. There have been several recent changes in traffic patterns near Green Spring Gardens.



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September 2, 2011

Nancy Tentzeras, President
WB&A Chapter, Eastern Division, TCA
12453 Quail Woods Drive
Germantown, MD 20874

Dear Nancy,

On behalf of the Library Committee, the Education and Museum Committee of the National Toy Train Museum and the National Business Office of the Train Collectors Association, please extend to WB&A Chapter, Eastern Division and their Board of Directors our sincere thank you for their generous donation of \$5,100.00 for the 2011-12 Division/Chapter Appeal.

As requested, your donation will be used to fund the new LED lighting for the Standard Gauge Layout (\$2100), the Thomas the Tank Train Case (\$300) and the "O" Gauge Layout (\$2700). These needs have been deemed a priority to advance the mission of TCA. As noted in our request to you, these are items that cannot be covered by our general operating funds.

The support of our Divisions is so important to the future of TCA. Again, many, many thanks to everyone in WB&A Chapter, Eastern Division and your Board of Directors for this generous donation.

Sincerely,

Jane M. Boyce
Director of Development

Many thanks again for the generous contribution!

Cc: Ron Morris, Chair, Library & Historical Committee
Jim Shaner, Chair, Education and Museum Committee
Paul Edgar, TCA President
John Luppino, Operations Manager

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MD Swap Meet	Nov. 5th	WB&A Only
Kena Temple	Dec. 10th	540.497.1840
Annapolis Armory	March 10, 2012	410.974.0373



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Silver Spring, MD

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Stan's Trolley Tidbits
FINALLY GETTING STARTED

When construction finally got started in 1975, the Mass Transit Authority took the least expensive route. They took the least expensive route. It ran from Owing Mills to Charles St. and Baltimore St, and later on to John Hopkins Hospital. The route to Glen Burnie came much later. The original route was to use the Western Maryland right of way, which made it least expensive. Then the second phase took portion of the Baltimore & Annapolis Railway... right of way. Even this wasn't cheap, the Federal Government for 80% of the construction.

In 1979, the order 72 Budd cars along with 136 cars with Mamie Florida for a grand total of 208; the price was cheaper when they ordered more. The cars were 75 feet long and seat 76 people and could accommodate 70 people standing. They were made of unpainted stainless steel for easier maintenance. The had 75 hp and could reach a speed of 70 mph.

There were complaints all over the construction about loud noise and dirt. But the most prevalent was the future Charles St. Station. When the digging got in full force, the dump company that was hired to remove the dirt 2 miles had spilled dirt up to 1/2 to 2 inches in height on the roadway. Baltimore City contacted the traffic division to levied the problem. The traffic division assigned 2 police officer to levied the problem, with instruction to give citation on any violation the dump trucks they made. After 3 days there were only 2 truck working the site the rest of the truck driver refused to work. They had the dump truck fixed and about a month later all traffic citations were heard in court. I should know I was one of those police officers. TO BE CONTINUED...

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