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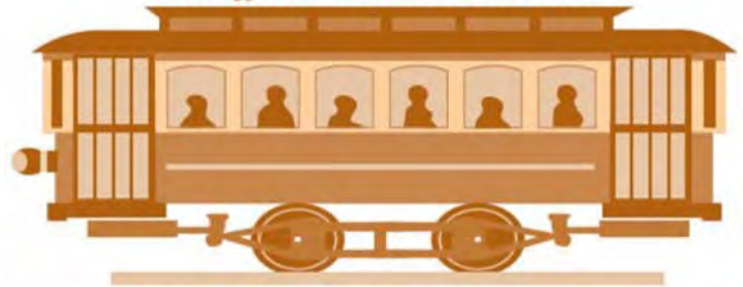
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From the President's Desk

Dear All,

Winter has left many of us cold and longing for the warmth of the sun, I am happy to say Spring seems to have finally found its way. I trust everyone has made it thru these last few months in good health and ready for York! Yes, Spring has arrived!!

The last three months your Board has been looking into ways to say "thank you" to YOU the members and the members have been responding with ideas. I am happy to say that this year we will again be hosting a free day at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum. This event is open to the members at no charge and I suspect it will be a day filled with lots of fun and learning. I hope you will join us.

We have been asked to hold "how to" sessions and we will be shortly announcing the dates of these sessions, we hope you will come out and join us. The session will be filled with lots of good information and training that will help you take care of your trains. We are lucky to also have on hand some of the area's leading train doctors for those problems that require their expertise so you won't want to miss these sessions. If anyone has the desire to tape these sessions to make them available for all, we would love to hear from you.

The Board has been looking at our Facebook page along with Sarah who volunteers her time to keep this page active. I am happy to announce that Sarah has been working on "reinventing" the Facebook page. You can read all about what she is doing here in the Trolley. Please stay tuned and if you are a Facebook user, I believe you will find the changes to come to your liking.

The remainder of 2015 will be busy ones for your Board and I hope you will continue to provide your comments/suggestions. As a reminder, if you find yourself with a bit of free time, we can always use a hand or two. Let it not be said that this Club is run by the BoD, it takes us all to make it run like a well-oiled train, it takes us all to make it a Club we want to be part of, it takes us all to partake in events to make it doable and it takes communication to make it a better Club and one you want to continue to be part of.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen A. Hall
President of the WB&A

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Treasurer's Report as of Mar. 10, 2015

By Glenn MacKinnon

WB&A has the resources including money, people and time to make the 2015 membership experience great! However, your 10 member Board of Directors can only do so much. Without the participation of the general membership in the identification, planning and execution of activities involving our Chapter, not much will change in 2015. Let's get on a roll this year and do all we can to enhance and add value to the TCA Membership experience. Rail Fan trips, open houses, visits to little known activities/sites, as well as discussion/show and tell events are fun. Start putting pictures on our Facebook page and submit articles to the newsletter. Everybody has a great stories to tell about trains! Let's hear them now. Step up and make it happen. Your Board of Directors will support you.

The Chapter's financial activities for January-March 10, 2015 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—Jan. 1, 2015 \$33,725.37
Check Book Balance—Mar. 10, 2015 \$33,134.40

Significant Activities Jan. 1, 2015 through Mar. 10, 2015

	Expenses	Revenue
MD Armory Mar 2015 Meet	2213	2883
VTC/WB&A Joint Meet	284	50
Membership Dues 2015		3674
Newsletter 2015	291	
Train Set For Drawing	104	40
WB&A Trailer + contents	67	1904
Web Site	460	
Door Prizes for Swap Meets	199	
How To Sessions	151	
Gift Certificates-Membership Winners	200	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1260	



TOP TEN WB&A BENEFITS

- 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. (Show advertised in local newspapers).
- 5 Free admission at Members Only WB&A Swap Meet.
- 6 Receive quarterly the WB&A Newsletter "The Trolley".
- 7 Access to the chapter website - <http://www.wbchapter.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 reward-
- 10 Buy, Sell, Trade with local train enthusiasts.

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 e-mail to:

pullenp@gmail.com

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES
FOR Jul.-Sep. 2015 TROLLEY
June 10, 2015**

WB&A Board of Director's Meeting Saturday, September 20, 2014

Home of Colleen and James Hall – Thank you Colleen for hosting the BOD meeting, you were a wonderful host.

Meeting Start Time: 9:45 a.m.

Meeting End Time: 1:35 p.m.

Next BoD meeting to be held Saturday January 17th or 24th, 2015 at the home of John Buxton, 2068 Proctor Lane, Parkville, MD 21234 (410-665-3330)

Present:

Colleen Hall, Tom Salen, Glenn MacKinnon, David Eadie, Bob Goodrich, John Buxton, Dan Danielson, Nada Boswell, Mary Jackson and guest Pete Jackson.

Colleen called the meeting to order at 9:45

Action Items

1. Vienna Meet recap – Dan/Dave
2. Discussion of next train store open house - Dan
3. Joint Meet with VTC update - Colleen
4. Annapolis 2015 Meet update - Art/Glenn
5. York membership table – possible changes needed - Dave
6. Disposition of Trailer and contents - Glenn
7. November 1 Meet and Agenda items –Bob
8. BSM Trolley signs – Bob H
9. Election-Glenn/Nada
10. Discuss possible Waldorf meet - Colleen
11. Website/Facebook – Colleen
12. Lantry Project – Arne/Nada

OLD BUSINESS

The May 17, 2014 Minutes were distributed and read (copy attached). There was a motion to accept the minutes made by Bob Goodrich which was seconded by Colleen and was voted to be unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report was given by Glenn (see attached September 19, 2014 Report). Line items in the report were discussed as to recurring and non recurring costs to maintain healthy balances in the account. Revenue was good at the Vienna Meet, 5 new members joined, \$205 worth of drawing tickets were sold so the sale of tickets has covered the cost of the Blue Comet as well as the door prizes for the year. A new set was purchased for Kids Korner that was used at Vienna. It was easy to use and will be taken to York in October. Line items include the Lantry project which the club will be reimbursed for costs at completion and repair to the trailer locks and layout.

A motion was made by Colleen and seconded by Nada to accept the report and was voted unanimously to be accepted.

Membership Report was given by Dave. Total of 314, 222 have paid for 2014, 28 have paid for 2015. 5 new members joined at Vienna, they were new TCA members that Dave had sent information on WB&A and the Vienna meet. Notices will be sent to unpaid members after the Nov. 1 swap meet as some may pay then.

Eastern Division Report was presented by Dan. The change to allow photo taking at York in the dealer halls but not in member halls is a great breakthrough for marketing purposes.

Elections are coming up for the division, John Zoble to run for President – he owns his own business and has been Division Secretary. Lee Wood is running for Vice President and Bob Ferguson for Treasurer.

There are new closing hours for the halls this October, Member Halls will close at 5:00 pm on Thursday and Friday, 2:00 pm Saturday. Dealer Halls will close at 6:30 pm Thursday and Friday, 2:00 pm Saturday.

The Red Click issue has been closed. The Division lost over \$100,000 due to lack of oversight and spend an additional \$20,000 to \$30,000 in attorney fees. Only \$2,000 has been received back. It is possible that there may still be some ongoing issues with this matter.

Board members that are table holders noted that they sent in their forms early but have not received badges as yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan and Dave reported that the Vienna meet was a good financial success, 46 tables were sold. Last year 62 tables were sold, however the smaller number provided better spacing and flow. Attendance was down, parking was an issue, rainy weather and a Farmer's Market across the street may have contributed to that. The Vienna Train Station was also open with their display which might be used next year to promote both together.

There was mixed response from the table holders. Several suggested it might be best if held later in the year. There is also an issue with the building layout – 2nd floor location, there is an elevator which makes it difficult for load in/load out rush, the door to the actual room must remain closed due to HVAC issues, signs directing people to the meet were removed, possibly by the Vienna police as we must have a permit (Tom will check on that, some locations are not allowed and Vienna enforces heavily).

Friday was a really good set up day, lots of help and dealers with multiple tables were able to get in and set up. There were fewer multiple table holders this year. It was suggested that maybe the Boy Scouts might be asked to assist table holders with load in, Tom will check on that.

A few table holders mentioned that they may not come back to the meet if it stays at the Fire House. The Legion Hall in Vienna is another possible location and Tom will check on the cost, availability, parking etc.

A tentative date was set for September 12, however moving closer to the end of the year was mentioned by table holders. November 28 was another possible date. Although the Farmers Market would be closed by then to free up parking there are a lot of activities including the Christmas railroad folks, travel around Thanksgiving, etc. Glenn suggested that we email table holders to check on dates with them and Colleen will include in the Eblast.

Thanks to Dave and Dan for all their work to make this a successful meet.

Dan will hold the next open house at his store – Toy Trains and Collectibles, 7215 New Market Court, Manassas, VA 20109 (571)379-5497 on Saturday November 14th or Saturday November 22 from 1-4 p.m. There will be light refreshments and lots of "Train Talk". Their web site is (<http://www.toytrainsandcollectibles.com>). WB&A members will receive a discount.

Colleen updated the board on the joint VTC meet. Russell of the VTC came to our Vienna show and says their board is excited and looking forward to the joint meet. He mentioned the possibility of a layout setup. Glenn indicated that the Trackers are interested and he will get with Russell to verify the space that can be available for them. Other options might be to contact an HO or N scale club to see if they would like to set up. Each club will be paying ½ the rent, each will receive ½ the tables to sell, each would receive ½ the door proceeds. A drop dead date needs to be established so that if one of the clubs has not sold their tables, the other club can do so and receive those funds. So far there has been a good response from both clubs. Dan is a member of the Tidewater/Richmond area club that does a

lot of events and has 4-5 hundred members. An “elephant table” was suggested, a member brings an item they wish to sell and it is put on a special table, the club would receive 10% of any sales – good option for someone that only has a few items to sell and doesn’t want an entire table. A \$200 deposit is needed soon, Colleen has done a contract (based on the old Kena contract) which Russell will take to his board and the lodge with the payment.

Annapolis Meet possible dates were worked out when Glenn, Dan and Dave went to the Armory. Available dates are March 14 and March 28, 2015. The Trackers are interested in doing the meet but have a Marine Corps show on the 14th which is a big event for them. Glenn will try to get the 28th as the date, the exact size of the space for The Trackers is needed for them to be able to set up. Will use 14th if the 28th is not available and try to get another group to provide a layout. As Art is not able to run the meet but will assist John Buxton and Bob Goodrich, Colleen will contact Art to ask if he will act as the lead with John and Bob as Co-chairs. Glenn will also contact Art to see if he will be able to work on the ads, food and contacting prior table holders. It was suggested that all should try to meet at some point during the October York meet to make plans.

Usually Friday and Saturday are busy days for the meet but without WB&A setting up the items in the trailer Friday should be fairly easy as the Armory sets up and takes down tables. Only dealers that want to set up early would need assistance Friday evening. Pete Jackson will assist on Friday and the Pottertons will most likely be there.

Membership table at York will be 1 hour shifts only and table will only be open 3-4 hours. Dave passed a sign up sheet. Dan will get badges for Glenn, Colleen and Dave to be able to set up Thursday before the meet opens.

Glenn noted that the trailer has insurance and tags which are due next year. It is not being used and should probably be sold. The Trackers may be interested, Glenn will contact them to see if they are. The contents are worth very little and it takes 3 people to remove them from the trailer. Some of the rolling stock might be salvageable if it can be stored somewhere, Colleen said it could be stored at her home. Tom and several others are willing to go through the items. The 4x8 layout may be salvageable if taken to Dan to repair for use or to sell. It was decided that the trailer could be taken to the parking lot at Dan’s store as it can be locked down and will be safe. A motion was made by Colleen, seconded by Tom that the trailer be sold, the motion passed unanimously. Glenn will look into pricing. The trailer will be moved to Dan’s store the night before his open house. The morning of the open house the trailer will be emptied by volunteers and the contents distributed or disposed of. A For Sale sign will be placed on the trailer.

The November 1 meet at St. James Church from 9-1 is moving along. The insurance cert is in, a sign up sheet for items needed was passed by Bob G. There is usually a decent attendance at this meet. Tables will be first come, first served.

Colleen reported on the progress on the BSM Trolley

signs. Bob H. is concerned that he hasn’t been able to come up with a design as yet. Bob is concerned about the size of the WB&A logo on the sign. Colleen will follow-up with Bob to let him know that while the logo must be on the sign, it does not have to be large or the entire sign, just a small place somewhere on the sign. Bob was not in attendance at the meeting so Colleen will contact him to see if he is still interested in working on this.

It had been put forth by Bob H. that perhaps WB&A could have a table in the foyer area of the Orange Hall after member halls have closed. It would simply have copies of The Trolley and Eblasts to provide information to anyone interested, drawing tickets would not be sold. Bob H. had volunteered to man the table. It is uncertain if he has contacted the proper people to make this happen at October York. Due to the logistics not being finalized, there was motion to not do this table at this York and for Colleen to reach out to Bob to let him know this while suggesting if he was still interested in this idea he should take time at this York to get it organized with Eastern.

The ballot for the BoD election has been completed and is ready to send out. We have a full slate of candidates. Colleen will handle the mailing which will cost approximately \$900. The ballots will be counted at the November 1 meeting. Due to the cost of mailing ballots, of which a low percentage are returned, Colleen suggested that we find a way to use The Trolley and the website for the next election. The ballot could be in the electronic edition for the member to print or in the print edition for those that receive it. The candidates’ information would be on our website for members to review. It is too late this year but this would save a great deal of money next years if a plan can be made.

At the Vienna meet Robbie Schroeder suggested that WB&A should consider a meet in Waldorf. The Waldorf Sports Club has 3 rooms totaling 7,000 sq. ft. that normally rent for \$1700 however he can get them half price. Tables would have to be rented. Robbie does not want to lead but thinks it would be a good location and Colleen agrees. It is all one level, parking and food service are available. Bob G. said he doesn’t feel we need another meet but Glenn said Trackers events in Maryland are always well attended so might be worthwhile. The possibility of a “non structured” event with layouts, free tables to vendors, open to the public, advertised as free and have a donation bucket was brought up and may be further considered. Glenn and Colleen will check out the venue to see if it might be worth exploring further.

Colleen reported on Website and Facebook. Joe Helsing continues to do the website for a reasonable price. A discussion was had on how to create further links on the website and the skills and time needed to do so along with keeping it updated. There should be a focal point to clear items to go to the website and review the site to be sure it is current and correct. Glenn noted that the site is underutilized and needs tweeking to make it more inviting. We may need to train someone to take on this task. Facebook looks good as Sara is doing a good job but again underutilized.

We broke for lunch at 12:15 – 12:55

Nada reported that the Lantry project is progressing, the table has been set up, covered with sound insulation and “grass”. Dan reconditioned Tom’s locomotives so they are ready to run well. The track has been laid out and will be fastened down soon. Buildings, trees, vehicles, etc. are in and will be set up soon. Due to scheduling issues it is going slower than hoped but progress being made. Glenn will prepare a bill once all invoices are received and Anne will reimburse the club for all expenses.

Bob G. brought up a trip he took on the Wilmington and Western tourist train that was very nice. It might be a nice idea for a “membership appreciation day”. He will do research on the times it runs, prices, etc. and report to see if it would be feasible. Tom will do some research on the Frederick, Md train as another option.,

Glenn has a video of Tooneyville Trolley on DVD. Colleen will check to see if it might be possible for us to make copies for new members or to use it to promote our meets and York.

The next member open house will tentatively be December 21 at Glenn McKinnon, more information will follow shortly.

Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Colleen and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:35.

Membership Moments by David Eadie

We just concluded our annual Toy and Train Show at the Annapolis Armory. The place was packed with trading tables including for the first time the National Capitol Trackers O Gauge modular Layout. We had a steady flow of buyers all day including many of you dropped by the WB&A table to pay your 2015 dues and prepay your 2016 chapter dues. We thank you for doing so. Again this year, those members who prepay their 2016 dues are entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate at Dan Danielson's Toy Trains and Collectibles store in Manassas, VA.

If you can not remember whether you paid or not, pull out your plastic WB&A membership card. It should have a brown “15” sticker on it. If you only see “14” or something earlier, and wish to remain a member please send in your dues. You will find a renewal form in this newsletter. If you cannot attend any of our upcoming events, please use this newsletter form to make your renewal.

We hope to see you at one of our future events including the upcoming May 9th joint meet with the VTC club in Fredricksburg, VA and the May 16th WB&A Appreciation Day at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum. As always we will be at the two York Meets in the Silver Hall by registration desk. Please do drop by and see this year's drawing for the 2015 MTH N&W 4-8-4 J and Passenger Set. Hope to see you at these fun filled events.

Thank you in advance for being a part of WB&A.

Scenes from the Annapolis Train Show



WB&A Board of Directors Business Meeting

When: Sunday, June 7, 2015
Where: Kemper Macon Lodge
411 Little Falls St
Falls Church, VA. 22046
Time: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Come and join the WB&A Board of Directors
Agenda: Officer reports, Eastern
Division report, upcoming
Events, open discussion.

The Dorfan Christmas Garden

Board of Directors member John Buxton invited members to visit his “Dorfan Christmas Garden” that was being displayed during the Christmas Season at Weber’s Farm in Parkville, MD. John has been working with his neighbors, the Weber family, promoting toy trains for quite a number of years, and this year, he asked the Weber family to open their store for members of the WB&A to see his “Dorfan Christmas Garden.”

The Christmas Garden Open House was held after the Board of Directors meeting that was held at his house on January 10, 2015. John has been putting a small layout up for the children of the area that they can operate between Thanksgiving and New Years while Weber’s Farm Store is open. The small layout is right next to the cash registers so the employees can watch over the trains as the children play with it.

John does not have his Dorfan trains normally on the layout, but has a newer production engine and cars on the main line so the children can have fun running it. When I arrived at the store, I found a GP-7 diesel pulling a set of passenger cars.

When John arrived, he powered up the layout and we ran the newer train for a while. This was done while members of the club arrived and gathered around looking at the buildings, many of which are labeled for Weber’s Farm.

Once the audience had assembled, John changed out the train and put his Christmas Dorfan Garden to work. After viewing the layout, we were invited back to see John’s collection of Dorfan trains, as well as see some of the other ones he has operate. Photos of the layout follow.



Change is Underway! ***Sarah Wilch-Spamer***

The recently formed WB&A Chapter Facebook Committee came together in February to review our current presence on Facebook. For those unfamiliar with it, Facebook is a social media networking website that connects people with each other and with groups and businesses that are of interest to them. Facebook offers personal accounts for individuals and Facebook pages for non-profits, businesses, etc. Our current and most-often used site is a personal account and should be changed into a non-profit page in accordance with Facebook policies.

That being said; I am up to the challenge and working hard to make the necessary changes. As with many things, this is a process that will take some time. The hope is to convert the current personal account into a Facebook page without losing any of the data and/or “friends” of the current account. If this cannot be accomplished, a new page will be created for the chapter with ample notice given via email, the weekly e-blast, postings to the current site, and on the WB&A TCA Chapter website. Stay tuned!



View from the Observation Car

By George Tsakiris

Camden Yards Warehouse – The Once and Current B&O Warehouse

Design by E. Francis Baldwin

This article is being written during major league baseball spring training with the promise of opening day soon to come. When I first went to Baltimore Orioles games over 30 years ago, we would drive into the middle of Baltimore to Memorial Stadium. Nice stadium, hard to get to. On April 6th, 1992 Orioles Park at Camden Yards opened. It's easy to get to by car or rail, located on the edge of the inner-harbor. Beyond the convenient location what most impressed me was what a grand design the stadium is including incorporating the B&O warehouse as a backdrop and integral part of the stadium.

The B&O Warehouse in Camden Yards; this building dominates the backdrop just past the outfield at Orioles Park!



"Oriole Park Baltimore" by James G. Howes. Licensed under Attribution via Wikimedia Commons

Eutaw Street, between the stadium and the warehouse, is only open to pedestrians with shops and restaurants catering to the ballpark crowd. Spectators can stand and watch the game from here.

Now it is hard to believe that this building, grand in design, was to be demolished with the rest of Camden Rail Yards when the stadium was being planned.

The B&O warehouse was designed by E. Francis Baldwin and constructed in phases between 1899 and 1904, in part to handle fresh produce being delivered to Baltimore. As noted in a previous article, Mr. Baldwin designed many railroad related buildings in Maryland including Mount Claire Station and the associated roundhouse; both now part of the B&O Museum in Baltimore. Mr. Baldwin designed over 500 buildings in his lifetime, many for the B&O Railroad.

The warehouse is four blocks long but only 51 feet wide. It was squeezed into the bustling rail yard. Note the photos below.



Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, Hays T. Watkins Research Library

This is a view from Eutaw Street. That's the Bromo-Seltzer Tower in the background. The ballpark today would be to the left of the warehouse in this photo.



Perry E. Borchers, 1977

Above is an aerial photo of Camden Yards including the warehouse.



"MARC combination baggage car at Camden Station, October 2005" by Jfruh

Commuter rail service exists at Camden Station, next to the warehouse and services, the Baltimore Light Rail and MARC Camden line commuter trains. The Camden Yards B&O warehouse is a great example of historic preservation that resulted in a unique ballpark that has influenced a generation of new parks. It pays tribute to Baltimore's industrial and railroading past while being a vital part of its present and future.

**WB&A 2015 MEMBERSHIP
NEW/RENEWAL APPLICATION**

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E-Mail _____
Signature _____

Please contact David Eadie at 703-451-4149
or dbeadie@verizon.net with any questions.

2014 Drawing Item - Blue Comment winner is: Shawn Craft AND \$100 Gift Certificate new member winner is: Don Hands AND \$100 Gift Certificate for payment of 2015 dues by December 31, 2014 was Charlie Reynolds. Congratulations to all three winners!

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Drawing to be held in December.**

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- Operating Marker Lights
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- 10 Passenger Figures In Each Car
- Overhead Interior Lighting



Come one, come all to the WB&A Day at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum. We have reserved the Streetcar Museum for WB&A members for Saturday, May 16, 2015. The museum will open the doors at 7:00 a.m. for setup of tables (which must be reserved in advance—contact Nada Boswell wba.boswell@gmail.com) and the fun will begin when the streetcars start running at 9:00 a.m. The fun will last until about 1:00 p.m.



OUR NEXT STUDY GROUP: May 2, 2015.

Location: 5233 Bessley Place, Alexandria, VA. 22304

Topic: Lionel Prewar O Gauge Early Freight Cars: 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 900, 901, 820, 821, 822. Also the sets and boxes for these cars.

Schedule: we start at 10 am and conclude at 2 pm.

Buffet lunch is provided.

Hosts: Clem Clement and Bruce Greenberg.

For more information, please call 703-461-6991 or write brucegreenberg1@gmail.com. Please note the "c."

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WINTER WONDERLAND TRAIN SHOW AT THE MANASSAS CANDY FACTORY, DECEMBER 2014

Clem Clement

This event really starts before it starts! The weekend before was the multi-gauge Model Train and Antique Car show at the reconstructed Fairfax Train Station (Famous civil war site moved up the hill, wherein Clara Barton worked caring for the injured from both sides and conceived the concept of the Red Cross.) Set up there began Thursday night with Hope and Dan Danielson and me setting up the standard gauge tabletop layout inside the station. This got us out of the way for the rest of the modular layouts which came in Friday and Saturday morning early.

Saturday broke with a chill and rain so we played anyway except the fine antique cars stayed at home and dry. The Large Scalers ran their big trains around the outside of the Station and thru the entrance ramp tunnel all day long in the rain. Tough bunch and many kids played with this in the rain. Good excuse. Saturday's attendance was around 500. The real caboose has two layouts inside: N gauge replica of the local area plus Monty Smith's neat LEGO layout (This was Monty's 13th year with us and he always saved this weekend especial for the Station's event. We feel he is another son to all of us.) We also ran HO, O, and S gauge trains.

Sunday morning it opened up clear and I brought my 1930 Model A Ford to the show. Later on Leo Cummings arrived with his stunning '50 Mercury. Thanks Leo. We ran train from noon till 4 pm with another 400 visitors in attendance. Great fun!!

After closing, take down began in earnest. The big rush was for the National Capital Trackers (NCT) as setup was to be Sunday evening at the refurbished Manassas Candy factory. I could not make it with the Standard gauge stuff. The NCTers worked until 10ish setting up at the factory. Congrats to a very hard working team. For me, who had been on the road for the two previous weeks and traveled 2650 miles visiting sons in Detroit and Kansas City, it was home, wash my dirty face and attend the eV-8 Christmas party that evening.

Monday around 1 pm I arrived at Manassas with a car full of standard gauge materials and began setup. The Factory provides tables and 4 of us set about lining 12 up (4X3) for the tabletop layout. Thanks Regis Harkins, Bear Bailey and Bill Creech. By 5 pm the track was laid and power applied. Tuesday I did not go as life activities got in the way. Wednesday, day one of the show, I arrived about 2 pm and rewired everything (I dunno what I did wrong on Monday, but nothing worked.) Tuesday the Manassas staff set out the ceramic houses and cotton snow. We were up and running as the first visitors arrived at 4:50 pm. We operated 5-8pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening; all day Saturday and Sunday. Plenty of train running time for all of us!

Running old prewar trains is a great challenge and lots of fun. The trains have a mind of their own so setting them in motion and turning your back is not wise (The



same goes for the surf at the beach). In my 60+years of fooling with standard gauge, I can offer:

The change of power output and loco response fluctuates as heat builds up in the transformer and the locos. More heat results in less power from the transformer. Thus there is a speed chase required. The track pins can get loose due to the AC current flow and actually glow red hot. And gremlins are always about. The fun result is that at one instant the train is barely moving and the next it is laying on its side with the wheels spinning. Then there is the famous home-made STOMPER who runs amuck every time he hits the rails. This show he took out some minarets on the local magic castle. My cast iron IVES 1132 steamer slid to a stop on its side with the cowcatcher hanging over the table edge (Phew). A couple of kids helped add to the excitement by trying to test me and the trains... I had a couple of pieces on my ready table for them to play with, but they wanted hands-on to the mainline.

Saturday was the Virginia Railway Express Santa runs day. All day long the train was on loading and off loading families right outside our window. Thanks to some smart planning, we had a sandwich board at the Manassas Train Station directing folks to come play trains with us.

I had two automatic gatemen in service on the layout side by side. One is an original 1936 Lionel #45 and the other is a documented 1957 Russian copy. Kids love to see the two open up their shack doors and wave their different colored lanterns to warn of the approaching train.

The kids were everywhere and so excited. Apparently as a youngster when you go hyper, you throw your hands and arms in the air and yell and go crazy. This happens every time the train comes by to the joy of the adults and particularly this old man!

I have been asked to do a presentation on the future of model train hobby. Over these two events I relearned that there is Magic in them there trains. I have a direct quote from my heart doctor and my dentist: Trains have magic about them. Some aspects of the draw are the colors, sounds, sight of thrashing side rods on steamers, smoke (Where appropriate and not from the motor) and action. I did notice there was more excitement when a brightly colored train went by than with a dark (and more realistic) consist rolled past. There is a factor of magic that draws kids of all ages in to the love of trains as proven by the excitement of 2201 folk all happily playing trains.

Be in it with me.

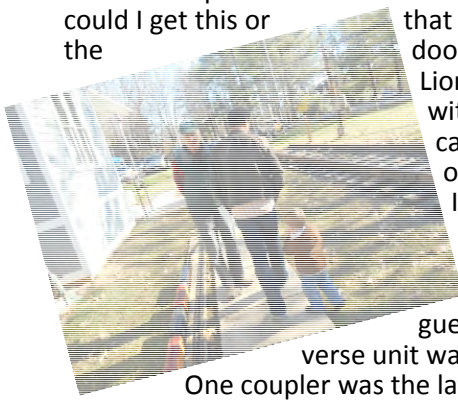
Next door to us is a new place called The Bone. <http://www.yelp.com/biz/the-bone-manassas>. I'm hearing they served super pork BBQ but I was too busy playing to try it out (Imagine that!).

Sunday afternoon we finished with a natural high for all of us, helped each other pack out and went home to collapse. I ain't recovered yet, but these memories will lay sweet on my mind for months to come until the next time at Fairfax Station and the old Candy Factory in Manassas. Don't miss the experience.



Fairfax Station Clem Clement

We had great fun today. Rain from about noon to closing time at 5 pm. A nice size crowd came to play trains with us in the reconstructed Fairfax Station. Too wet for any antique cars. Maybe Sunday tomorrow if the weather is better. Three of us were busy all day at the Loco Doctor station. What fun having my head full of repair challenges instead the pressures of life. All I had to worry about was could I get this or the



that up and running. When doors opened a guy had a Lionel #10 for me to fool with. Peacock with orange cab base stripe. No reverse or slot in the body for one. I don't remember if I ever saw such. The piece was tired and clearly had been flogged before. I'm guessing the pendulum reverse unit was previously removed.

One coupler was the latch and the other was the combo coupler. The armature was a repro with a small barreled commutator. The commutator was 1/16th off center so the loco fussed and groaned under power. The brushes really moved in and out like a piston engine. The piece looked like it has spent a weekend in a cement mixer. I buffed and shined it and the owner was very happy.

We ran Large Scale on one loop plus a hot passing siding and a bypass under the entrance ramp out in the rain. The Standard Gauge layout got off to a slow start with shorted track frustrating us. I threatened the track to be melted down and turned into a Chevy crate. Evidently that terrible threat had no effect so we replaced the curved track with Andy Kriswallace's wide radius track. Lots of kids enjoyed all the thrash and action. A little fellow waved his arms every which way each time a Standard Gauge set came thundering by. We loved him and hugged his Dad for bringing him. Thom McKinney repaired and setup the famous late Bob Tuft's memorial S gauge layout. Every kid in the place got to operate the log loader and the stuff mover. I'm sure Bob was watching. Thom is our hero in this project



This was the 25th anniversary of the creation of this show by TCAer Chaplin Jim Warrington and me. The Station President lauded us all and a SRA was shared all around.

We are going it again tomorrow noon to 4PM. Come on out. Then Sunday nite and Monday we move and set up for a week of running trains at the famous rejuvenated Manassas Candy Factory.

Fairfax Station Model Train Show Day 2

The little fellow so uberthrilled about all the trains that he hadda have a tantrum. He streamed and howled and waved his arms. Mommy had him in her arms by the waist

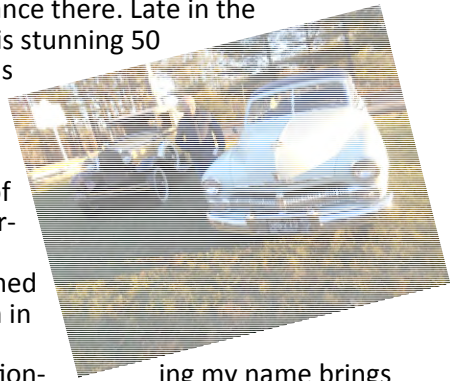
so he could not kick much. But he was nuclear about everything... And then a strange man was looking into his face... all tantrum stopped: to see who and what. An old gray dude was smiling at him and thanking him for such a show...well forget it and off on another blast we go...then the old guy was talking to my MOMMY... I hadda stop and see what this was about. I'm two and surely Mommy's protector and HE was talking to MY MOMMY...and she was smiling... Off we go again and... Mommy had a toy car given to her by the old man... all quiet.



Later Daddy saw me and I had more to say, but the old smiley guy was talking to my Dad and I...

Sunday broke clear and cold with a breeze helping to dry out the yard from the heavy rain Saturday.

Smokey (1930 Model A Cabriolet) stuck her rear tire out of the garage and backfired! She needed more coaxing to venture out. She thought she was off duty this weekend. But no and off we went to the Famous Fairfax Station for Day II. She found her usual spot on dry and hard ground so show off and took her stance there. Late in the day Leo Cummings and his stunning 50 Mercury joined Smokey as the two antique cars on scene. Thanks Leo for attending.



The Cliff Green family of Sandra, son and Daughter-in-law and young Charlie arrived early and mentioned my name which got them in ahead of time.

(Sometimes mentioning my name brings ripe tomatoes.) Charlie hadda see every thing simultaneous and had a great time. Particularly watching the big trains enter the tunnel under the entrance ramp.

The crowd was strong and steady all afternoon long. Easily over 900 happy folks attended for both days at the 25th annual Christmas show at Fairfax Station. This is the station's biggest fund raiser of the year.

Over the two days I was the loco Doctor again this year along with Steve Childress and a courtesy visit from Jon Grasson. Jim Gray stopped by as well and

fixilated a Large Scale trolley becoming a hero of the Large Scalers. We fixed some HO, several O gauge locos and gauge loco. A good time was had by us fixers.

Some of us are feeling our knees much more each year. 25 years ago we could crawl around outside and run everywhere. Working on the Large Scale stuff in the rain



and mud now tests us all. Now just getting down is work let alone doing anything while there.

A little girl was looking at my yellow Model A Cabriolet and asking about the back seat. So I offered for her Mom to put her in the rumble seat and she was so cute hugging the stuffed Dalmatian there. I'm home and a quick change of clothes and out again for the fun eV-8 car Club Christmas Party tonight.

See ya next year at Fairfax Station Train and Antique car show!



"LADY LIONEL" EXPOSES HERSELF AT GREEN SPRING GARDENS

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

At noon on Sunday, December 7, 2014 a crowd was waiting at the door to enter the exhibits at the annual Gardeners' Holiday



Open House at Green Spring Gardens, a Fairfax County-owned park located in Alexandria, VA. They were anxiously awaiting the appearance of the mysterious "Lady Lionel," whom they had read about in a recent issue of Green Spring Gardens' newsletter, Gardenline. "Lady Lionel" is affectionately referred to as the "Girl's Set" by train collectors.



Upon entering the library at Green Spring Gardens' Horticulture Center, the crowd was finally able to feast their eyes on the elegant elderly lady and her followers. Fashionably dressed in pink, the smoking 57-year old Lionel No. 2037-500LT, her pink 1130T-500 tender and her five pastel-colored cars were real show stoppers. The little 2-6-4 performed flawlessly almost non-stop for over four hours--a real testimonial to the quality of those products that were "made in the U.S.A!"

The tender in the Girl's Set was not equipped with a whistle.

Therefore, an operating American Flyer Ringling Brothers whistling billboard was provided for the endless stream of kids to



blow. This accessory also performed flawlessly for over four hours.

The crowd seemed to enjoy all aspects of the 4ft. x 8ft. operating layout that featured a loop of O-gauge and also a loop of Standard Gauge track. An MTH Ives Standard Gauge Circus Train from the year 2000 occupied the Standard Gauge loop. Many of the visitors commented on the high quality of the train--both as to its smooth running and the beauty of its painted finish. They



were surprised that these big, colorful tinplate trains were still being manufactured.

Animated accessories included a musical Lemax

carousel as well as a Lemax operating Ferris Wheel amidst a three-ring circus and a static exhibit of a Lionel Operating Giraffe Car No. 6-16706, Horse Transport Car No. 6473, and the Lionel Lines Circus Stock Car No. 6376. A Lionel No. 1045 Operating Watchman waved his little arm tirelessly during the entire show each time the Lady Lionel passed by. Automobiles, structures and figures which populated the layout were by several manufacturers including Plasticville, Corgi, Britains, Barclay, and Woodland Scenics.

Engineer Dan operated the trains and answered many questions directed at him by kids of all ages. Remarkably, one of the older kids recalled that she had a Lady Lionel set when she was a child. Needless to say, she regretted no longer owning her childhood treasure. Yes, Lionel did



sell a few of these sets to little girls way back in 1957. We hope that some of the kids we met this year at Green Spring Gardens will ask Santa for a train set of their very own next Christmas!



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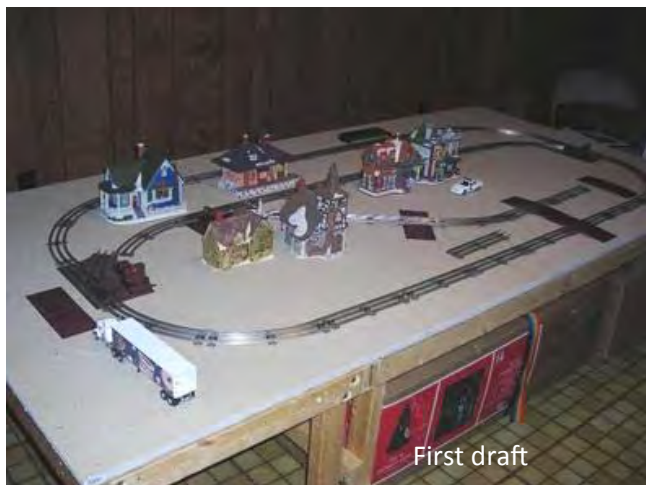
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The Ricky Railroad, A Story of Envy and Revenge Edwin W. Kirk

Every year I dreamed of finding an electric train running under the Christmas tree but Santa always brought a wind up train, oh! the disappointment. Bruce, the kid next door, had a Lionel electric train which he ran on the carpet. I could watch but NEVER could I touch the transformer. He was the engineer. A couple of years later we moved to our new house, Ricky lived a few doors down the street and had the most wonderful train layout that ever existed outside a department store. It was a green painted 4x8 piece of plywood. It had 2 turnouts, an operating cattle corral and operating cattle car. Not to exaggerate; It was magnificent. I remember the steam locomotive as a 2-8-2 but I now know Lionel did not then make a Mikado so it must have been a 2-6-2 Prairie, I do recall the freight train had a brown automobile box car and a tank car. Further research leads me to think it was the 1945 outfit number 463w. The set had a Prairie locomotive, a black gondola car, a freight car color automobile car, a single dome tank car and a caboose. Ricky, like Bruce, was the engineer, so I had very limited time at the controls.

The years passed, school, girls, work, marriage, kids (you know the drill) took priority over my toys but interest never totally faded. Now I had the time a layout better than Rickie's could be made. Bench work came first, I scavenged the legs and basic framework from another project, the 2X4s made the table quite sturdy; my son joked that a tornado shelter was being built. The table was low so that the grandkids could play without climbing on furniture or stools. On top of the frame was a ½" piece of 4X8 plywood and on top of that was a ¾" piece of Homosote. Homosote is a product often referenced in train magazines but rarely found, I have only seen it once for sale. I was lucky to happen across it at a Home Depot.

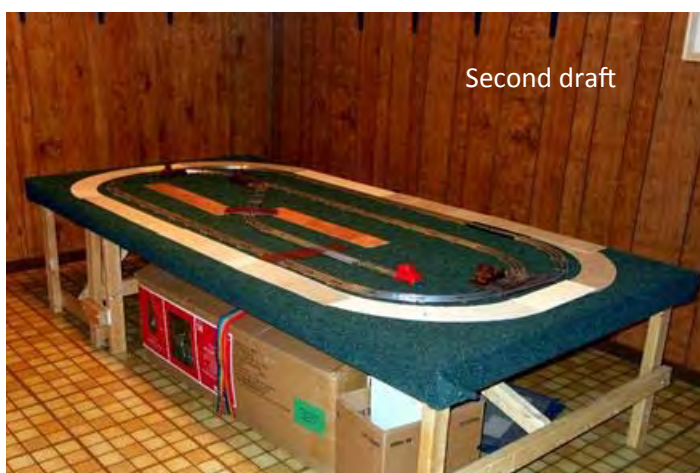


Great thought was put into the next step. What to do with the plywood (Homosote) plain? Paint would not do, Paper Mache, plaster, even bottled grass and gravel was beyond the bounds for essentially a toy railroad.

Home Depot again came up with an answer. While exploring for inspiration a display of indoor/outdoor carpeting was found. Unfortunately it was gray, not the best color but an idea was hatched. Further exploration led to green outdoor carpeting on a 12 foot roll. It was perfect except how to get a 12 foot wide length of carpet home, well the stuff is thin, very flexible and can be folded up and thrown in the back seat of the car, and it is cheap. The plywood plain became an unblemished field of grass.



The next thing to obsess about were the roads and sidewalks. Roads near the edge of the table were essential to provide play value for the grandkids. I had used paper and paint in the past but that would not work with the carpet. Again Home Depot, I found 2'x2'x3/16" plywood sheets which could be easily cut to road size pieces on the Dremel scroll saw. The roads were given a coat of rust-oleum gray primer which was sprinkled with roadbed gravel. Once dry the roads were given another coat of primer. They turned out a bit bright, but satisfactory. The sidewalks turned out particularly good. They were made by covering pieces of plywood sheet with fine sandpaper then drawing the "cracks" with a felt tipped pen.



Now the fun part. The grass has grown, the roads were done now just to set everything in place and run the trains. The track, switches, roads, sidewalks, transformer, track locks and grade crossings (found at a WBA mini-

meet) were laid in place. The carpet pile held the track pretty well and nailing did not seem to be necessary. The roads were nailed in place, with less than perfection, maybe to be improved upon later. The all-important cattle corral was put in place and wired, department 56 style ceramic buildings were placed along with vehicles, animals, trees and people. The Ricky railroad has been bested. The new layout has 3 switches, roads and buildings. It has a textured base not paint. One of the best features of the layouts design is it can be easily changed to accommodate new ideas or an added accessories.

No more thoughts of the Ricky Railroad, now the Chesapeake Western Shore (CWS). The black SW1 switcher on the on the side track is a Lionel/MPC 6-8460 originally marked for the MKT. It was repainted, remarked for the CWS, an antenna added along with window glazing. The hideous marker lights were removed and plated over. The CWS is more or less done, long live the Chesapeake Western Shore.



The CWS is a success, the grandkids are impressed and they enjoy seeing the train run and driving their cars on the roads. All objectives met.



As a final thought. When I was 7 or so Uncle Jerry provided the ultimate Christmas gift, a 3 car American Flyer set headed by a 290 pacific locomotive. A happier kid there never was. The original set was a victim of history but thanks to York it has been reconstructed.



Annapolis Train Show

As the winter snows melted away, the WB&A Chapter of TCA celebrated the approach of Spring with the Annual Train Show at the Annapolis Armory. This was my first time being involved in the planning of a Train Show, and I had a hard act to follow, as Art Tate had managed many successful shows in Annapolis, which we all have enjoyed. When we arrived on Friday the Annapolis Armory was an empty hall with tables and chairs set up and no signs of a train anywhere to be seen. It was really fun to see the transition to a large train show that day and by 8:00 AM Saturday Morning the place was wall to wall trains with well stocked and displayed tables covering all gauges from N Gauge to G Gauge, and all eras from early Lionel, Ives and Dorfan to the latest MTH and Lionel offerings. There were bargains from \$1.00 boxes to true collectables at Collector prices. The place not only displayed trains, but there were also sounds and smells with the National Capital Trackers running an O Gauge Layout and the Kitchen that was serving up food as good as Amtrak's Amcafe Offerings. The only thing that was missing was the original WB&A trolley that has been gone for over 75 years but not forgotten. The show was open to members only for the 8 to 9 hour which was a great social time as well as shopping time as we got to catch up with old friends, and see some member's latest acquisitions. The public joined at 9 AM and the crowd started slowly, but by 10:00 we were playing to a packed house of collectors, families, and some who just enjoyed seeing old trains displayed and operated. I always enjoy hearing the stories of "My Dad had a train just like" or "When I was a kid my first train was a". This is the great part of the Hobby, the happy memories tow trains bring back to people. I even had a chance to operate my own Dad's Memories with my 1930 Dorfan freight set on the Trackers Layout to the delight of many. There were door prizes for all ages. The crowd kept growing and by noon many were restocking their tables for late arrivals. After the Lunch hour the crowd began to thin, and people were snatching up last minute steals and deals. By 2 PM all were ready to breakdown their tables and pack up and return home. It took about 2 hours for all to be packed and out to their cars and the hall was as empty as it was Friday Morning. One could not have known that a show had even occurred there. At 4 PM all had departed and the Annapolis show became a memory of another fun fantastic WB&A Club Event. I am sorry if you missed the show, because it was one of the best.

Many thanks to those who set up and tore down the show, we could not have done it with out you. Many thanks to all who purchased tables, you put on a fantastic Display. And many thanks to those who attended, I hope you found the train treasures you were seeking at Annapolis. Soon we will all be heading to another York and enjoying that show, but the memories of Annapolis and the time we shared will still be fresh memories. So long for now and see you at York!

John Buxton for WB&A TCA.

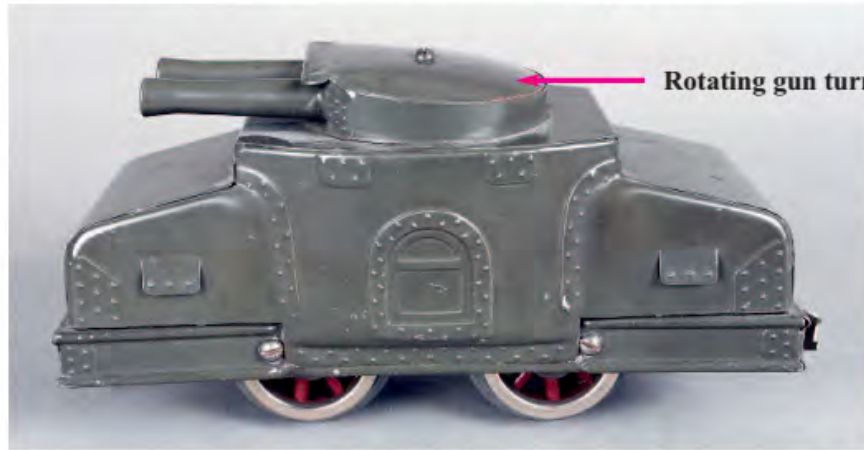
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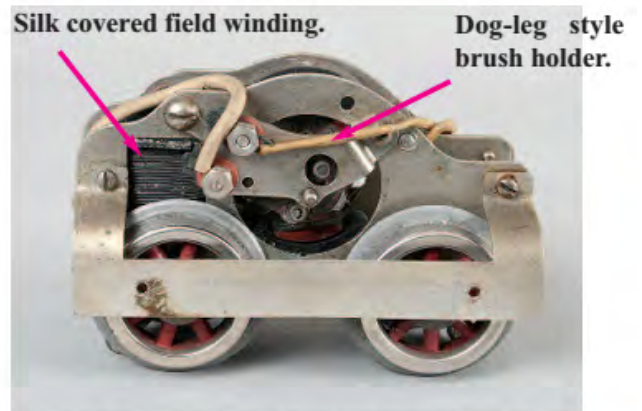
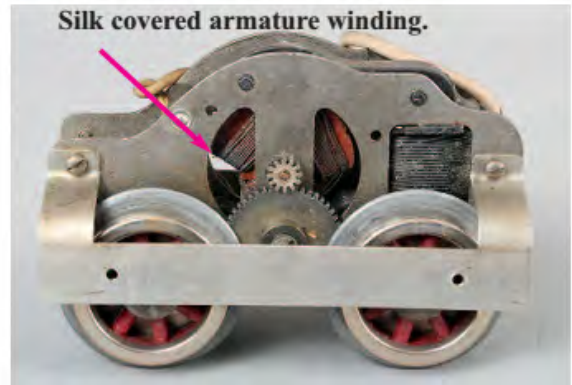
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Type 3 pickup plate label.

The body is fastened to short frames on each side of the motor.

203 Armored Motor Car, 1917-19, battleship gray body, Outfit 214 with two 900 Ammunition Cars and Outfit 215 with two 702 supply cars. Photos from the D. Gordon Collection.



Type 3 motor with dog-leg style brush holder, silk covered field and armature windings. Top, gear side; bottom brush side.



No. 702 Supply Car, upper photo. No 900 Ammunition Car, lower photo. Both cars have no side, end or underside markings.

Lionel Prewar O Gauge Sets

From the beginning of O Gauge in 1915 Lionel's O Gauge sets came with elaborate artwork on the box top and a colorful label on the box end with the set number. For a given production season, the box tops and ends used the same artwork. Samples of this box top artwork are shown below.



The Lionel Prewar O Gauge Study Group is interested in photographing and studying Lionel boxed sets from 1915-1930. Do you have an original boxed set or sets we can study? If you do, please call Bruce Greenberg at 703-461-6991 or write brucegreenberg1@gmail.com. (Please note the "c".)





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- May 16, 2015 WB&A at the Baltimore Trolley Museum
- Jun 7, 2015 Spring Hamburg Dutch Train Meet
- June 20-21, 2015 Great Scale Model Train Show Timonium, MD
- July 26, 2015 Hamburg Dutch Train Meet Hamburg, PA
- Sep. 12, 2015 Hagerstown Model RR Museum Trainfest Summer 2015 Train sale
- Sep.13, 2015 Hamburg Dutch Train Meet Hamburg, PA
- Sep. 20, 2015 Gilbertsville Train Show Gilbertsville, PA
- Sep. 27, 2015 Arbutus Shows Arbutus, MD
- Oct. 24-25, 2015 Great Scale Model Train Show Timonium, MD
- Oct. 31, 2015 WB&A Toy & Train Show, Vienna, VA
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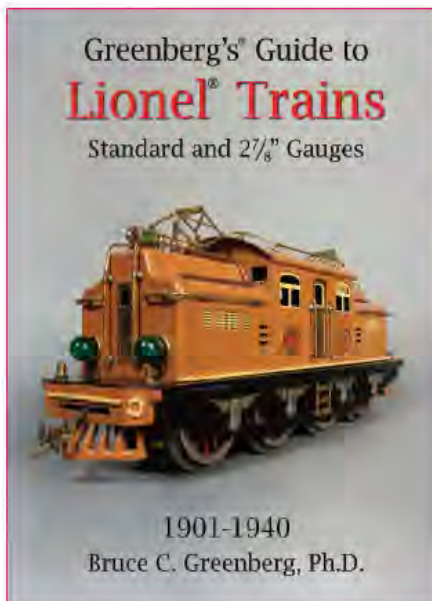
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