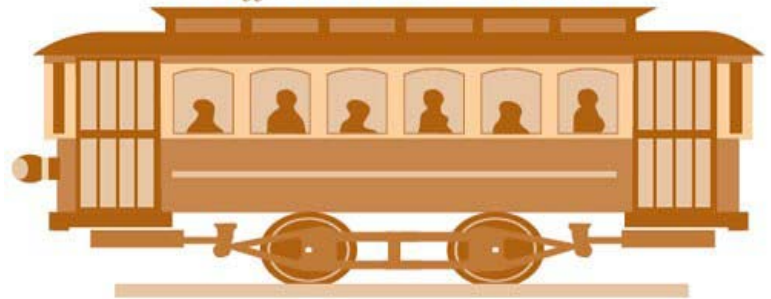


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From the President's Desk

THE NEW WB&A

It has been several months since our last newsletter and for that we must apologize. Much has happened in the months since our last newsletter and we will bring you up to date on WB&A with this issue. I am Art Tate, your new president, and we have some new Board members listed herein. This is one of the most enthusiastic group of volunteers I have been associated with and some great innovations are in store for WB&A members. Our web site will be updated (keep an eye on it) and we plan to bring WB&A into the 21st century through social networking via Facebook, etc. We have a new meet chairmen for our Kena Temple meet in Colleen and James Hall who have already made some changes to make our Virginia meet a better experience.

We have all been brain storming to come up with ideas that will make your WB&A a more valuable, fulfilling and fun filled experience for members. We hope to provide links to other train and hobby related web sites such as railroad historical societies and of course, links to other train hobby web sites. Additionally, we will provide "how to" instructions on aspects of model train collecting and operating and possibly even live demonstrations at our meets.

WB&A will try to be many things to many people, to provide content, interesting stories and information that will enable our members to enjoy our wonderful hobby even more. In past years there was interest and good participation in Club sponsored excursions to various sites of interest for members and their families. We will try to promote these trips again and if the interest is there, make them a reality once again.

Of course, we can use any and all ideas, input, suggestions, etc. you may have to make our Club even better than in the past. You will find an announcement in this issue for elections for the new year and we may need as many as five new directors on our Board. Sign up to become a director and get involved in the new WB&A. We promise you an interesting experience and an opportunity to promote our train hobby in a way you think it should be done.

Art Tate President, WB&A 2012 - 2013

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Treasurer's Report as of Jan. 31, 2012

By Glenn MacKinnon

Your Chapter is making great strides in 2012. Eblasts with loads of information and a new trailer to store and transport our layouts and equipment to multiple venues in support of our train and train related activities are notable highlights. Art Tate has graciously kept the layouts in his basement and more recently in his garage for years. Now he has somewhere indoors to park his Corvette! Thank you Art! Kids Korner is in great shape this year. As in the past, once again Eastern Division has reimbursed the Chapter for expenses related to operating Kids Korner in 2011. Thank you Eastern Division! The Chapter's financial condition is excellent. We have the resources to continue to do help advance our hobby in a positive direction and support our membership. The Chapter's financial activities for January-July 2012 are summarized below. If you have any other questions or comments feel free to contact me at 703-927-9843 or glen.mackinnon@verizon.net.

Check Book Balance – January 1, 2012 \$39,093.22
 Check Book Balance – July 20, 2012 \$35,768.40
 Significant Activities January 1, 2012 thru July 20, 2012

	Expenses	Revenue
MD Armory Mar 2012 Meet	2925	3854
Membership Dues 2012	173	4502
Membership Dues 2013	100	0
Newsletter 2012 (President Letter)	286	0
Other Mailings (Eblast, Business Meeting, Swap Meet)	1053	0
Kids Korner	0	490
Swap Meet	155	0
Door prizes for swap meet	766	0
Train Set for Drawing	558	690
WB&A Layouts	797	0
WB&A Trailer	2782	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	7	0

Secretary's Report For January 28, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting

WB&A Board of Director's Meeting
 Saturday, January 28, 2012

Home of Glenn & Janet MacKinnon Thank you Glenn & Janet, as always your were both a wonderful host.

Meeting Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting End Time: 3:44 p.m.

Present: Art Tate, Tom Salen, Glenn MacKinnon, Colleen Hall, Dan Danielson, Pete and Mary

Jackson, Steve Burket, Bob Ferguson, and John Conlon.

OLD BUSINESS

President Art Tate call for an executive session.

The executive session was completed.

Tom gave a report on the information he obtained regarding a new website host, named Aristotle. It was agreed that all Board members would send to Colleen by Friday 2.3.12 their responses to the questionnaire forwarded to Tom by Aristotle. Colleen would format these responses and forward them to Tom and John so that Tom could then take the lead in forwarding them to Aristotle. Tom, John and Colleen will report back to the BOD on their findings pertaining to the costs and options included for the costs if we were to move forward with Aristotle.

The September 24, 2011 Minutes were distributed and read. There was a motion to accept the Minutes by Glenn which was second by Tom and it was voted on unanimously to be accepted.

The October 29, 2011 draft Minutes were distributed and it was determined that they would be discussed and approved at our next General Board meeting on June 16, 2012 as they were from our General Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report given by Glenn It was suggested that an additional line item be added for promotional items. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Tom which was second by Bob and it was voted on unanimously to be accepted.

Art thanked Glenn for the Treasurer's Report.

Membership Report was given by Bob. As of now, we have 225 paid members for 2012 and 114 non-paid 2012 members. Colleen is to work with Bob on sending out reminder postcards to the 114 individuals. It was suggested by Steve that we add to the postcard the upcoming event(s) that they would miss out on if they did not renew. It was agreed that Colleen would add this to the postcard (space permitting).

Kena Meet Report was given by Colleen and a handout of the write-up to be sent to our members was distributed. Due to a recent management change at Kena, it was agreed that we on the Board would consider looking for a new location for the Virginia Meet after 2012. A discussion was had to change the date to the Saturday after Thanksgiving (as it originally had been). Dan and Glenn were going to investigate the firehouse in Chantilly. Steve also discussed the attendance at a Greenberg show vs. our shows and we all agreed that advertising bought a lot of the Greenberg's attendance.

Dan provided the Eastern Report where he indicated there had been no meetings since our last BOD meeting (October 2011). He reminded us that Sam Geiser was running for President-Elect for the TCA. The Rules & Regs. Committee would also be working on revised the policies and plan to present them at York. The Eastern Board needs candidates to run. We also learned that Debbie Geiser's was doing much better

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Historian's Corner

While this is not exactly a historical commentary it is a historical perspective. First of all let me say that it is an honor to be TCA President. As JFK once said "Let's try this again & see how it comes out ." This may be my mantra. Kae Yohe led the way as TCA's first woman president back in 1996-1997. She showed that it takes an enormous amount of time and energy to get the job done.

I may still be in the honeymoon period, but so far so good. It's during this period of time that my opinion ratings are high, and I'm hoping that they will stay that way. I have a big job ahead. I want you to get to know the woman behind the office, and will try to attend as many local and national activities as I can. Hopefully, you, our members, will see the difference and as questions are openly discussed you will see the wisdom behind the answers. As a member you come first. I hope that this integrity is the cornerstone of my year.

Carol Redman McGinnis
WB&A Historian, TCA President

I'M NOT A CHILD ***by Clem Clement***

I came to York with my Mom and Dad. My Dad loves trains and seems to not have so many troubles on his mind when he is here. I'm happy when he smiles and looks happy. Mom and I walk around and enjoy each other's company. We went to get me a soda when we found the Kids Korner @ York.

Mom left me sitting on a chair out side the yellow ribbons. I'm OK and feel safe and I can watch every thing. And such glorious things are happening in side the ropes that it makes me smile all the time. I wish I was a kid so I could play. Mom says I'm special. Dad says so too. I think I'm normal and special. But they say I have special challenges. My arms and legs sometimes don't want to do what I want them to do, but it is all right with me. I hear big words about my situation starting with A or M, but mom says they are OK. I know I'm loved and I really like it here sitting outside the Kids Korner all by myself. And nobody is laughing at me. I feel so big to be able to be here all by myself while Mom does some shopping and relaxing. Some big people are really little. I'm big people.

The Brio Lady came over to ask me if I was OK and would I like to come in and play with the trains. I said no. I'm 25 and not a child. She was nice to ask me, but I'm too old to play, plus I'm a girl and girls don't play with trains. Mom came back and checked on me- isn't she nice. She was so happy to see that I was enjoying myself. Gosh, I've been here almost 2 hours just watching. This is a wonderful place.

Uncle Clem came over to see if I was OK and I said yes. I'm happy just watching every move the kids make. I could just live here. Why do big people always check on me? I'm not a child. It is nice to be checked on though.

A little boy was inside the ropes and needed help with the train he was playing with. The big people were not watching, but I was. I worked up my courage and I reached under the yellow ropes and helped the boy, because I'm not a child. I'm still shaking but I'm glad I helped. The big people never noticed the nice thing I did for the little boy (or did they- Uncle Clem seemed to get something in his eye about that time.) I'm glad there is a place for me at the Kids Korner @ York.

Clem Clement
January 4, 2002



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- 5 Free admission at WB&A Swap Meet.
- 6 Receive quarterly the WB&A Newsletter "The Trolley".
- 7 Access to the chapter website - <http://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.

health wise.

Art asked Dan if a WB&A Board member could also be on the Eastern Board and was told that one could not serve on both simultaneously.

NEW BUSINESS

Art discussed e-mail blasts and the future of sending same. At this time, it was decided that Colleen would send out e-mail blasts using the members e-mail list that she has available to her.

A discussion was also had about using a zip code finder program for mailers for our events, such as the Annapolis Armory. Art was going to speak to Debbie Geiser about what program she uses and any costs involved.

Art, as President of the WB&A, thanked Dan for the great job done on the Convention.

Art discussed the upcoming Annapolis Meet (3.10.12) and indicated it was on schedule. A discussion was had regarding the reworking on the kids' table that Art maintains and a tentative date of February 18 starting at 10:00 a.m. at Art's home for those that could help out with the revamping of it. Art would forward a list of supplies and tools needed and thoughts on how much should be done for this meet, i.e., an addition made to the layout, circus trains, Thomas trains, scenery, etc. It was suggested that Art review the Toy Train Emporium's website to get ideas of what is available for Thomas and that a possible road trip would be made to purchase some items. A discussion of "how to seminars" was had for Annapolis and Kena and it was agreed that we should videotape them and that we should have them. Dealer set-up in from 7-9 a.m. and Art would have donuts/coffee available for the table holders. Bob was working with the food vendor and this too (goto page 6)

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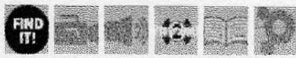
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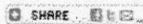


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HALL'S SECOND ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE 2012

BY JAMES AND COLLEEN HALL

Our open house was held on May 5, 2012 and what a day of fun it was for us and for those that



joined us. In the weeks leading up to the event, one found James busily working on the layout to get the upper tracks up and running and scenery set-up. For those that have never been to our home, our layout is 19x49 and is housed in the 5,000 sq. ft. addition to our home that James built. We have 7 tracks that we run Standard Gauge on and two upper levels that runs O and Flyer. We have 6 transformers to operate the layout.

As we did last year, we used our RV bay to house the tables of food alongside tables and chairs for all to sit at so that they could chat with friends while enjoying their meal. If you're curious, the main dish was ham and fried chicken, along with many sides. Now what about dessert, well there was plenty of that including a few rum cakes (I'm afraid if I had not prepared the rum cake I would have been run out of our home - lol), sock-it-to-me cakes, and many more edible delights.

This year, approximately 60-70 of our fellow train enthusiasts and friends joined us along with family. James turned over the controls to Matthew (grandson of Dan and Hope Danielson) and he did a terrific job in running of the trains and seemed to totally enjoy himself.

The train room provided some memorable moments such as the running of the TCA Founders set that Hope kindly brought along to be run on the layout. Then there was, of course, Stomper. Even the name itself brought fear to the eyes of many and a call from an "unidentified" agency warning us not to cause atmospheric problems while running Stomper. We, of course, paid no heed to the warning and we understand that it took several days for the atmosphere to settle back to "normal."

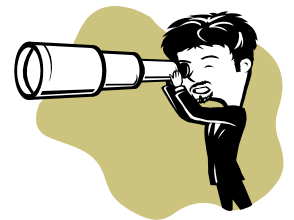
So as the time ticked by, way too fast, James and I found ourselves surrounded by so many good people sharing in the fun of the day. By the time the last person left, we looked around and took a deep breath and exhaled and started thinking about next year's open house. For those of you who have been able to join us and for those that have not yet made it out, we look forward to seeing you on the first Saturday in May 2013.

Have you wanted to get involved, but find yourself with limited time to do so?

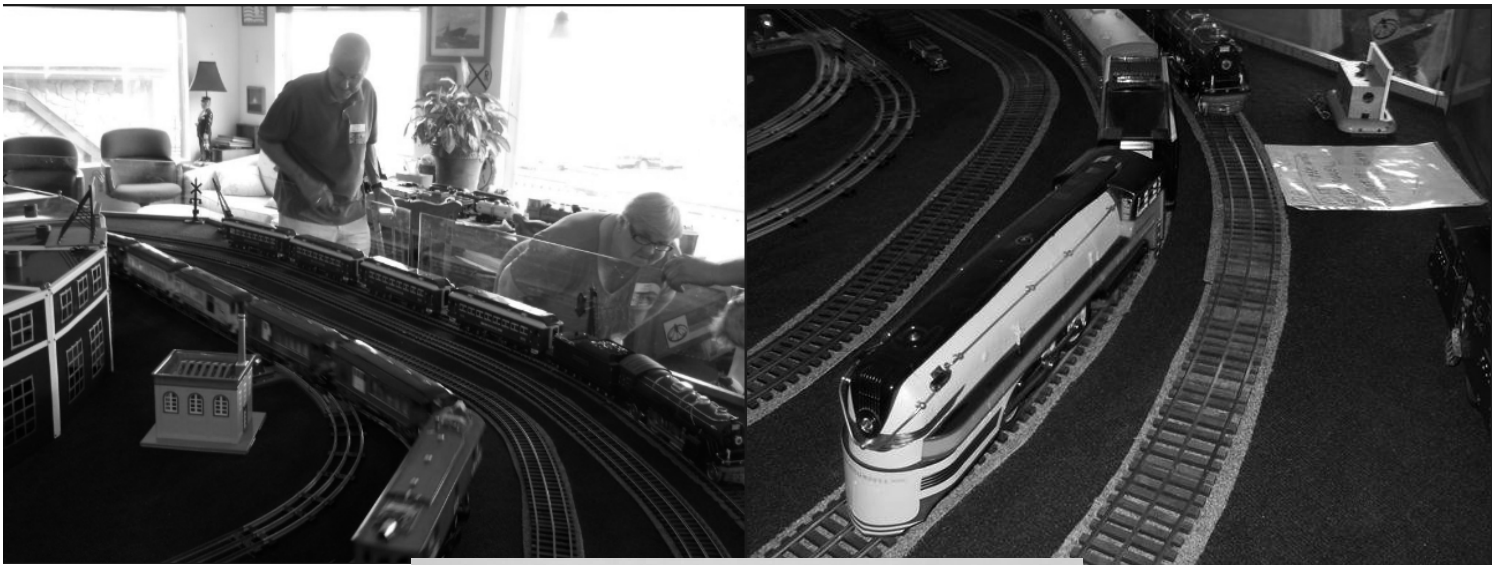
Your WB&A BoD are looking for YOU! Members who have an interest in helping at various WB&A sponsored events with module set-up and operation are needed. The WB&A now has a trailer to transport its modular layouts. Please contact one of your BoD if you have an interest in helping. They will be primarily used at the two WB&A meets (presently held at Kena and Annapolis).

Looking for members interested in joining the SGMA (Standard Gauge Module Association <http://www.sgma.us/>)

Virginia chapter that is now forming. If interested, please contact James Hall (hallshadowwriter@yahoo.com or 540-622-2258).



Photos from the Hall's Open House



Clem Clement showing off House in May 2012.



Stomper at the Hall Open

was on track.

Glenn discussed future door prizes at our Swap meets for 2012 and Glenn proposed a motion that for the "meet swaps for 2012 that the door prizes would not exceed \$400." The motion was second by Tom and it was voted on unanimously to be accepted. Bob would work on getting us the items with a possible road trip to view what was available. Glenn discussed a future drawing and that we needed to make it available for viewing and purchasing for Annapolis (3.10.12). Steve proposed a motion that for the "we were not to exceed more then \$800 for the drawing item" The motion was second by Tom and it was voted on unanimously to be accepted. Bob would work on getting us the items with a possible road trip to view what was available. Colleen would be handling the printing of tickets.

Art discussed the openings for the Board for the 2012-2013 term and Bob made a motion that we appoint Pete Jackson to fill the one open position. The motion was second by John and it was accepted by the BOD.

A discussion was had regarding a trailer for the WB&A club and Dan discussed the cost of 5x8 trailer would be approximately \$2,500-3,000. John said that he had a 5x8 (single door) and/or 6x10 (double door) trailer that he could provide to the WB&A club with title at no cost. It was decided that Glenn, Dan and Art would look at the trailers to see if they would meet the WB&A club's needs.

There was a discussion of the next progression open house and thought was given to having a home to visit after each of our Swap Meets. Colleen will approach Bruce Greenberg to see if he would be willing to open his home on June 3, 2012 after the Swap Meet.

A brief discussion was had to rewrite the WB&A Bylaws which will be discussed further at our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Hall, Secretary, WB&A Chapter

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Oct. 27, 2012	WB&A General Business meeting (election results)
Nov. 3, 2012	Swap Meet
Dec. 8, 2012	Kena Meet
June 22-30, 2012	TCA Convention, St. Louis, MO

Upcoming Convention Information

The 2013 St. Louis convention cars are now available for ordering. The deadlines for these cars have been moved up to July 31st for early buy discounts and October 31st for final orders. The link to the National TCA order form is as follows:

<http://www.tcamembers.org/offers/conventioncars/index.htm>

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Look who just joined WB&A!!!

From the Editor

A couple of months ago, Art Tate sent out an open letter to the members of the WB&A. In the second paragraph, he stated that the Board of Directors were looking for a new editor for "The Trolley" and a new web master for the WB&A website. I thought about volunteering for the editor for "The Trolley," but waited hoping someone with more experience in doing newsletters would step up and take the reigns. Well, as luck would have it, no one did. :-)



I have been a TCA member since 1974, and early on, I joined WB&A. However, my membership lapsed, and I did not renew WB&A membership until I found out about WB&A hosting the TCA Annual Convention in 2010. I made my first trip to the Eastern Division York Train Show in about 2004. Since 2008, I have been doing some volunteer work at the York Show. I also worked the registration desk at the Convention in Baltimore.

In my work, I am at a computer about ten hours a day, and only use one at home on weekends. As a result, I am still using a dial-up connection because I do little to no web work on the weekend. Because of the use of dial-up on weekends, I would request that large files such as images be sent to me during the week and in jpg format, if possible. I don't want to send one to the bit bucket in the sky accidentally. Also, please let me know if one is coming so I am aware of its arrival. As far as articles are concerned, I would request that they be sent to me in text format, not Microsoft Word format. You could write them in your word processor, copy them to notepad and save the resulting text file to send to me for "The Trolley." So far, I find a text file easier to work with in Publisher.

As we go forward, I am learning the ins and outs of Microsoft Publisher, a program I had never used before. Please bear with me as I go through the learning curve with this package.

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Semi-annual WB&A Swap Meet

Saturday, Nov.ember 3, 2012

Severna Park H.S
60 Robinson Road
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9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m..

- WB&A Members only +1
- Free table space (1/2 table, first come, first served) to display, sell, swap and tell lies.
- No admission charge
- Operating layout (O gauge) so you can run stuff.
- Telling of stories is 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 27, 2012

Where: Art and Rita Tate

600 Broadneck

Annapolis, MD 21401

410-974-0373

Time: 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Come and join the WB&A Board of Directors

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

2012 Kena Meet
9001 Arlington Blvd.
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A FEW GOOD CANDIDATES!

WB&A ELECTION COMING UP

The nominating committee is seeking candidates for **three Board of Directors positions that are up for election this year.**

Anyone interested in running for one of these positions please contact Glenn MacKinnon at glen.mackinnon@verizon.net, Tom Salen at strsalen@verizon.net or Colleen Hall at memberwba@gmail.com.

Interested candidates need to submit resumes by August 25th to the nominating committee 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 next newsletter. The term of office is for two years beginning January 1st, 2013 through December 31st, 2015.

Ballots and resumes will be mailed on or before October 1st of this year.



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