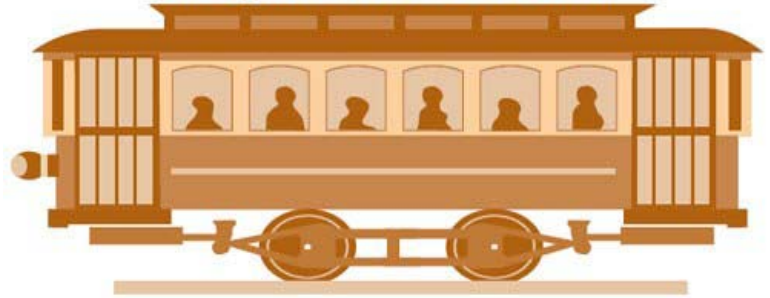


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From the President's Desk
SECOND CHILDHOOD

As I write this, it has been one week since our WB&A Train Meet at Kena Temple. I hope you attended and had a good time as all of us who were there certainly did. Upon looking around the hall I took special note of the young children staring transfixed by the beautiful layout the National Capital Trackers bring to our meet every year. We at WB&A thank them for all their hard work over the years to provide us with this magnificent display of toy trains. I found myself watching the children as they sat on Santa Claus' lap and wished for the toys they hoped Santa would bring them. The innocence of childhood is something all of us had at one time and when it is gone, it is gone forever. What a precious gift I thought to myself as their wide-eyed innocence and trust made them joyful and oblivious to the stress today's world can place upon us. It always makes me smile to see and hear children laugh and I hope it always does, it is one of the rare pleasures of life that I hope I never lose. I took note of the adults who attended our meet. There was Carol McGinness, TCA President and Paul Edgar, TCA Past President there along with Hope and Dan Danielson, past officers of WB&A who have attended every meet since I've been a member of WB&A. Clem Clement, Past President of TCA and WB&A is another fixture at all WB&A meets and hundreds of other guests. I wondered aloud to myself, why? Why do all of these good people come together so many times a year to watch, buy and sell toy trains? And then it dawned on me. After watching all the smiles and listening to the laughter and well wishes, I truly feel we all are seeking a link to the past and that trust and innocence we see in the children.

How many of you come to the meets because they remind us of trains around the Christmas tree in our childhood home and of our father setting everything up while we impatiently watched and waited? I know I do. In 1995, my mother called me from Pittsburgh and said, "You better come home and get these trains your father left or I'm going to get rid of them". This, of course, could not be allowed to happen and so I trekked to Pittsburgh and brought my father's cherished trains to my home. My children were already in high school and I didn't unwrap the trains for a year or so. But when I did.....memories of my father, my home, my brother and all the blissful joys of a long lost youth came flooding back to me. I didn't make the association of childhood and trains until I asked myself, "Why do I do this". I am convinced that in some way it brings back to me just a hint of the lost trust and innocence we once had, a second childhood if you will. Maybe some of you have already made this connection of toy trains and a remembrance of a bygone youth and are aware of what we are really doing when we play with trains. When I joined WB&A I didn't know it would bring new friends and open up an entirely new facet to my life, something I am very thankful for. Reflect on the role toy trains play in your lives and I think you too may feel the magic in those old toy trains.

Art Tate

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Treasurer's Report as of Dec.11, 2012

By Glenn MacKinnon

2012 is drawing to a close quickly. Overall, this year has been a good one. Your Chapter is made great strides in 2012. A new web site is in the works, a first class newsletter is being published, opportunities for our members to get together and have some fun and two first class train meets are keeping everyone on the Board of Directors and many volunteers very busy. Our new trailer is ready to roll packed full with our Chapter layouts. Our financial position remains strong. Our only disappointment was the low attendance and a lack of table holders at our 2012 Kena Temple Show. The Chapter's financial activities for January-December 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.

	Expenses	Revenue
MD Armory Mar 2012 Meet	2925	3854
MD Armory Mar 2013 Meet	330	
Kena Temple 2012 Meet	4573	2442
Membership Dues 2012	173	4502
Membership Dues 2013	131	2599
Newsletter 2012 + President Ltr	1822	
Newsletter 2013		280
Kids Korner	262	490
Other Mailings (Eblast, Business Meeting, Swap meet)	1053	
Swap Meet, Business Meeting	403	
Door Prizes for Swap Meet	766	
Train Set for Drawing	592	1152
WB&A Layouts	909	
WB&A Trailer	2831	
Web Site	747	
Sale of 2010 Convention Items	25	278
Miscellaneous Expenses	67	

Secretary's Report For June 15, 2012

Board of Directors Meeting

Home of James and Colleen Hall – Thank you James and Colleen, as always you were both a wonderful host.

Meeting Start Time: 5:05 p.m.

Meeting End Time: 8:22 p.m.

Present:

Art Tate, Tom Salen, Glenn MacKinnon, Colleen Hall, Dan Danielson, Steve Burket, Bob Ferguson, and James Hall

OLD BUSINESS

The March 31, 2012 Minutes were distributed and read. There was a motion to accept the Minutes by Bob which was seconded by Tom and it was voted on unanimously to be accepted.

Treasurer's Report given by Glenn. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Dan which was second by Bob and it was voted on unanimously to be accepted.

Membership Report was given by Bob. As of now, we have 276 paid members for 2012.

A report was given by James and Colleen Hall that Kena is on the books for December 8, 2012.

Dan provided a report on Eastern and indicated there was a Board meeting in April. There is a new Chapter that formed in Upstate New York and as they are in the beginning stages, Dan offered the BoD's contact information if they needed some guidance. The Division finished the year with a \$32K profit for 2011 (January-December). The attendance numbers at York was down a bit. Eastern has thrown out a challenge that they will meet up to \$25K any donations made to TCA for the remainder of 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn discussed the attendance at the last swap meet and noted that the numbers attending is down, but discussion of better upfront advertising is needed, e.g., front-end loading and to advertise it as FUN. We should also let the members know who will be speaking at the swap meet.

Bob is working on the location for the November 3, 2012 swap meet and is exploring one of the schools in the Annapolis area. He will confirm same shortly. Glenn was to follow-up with Charles Bell regarding his offer to hold a class at our next Swap meet on November 3, 2012

The trailer has been purchased and is presently at the home of James and Colleen. James is going to build-out the trailer for the items and if he needs help, he will ask for it from the other BoD members.

Art discussed the creating of the WB&A Facebook page and he is working with his daughter to get it up and running. We are to send to Art suggestions for our Mission Statement by Saturday, June 22, 2012.

James discussed the revamping of the WB&A website. It was agreed that we would continue at this time to keep on the server it is at. Art will get for James the information needed so that he could access the website to make changes, etc.

Art asked us to send him ideas on "give-aways" for our shows. For example, anyone who comes to a show could receive, e.g. a keychain that has the WB&A logo and possible date of the event, etc. Please send Art your suggestions so that he can get price(s).

(Continued on page 3)

(Secretary's Report Continued)

Please send to Colleen any articles, pictures, etc. that you would like to see in the Trolley. One of our members, Paul Pullen has kindly volunteered and agreed to handle this and has already created a "shell" which is revising. Please start sending Colleen items for it.

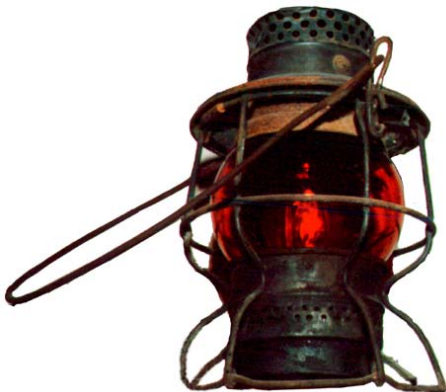
Colleen discussed Mr. Getty's email communication regarding some trips the WB&A could take. Colleen will reach out to Mr. Getty to see how much he would like to participate in this. Dan was going to give Mr. Getty Karen's phone number so that he could contact her regarding bus costs. The concern was the cost of the trip(s) due to past participation in other trips, especially when it involved staying over night.

Historian's Corner

50 years ago was January, 1962. TCA was celebrating with their 7th anniversary Issue of the Train Collectors Quarterly. The Editor, Reynolds (Uncle Gabby) Galbraith asks us to consider looking and planning ahead. He thought about the aims and accomplishments of the TCA at that time. He looked at the good organization and team work that TCA had put together. There were 7 Divisions which included Eastern, Metro New York, Mid-West, New England, Northern California, Pacific NorthWest, and Western.

As TCA moves closer to our 60th year we are still using team work and making new accomplishments. We have 20 divisions and 22 chapters. We are closing in on 30,000 members. We have edited and published a variety of books and magazines that bring the world of toy trains into the mainstream. Keep up the good work!

***Keeping the wheels down and the smoke up,
respectfully submitted,
Carol Redman McGinnis***



TOP TEN WB&A BENEFITS

- 1 Fun and Fellowship with you 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. (Show advertised in local newspapers).
- 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.

Membership Moments by Bob Ferguson

The WB&A Chapter stands strong at 289 members as of today December 12, 2012. There are a total of 140 who have paid their dues for 2013. We, therefore, have a remaining 149 who have not yet paid for 2013. If you have not done so, please renew your membership now in order to continue receiving all of the benefits. (Be aware that this will be your last newsletter if you do not renew, and that would be a very sad state of affairs!) The membership form is on page 5 of this newsletter and can also be accessed on our website.

If you can not remember whether you paid or not pull out your plastic WB&A membership card. It should have a purple "13" sticker on it. If you only see "12" or something earlier, then you are one of the 149 and you need to pay.

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.

Thank you in advance



View from the Observation Car By George Tsakiris

Roads and Rails Train Museum
Fredrick, Maryland

First, it's great to be back writing for the Trolley!

I'd like to start a new thread in this column highlighting from time to time, those small outfits or individuals that promote model trains or railfanning in our area. These are the small operators that do what they do out of a passion for trains and want to share that passion with the public.

The Road and Rails Train Museum located Frederick, MD is such a place. While the museum is a family affair; it houses a huge 127' long multi-level O scale (and some S scale) layout occupying a combined 2,500 square foot of space and can run 22 trains at a time.

There is a towering mountain (at least 14' high) with trains at various levels, a volcano that erupts, towns, western mines, cities, circuses, drive-in theatre, Graceland (are you reading this Elvis fans?), stations, and vignettes everywhere. Got a kid? Well there are loads of buttons for them to push everywhere making either trains run or animating a scene. There is no way you can take it all in with one visit!

This is a family affair started about five years ago when David Burroughs sold his business and retired. He was looking for something else to do and came up with the museum combining his love of classic cars with his love of Trains. His three sons David, Matt, and John helped create and run the museum combining electricity, building set design, and business skills, among others.

Upon entering, there is a modest size O gauge layout, some starter sets and other (mostly O scale) retail items, and a two level Lego layout. The Lego layout is full of wonderful whimsy and changes from time to time. At this writing the layout had a Christmas Holiday theme. Like all layouts, nothing in the museum is ever done; things keep changing and evolving.

Scheduled to open in the Spring of 2013 is the automobile portion of the museum housed in a separate building across the parking lot. David Burroughs senior took my friend Mike Fistere and I on a tour a few weeks ago. What an interesting collection! Included are Kaisers, Studebakers, Packards, Hudsons, an Edsel and a DeLorean.

Roads and Rails Train Museum brings the excitement of model trains to the public and is guaranteed to put a smile on your face!

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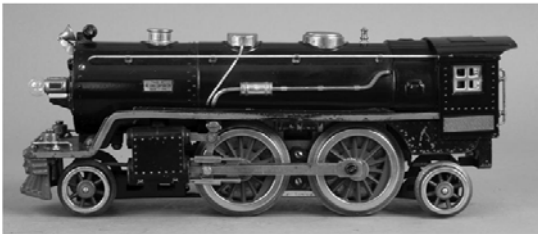


Standard Gauge Study Group



Lionel 418 Pullman

The next Lionel Standard Gauge study session will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2013 in Alexandria, Virginia from 10 am to 2 pm, sponsored by Clem Clement and Bruce Greenberg. Lunch will be provided. We will study medium and large Classic Era Standard Gauge passenger cars. This includes 309, 310, 312, 319, 320, 322, 418, 419, 427, 428, 429, 430, 490, 1767, 1768, Steven Girard Cars, Blue Comet Cars and State Cars. Please contact Bruce Greenberg at 703-461-6991 or brucegreenberg1@gmail.com for more information.



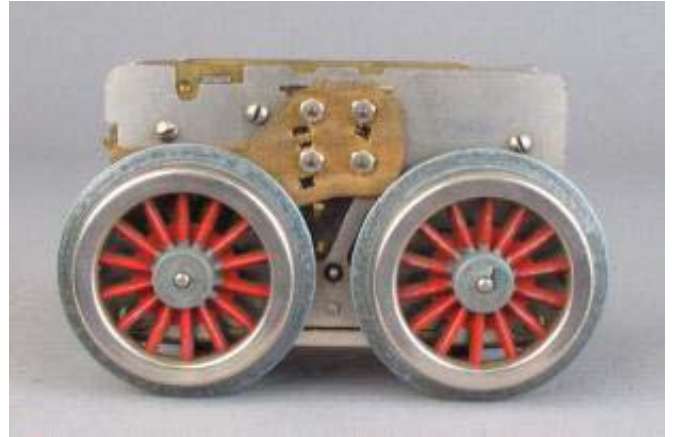
Check out the November 10, 2012 Standard Gauge Study Group Report in the January issue of the National Headquarters News.

Standard Gauge Study Group Report



Front row left to right: Bruce Greenberg, Philip Graves, Bill Parsons, Bill Graver, Bill Ruff and Bill Drake. Second row: Carol McGinnis, Karl Rammling, Chick Little, Pete Dilonardo, Trip Riley. Third row: Dan Feighery (photographer), Charlie Reynolds, Jerry Olexson, Doug Gordon, Clem Clement. Not shown: Paul Russell and Alex Weihmann (photographer)..

On November 10, 2012, 19 collectors gathered to study Lionel Standard Gauge Classic Era Steam Engines: 384, 385, 390, 392, 400, and 1835. Forty one locomotives were examined. There were a number of interesting findings. One finding focused on the motors and



Type 1 Bild-A-Loce, right side with brushes inside. Note Bild-A-Loce binding posts.

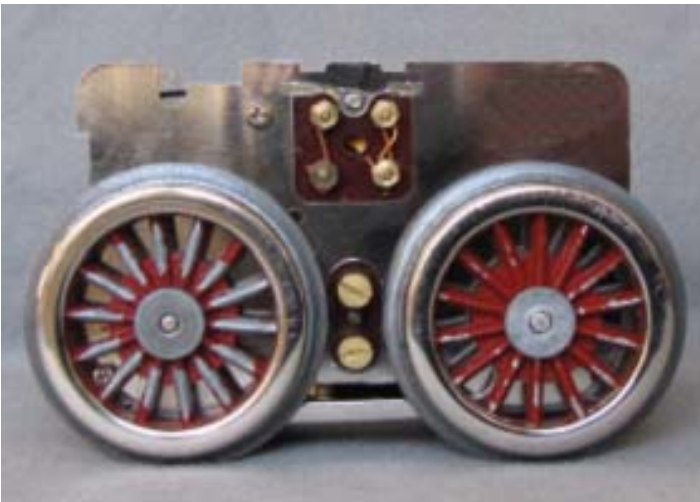
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the other on driver deterioration.



Type 2 Bild-A-Loce, left side with brush holders containing brushes visible.

Lionel made two kinds of Bild-A-Loce motors for its Classic Steam Engines. The early motor had motor brush holders and brushes mounted internally on the right side. The later motor had brush holders mounted externally on the left side.

The second major finding relates to driver deterioration. The large drive wheels on many Standard Gauge locomotives have deteriorated requiring replacement. Many locomotives have four replacement drivers. Jim Warrington observed that on his two 390 locomotives only two drivers had deteriorated and were replaced and both were on the gear side. His observation was supported by studies of other locomotives, some of which have four deteriorated or replacement drivers, and some with only two deteriorated or replacement drivers. The explanation is that the gears mounted on the back of the locomotive drivers put additional stress on the wheels leading to their earlier deterioration.

We had a wonderfully friendly learning session with our beloved trains. We all saw and learned things from two full tables of stunning locos that we did not know about... The fun social aspects of working together with old and new friends continues to prove this is such an interesting and valuable hobby to help us thru the stressful world we live in... Why not join us for our next study session?

Clem and Bruce



Of Twacks and Twains Jeffrey Dulberg

One motto I live by is that "I never met a train I didn't like. . . and there are so many trains." I do not have any toy trains. In fact, I'm assembling an HO railroad that is now focused on the Western Maryland and the Baltimore & Ohio railroads. (I had a wonderful American Flyer diesel- and steam-powered freight set when I was growing up at home. But, it's long gone, and that's another story.)

So, I'm at last October's York train meet, dazzled by everything I see, when I stop at the tables of Dave's Twacks & Twains, TCA #96-42817, which offers American Flyer repair services and parts plus other accessories, co-owned by Barbara (Barb) Rudnicki and Clay Buckage. After taking more than 20 minutes out of her valuable time at the meet to show me photographs of her personal layout, Barb thrills me by inviting me to visit her personal layout and two other American Flyer layouts, near Raleigh, North Carolina.

About a month later, during an extended Thanksgiving stay in the Tar Heel/Wolf Pack/Blue Devil/Sweet Potato State/North Carolina, I visited Barb and Clay, and this visit became a wonderful highlight of my entire trip. I was simultaneously 6-years-old and 64-years old and fascinated by their three separate displays:

(1) a catalog layout, which is a reproduction of the centerfold of an

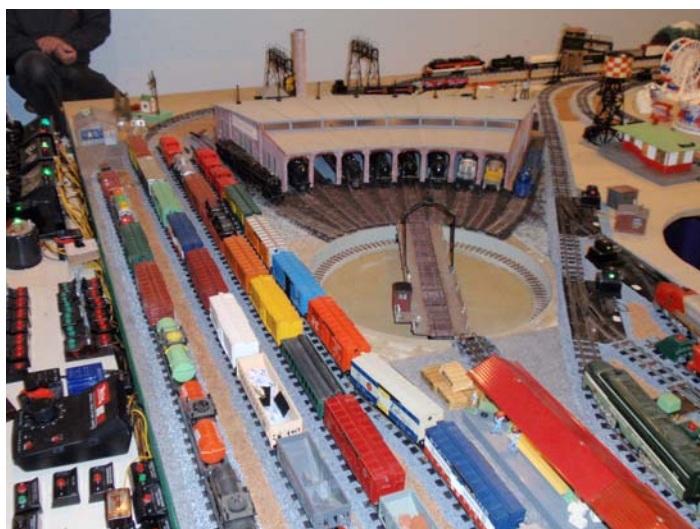
A.C. Gilbert 1946 catalog;



(2) the restoration of an A. C. Gilbert American Flyer layout , built in 1950, for display at the Sibley's Department Store in Rochester, New York;



and,
 (3) Barb's personal American Flyer Layout, dated November 10, 1958.



Barb and Clay represent decades of devotion and devoted work to American Flyer Trains. I've attached photos and text on Barb's and Clay's hard work.

I should add a little more information about the third layout. The photos are pretty much self-explanatory and include images of Barb fixing the loading of boards at the automated sawmill. Of special note, Barb's choice of a specific date is interesting: "November", the change of foliage colors beautifies the total layout; "1958", the transition from the steam engine era to the diesel engine era; and, "10", Barb's layout will never be finished, but Barb's goal is to have a layout that is "a 10 out of 10." I think Barb's goal is attainable, and her personal layout is "one of three masterpieces-in-progress."

That's my part of this story. I had a great time! So, to my fellow WB&A members, potential WB&A members, and anyone who just loves toy trains, please look, read, learn, and enjoy.

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Fairfax Station Railroad Museum Show

The great clear weather brought out a large audience for our cars at the 22nd Annual Fairfax Train Station Model Train (& Antique Car) show on Saturday and Sunday, December 3. Thanks to all who volunteered and attended, the station once again received a huge boost to its annual budget.



Bill & Connie Baker's '31 Fordor; Clem Clement's '31 Cabriolet; Benny Leonard's '30 Tudor; Paul Gauthier's '30 Fordor and Jim Gray's '31 Coupe at the Station on Saturday.



Lego Trains around the Christmas Tree

Inside the station's freight room, we ran O, N and Z gauge trains, as well as a large LEGO layout.

Outside, we ran the very popular large scale trains all the way around the outside of the station. If you needed some energy, you should have been there to watch the kids chase the trains. We also had a live steam Gauge I layout outside, and an N gauge layout in the "12 inches-to-the-foot scale" Caboose.



Grace Nelson, Loco Doctor in Training

Clem and Tony Hawker from the Model A Club, Thom McKinney from the National Capital Trackers and Steve Childress, did service as Loco Doctors, as assisted by Grace Nelson, Jim & Kathie Gray's granddaughter. Dan Danielson had planned to attend, but was called out of town suddenly. We were not super busy but continuously busy; doing lube jobs, straightening some tin, cleaning reverse units and wheels, and generally tuning up the old toys of Christmas.

Proving once again that there is always a surprise in the train hobby, one dude brought in a box of stuff which included an extremely rare British-made Bowman live steamer! A little later, two little boys went bonkers as Clem fired up the long-silent whistle on Grandpa's prewar steamer. As Clem was working, the two little guys had a grand time pawing through his nut and bolt box looking for parts for their trains, causing Clem initially to believe he'd have a 0% chance of actually making that ole' whistle fire up. But when it did, the assembled crowd around the table cheered. In the too-hard-to-do-it-right category, Clem was able to fix the engine on one fella's HO diesel loc; but with only had 6 wheels on its 3 axles instead of 8 wheels on 4 axles, its probability of staying on the track was low.

Did we mention Santa was there and gave out candy canes to those who had been good; he didn't have his lumps of coal with him, so both Clem and Jim were left empty handed.



Clem brought his '39 Ford Pickup and Tony Hawker brought his '31 Coupe on Sunday

Throughout both days, the model train enthusiasts we spoke with said time and again how much they loved having the old cars and trains together in the nostalgic setting of the ole' Fairfax Station.

And since you can see the museum's caboose now, this must be the end of this year's report.

Clem Clement & Jim Gray



Seat Royalty at the Station; Grace Nelson and Mom, Jaime Gray Nelson, in Grandpa Jim's Coupe

Open Houses

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A favorite appetizer, finger food or dessert brought for sharing would be gratefully appreciated.

DIRECTIONS: Take Route 66 West to Exit 55 (Fairfax County Route 7100) South to Braddock Road. Turn right toward Clifton/Centreville. Turn left at the first traffic light onto Colchester Road and go 2.2 miles. Cross Popes Head Road (Church on corner), turn left on Saddlehorn Drive (Through the brick entranceway into Colchester Hunt Village.) Second right is Gary Hill Drive. We are the first house on the left.

Alternate route: Take Braddock Road West off the 495 Beltway. Travel west about 15 miles, cross under Fairfax Parkway and turn left at the traffic light onto Colchester Road and continue as above.

See you on Train and Old Car Day!

Sandy and Clem Clement
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Email: clem.clement@cox.net

Ken Listman Open House

For the fourth year, Ken Listman, TCA #73-5051, Eastern Division, has generously volunteered to open his house and layout for a fundraising event for TCA on January 5th and 12th from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm.

Last year, Ken and his friends raised over \$2200 for the TCA through this event. This year, Ken, himself is offering \$2000 to get the fundraising started and make this year the best one ever! Ken asked that I include his address and phone number in this newsletter so that people may call with questions or for directions. Ken lives at 2006 Huntfield Court, Fallston, MD (near Belair, MD) and his phone number is 410-692-9766. Come join Ken and the group for a great day playing trains! Thanks to Ken and his loyal friends for their help and support!

Editor's Note: This is a fantastic display to view. See the below for a couple of pictures from Ken's layout!



**Father's Day Surprise
on the Susquehanna
Limited
by Jan Burket**

The ad my husband Steve tore out of the newspaper gave me a hint that he might be interested—Conrail Historical Society (CRHS) was planning a trip on the Susquehanna Limited for June 16. I signed us both up as a surprise for Father's Day.

CRHS is a nonprofit group of over 500 members that formed in 1995. They own four pieces of equipment and many railroad artifacts, and planned this trip as a fundraiser.

We left our home in Oakton, Virginia, at 5 AM to make sure we could get parking at Union Station in Washington, D.C. Other folks wandered around with us looking for the right gate. We hadn't traveled by train in awhile, so it was a surprise to



We boarded about an hour behind schedule because of freight traffic and equipment malfunction, but at about 9 AM we were on our way. The train was staffed by Amtrak employees to insure safety, but a CRHS volunteer hosted each car. Every volunteer was trained in CPR and railroad safety, and they were knowledgeable and informative.



Pulling the train were a pair of passenger diesels built in the 1950s for the Pennsylvania Railroad. After they had their own ride through the Penn Central/Conrail transitions, they were bought by Bennett Levin and son Eric, and restored to the PRR road name.

We picked up more passengers in Baltimore, then proceeded to Perryville, MD, where we turned off the high-speed tracks



onto Norfolk Southern's "Port Road" to Harrisburg. Highlights of the early part of the trip were the Enola Yard (where we had a box lunch ordered with the tickets) and Rockville Bridge—the longest stone arch railroad bridge in the world. We

cruised through Harrisburg's Intermodal Yard and passed by the railroad station before we turned back home on the Norfolk Southern Royalton Branch to Middletown, then Columbia, PA, and finally Perryville to Baltimore and Washington.

A brochure was included with each ticket that detailed all the information of interest on the trip. It was easy and fun to follow through the wide windows. The lovely summer day meant it was easy to see the sights—including a fisherman mooning the train!



Back at Union Station, we had dinner at Johnny Rockets and headed home. CRHS may be planning another trip next year; check out their website. It was a fun time—a great gift for any train guy!

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Jan. 26, 2013	Lionel Standard Study Group
Feb. 24, 2013	Clem & Sandy Clement Open House
Mar. 9, 2013	WB&A Annapolis Train Meet
Apr. 18, 2013	TCA Museum Event
Apr. 19-21, 2013	Eastern Division York Train Show
May 4, 2013	The Hall's Annual Open House
Jun 22-30, 2013	TCA Convention, St. Louis, MO

Don't Forget!

The Hall's Annual Open House is the first Saturday in May (5/4/13) from 11:30-6:00 and we hope to see you at 474 Cherokee Run Road, Linden, VA 22642

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TOY TRAINS DISPLAYED AT GREEN SPRING GARDENS

December 2, 2012

by Dan (72-4393) & Eileen (80-14962) Rollyson

Green Spring Gardens is a Fairfax County-owned park located in Alexandria, Virginia. This year, Green Spring Gardens held its annual Gardeners Holiday event on Sunday, December 2nd. A record crowd enjoyed our three small operating pre-war and post-war



PCC Trolley circles a pre-World War II Britains Miniature Garden display.

Our figure-eight track configuration featured either a 3-car 1928 No. 1344 American Flyer "Potomac" passenger set or a 3-car 1939 No. 141 Lionel freight set pulled by a 224-E steam locomotive. Animation was provided by a Lionel No. 45 Automatic Gateman.



1928 American Flyer "Potomac" Passenger Train

One of the oval layouts featured a Lionel No. 1633 "Land-Sea-Air" U. S. Navy set pulled by a 224-P U. S. Navy ALCO diesel. The Navy train circled a static exhibit which consisted of an uncataloged Lionel 6651 USMC cannon car, a Lionel 3665 Minuteman missile launching car, as well as a Weaver No. U21051LD troop kitchen car and a Weaver No. U21100LD U.S. Army troop hospital car. Ambulances and military figures which populated the layout were by Britains and several other manufacturers. Surprisingly, one of the stars of the show on this module was the operating Lionel 6-2305 oil derrick.



1960 Lionel "U.S. Navy Land-Sea-Air" train set circles the Armed Forces medical display



Santa waves from Lionel No. 490 Standard Gauge Observation Car

The lesson we learned from this event was that the public--male, female, young and old--is still interested in and fascinated by toy trains. It is our calling as TCA members to be ambassadors and promoters of our wonderful hobby. There are many rewarding opportunities out there to promote toy trains. Perhaps you can pursue such an undertaking in your community next year! If you do, you will undoubtedly derive a great deal of satisfaction from giving something back to the community as well as promoting the world's greatest hobby. Good luck!



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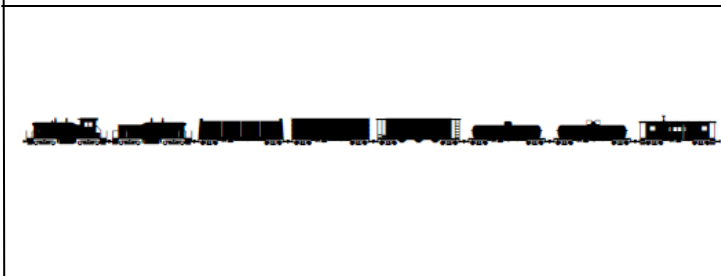
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Pre-World War II Britains Miniature Garden display and MTH No. 6 farm house

The focal point of the second oval layout was a No. 6 farm house by MTH which overlooked its extensive gardens, most of which consisted of pre-war items from Britains Garden Series. By 1940 Britains had discontinued the garden series due in part to critical shortages of metal during the early years of World War II. An MTH No. 30-5110 Bump-n-Go Trolley and a Pennsylvania Heritage Models motorized Corgi Capital Transit PCC car alternately circled the Britains garden module.

The consensus was that the 2012 Gardeners Holiday event was a resounding success, due in no small part to the



2012 Kena Temple Meet December 8, 2012

As James and I try to catch our breaths as the Chairs for the Kena Temple meet, we are again grateful for the many wonderful friends we have made in the WB&A, Eastern and the TCA.

On Saturday morning, Danny Tomasian met us at Kena at 5:00 a.m. so that we could review the set-up of the tables. Even at the early hour of the day, our volunteers started to show up. We had the moving of tables and placing of chairs, along with the placing of badges on tables, adding of extra lighting, and the unloading of table holders vehicles who started to arrive at 6:00 a.m. to set-up. Whew, it sure was a day of activity and anticipation for the start of the event and knowing that Santa Clause would be making a special stop to meet all of the boys and girls.

By 8:00 a.m. when the first of the WB&A members started to arrive we were ready to greet them and by 9:00 a.m. the general public entered, the Temple was filled with activity and the sound of happy voices from the young to the old.

As in past years, there was the National Capital Trackers with their wonderful 40x60 set-up. The N-Trackers also had a great set-up. The Lego setup by Matthew and Anthony was again a great hit and it was nice to see parents sitting around it with their children. Also, this year, they expanded this layout all by themselves (and that is mighty impressive for two young men), I do believe they have been hit with the bug. Thanks to all three groups who were behind the controls of their layouts, proudly running and displaying their set-up, it truly was a delight to all.

We had the Al Manarah Court #50, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine in the kitchen cooking up breakfast and lunch for everyone to enjoy and enjoy they did! There was also the popcorn machine hard at work making fresh popcorn to enjoy.

We again had Bruce Greenberg present and he set-up his table and photography equipment in order to capture the items brought in for his viewing. Bruce's and Clem's discussions centered around the study groups Bruce is conducting regarding the Lionel 5, 6 & 7's. The next meeting of the study group is January 26, 2013 at the home of Bruce Greenberg.

The Train Doctor, Allen Crotts, had a line of people wanting to have their sick trains repaired. Robbie Schroeder had his parts ready and had his tables with Allen's so as to be ready for any part that might have been needed.

We had the arrival of Santa Clause and his presence was felt by all, not a naughty boy or girl was to be found, all were nice.

We had in attendance, Carol McGinnis, the President of the TCA, Jim Kronz, the President of Eastern, Art Tate, the President of the WB&A along with our past TCA Presidents, Paul Edgar and Clem Clement. Along with all of them, we had a number of our WB&A Board members in attendance. We had many of our esteemed WB&A members in attendance along with the general public who came out to join us and to enjoy this wonderful world of trains.

As in past years, we had door prizes for the children and the adults and not one person walked away disappointed by the item they won. We also drew the winning name (Francis Seymour) for the raffle of the SD70 Ace Diesel Engine Freight set w/Proto-Sound 2.0 (stay tuned as a new limited number of raffle tickets for our 2013 drawing will be available at the Annapolis Armory Meet, March 9, 2013).

At 3:00 it was time to close the doors and watch as our table holders began to pack-up so that they could load up and drive away with what we hope was a smile on their face for a job well done and for a day worth being part of at Kena Temple.

The work of tearing the tables down, putting back the chairs and sweeping up the remnants of a fun-filled day, was done with the help of so many.

So now, as we sit back, we say, thank you in no particular order to: Steve Burket, Joe Bustamante, Joseph Bustamante, Clem Clement, Dan and Hope Danielson, Bob Ferguson, Mary and Pete Jackson, Glenn MacKinnon, Cathy and Bill Potterton, Dan Rollyson, Tom Salen, and Art Tate and, of course, to Santa Clause. We hope we have left no one off this list as there was so many that quietly helped us thru this all.

Of course, none of this would be possible without those that support this meet by buying a table and bringing their treasures to share and sell, so thank you to you all. This year we sold out on tables, what a wonderful treat and a trend we hope to continue.

Wow! What a day, it was a day to remember! We hope to see you all in 2013.

All our best,
Colleen & James Hall

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Gray With an A

Jim Gray

WOW! Two days of great weather brought out huge crowds on both Saturday and Sunday, the 1st & 2nd of December at the annual Fairfax Station Antique Car and Model Train show.

We had 5 Model As on Saturday and 9 on Sunday. Clem Clement, Paul Gauthier, Chuck & Karilyn Kunstbeck and I brought our cars on Saturday. Clem, Chuck & KK, Tony Hawker, Andy and Bill Jaeger, Oscar & Elena Vigano, Bill Sims and I brought our cars on Sunday.



Phil Foss, Bill & Andy Jaeger and I talk cars.



I'm Canadian?

We were joined Sunday by prospective member Phil Foss in his Canadian-made unrestored '28 Tudor – a car he's owned since high school. He gave it more gas with his downdraft conversion, took the glass out all of the windows except the windshield, and added sealed beam headlights. He also added a seasonal string of LED Christmas lights. Note the Morgan-style hood tie down straps. His passenger, Bob Buckbee (an admitted snowbird) wants to join the club this coming February and buy a car.

I also talked with member Fred Gilbert, who joined the club some years ago at Bill Worsham's suggestion. With his garage now built, he's ready to get a car.



Jim, Oscar Vigano & Bill Sims



KK's counseling

It was good to see Oscar and his wife Elena in their '29 Fordor Leather Back Briggs. Oscar's been working on his car in his own garage for several years, and it's now on the road. Great job, Oscar!

Hope Danielson and Kathie Gray counseled KK Kunstbeck about being home all the time with Chuck, now that she's retired. KK says she'll just go shopping.





We had 9 Model A Fords on Sunday – a record!



Future WB&A members at work/play



Dan Danielson and Clem doctor the trains.



Clem's eye test – doctoring the little gauges.



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