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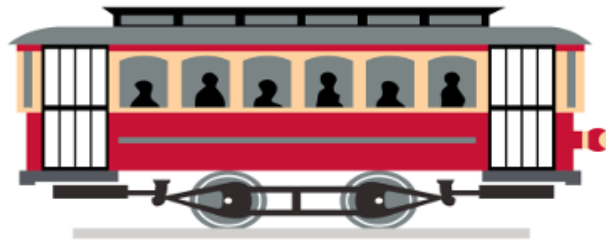
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From the President's Desk

September 2016

Dear All,

It seems my challenge from the last Trolley was not even entertained by the membership and that is very disheartening. Your Board consists of volunteers that put a lot of work and energy into doing the best we can for the Club and the members. I can only assume by the lack of response that every member is satisfied and there is nothing more we can do then what we are already doing for the Club and the membership! Well, I do believe that there must be "**something**" more we can do based on the participation of the membership in what we do for you. In this regard, I will be exploring the possibility of doing something a little outside the box (to quote our Eastern Division rep, Dan Danielson – who will be stepping down to run for VP of Eastern). I am exploring a venue where we can come together as a community along with our loved ones and enjoy a day outdoors at a park, yup, I said it, a park! Of course, it won't be just any park, it will have things for all to do, or at least for those who care to enjoy the amenities. So as you get more information on this, we (that is your Board) hope that you (and your loved ones) will be able to join us and take a day out of your busy lives to attend. So stay tuned for more information!

As you may know, I have been putting out weekly/biweekly an e-blast that is filled of train and cross-hobbying information for you and the friends of the WB&A to read and enjoy. However, due to a variety of reasons, I have not been able to do so for the last couple of months, but I hope to have started again by the time this edition of the Trolley is in your hands to read and enjoy. I would like to thank all of you who, over the last four years, have shared many kind comments/words with me and I hope those of you who share information with me will continue to do so.

As it does every year at this time, elections for various positions on the Board come up for election, we hope you will take the time to read the resume of those running and VOTE!

As a reminder, please check out the WB&A Facebook page and if you like something, share it! <https://www.facebook.com/wba.chaptertca> You are a POWERFUL force in keeping the WB&A in the forefront of social media, I hope you will do so.

If you haven't heard, the WB&A now has a YouTube Channel, check out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMxdt18j950&feature=youtu.be>

We also have a new location for our November semi-annual General Membership on November 5, 2016, read on to learn more about the location, we hope you will join us.

As a reminder, if you find yourself with a bit of **(Cont'd on Page 2)**



Treasurer's Report as of Sep. 13, 2016

By Glenn MacKinnon

The Chapter's financial activities for January-September 2016 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, 2016 \$31,137.80
Check Book Balance – Sep. 13, 2016 \$31,005.73
Significant Activities January 1, 2016 thru September 13, 2016

	Expenses	Revenue
Annapolis Show 2016	1879	1855
Vienna, VA Show 2016	73	75
Membership Dues 2016	338	3671
Membership Dues 2017	47	54
Newsletter 2016	472	
Kids Korner	486	546
Fire Up 611	8691	7741
Train Set for Drawing	1184	
Web Site/Facebook	1104	960
Miscellaneous Expenses	416	

(From the President's Desk Cont'd) 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 all of us to make it a Club we want to be part of. It takes all of us 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

WB&A Board of Director's Meeting Saturday, February 6, 2016

Home of Tom and Sarah Salen – thank you for hosting the meeting

Meeting Start Time: 9:00 am

Meeting End Time: 2:00 pm

Next BOD Meeting will be held Saturday May 14, 2016 at the home of Colleen and James Hall, 474 Cherokee Run Road, Linden, VA 22642 (540-622-2258)

Present

Colleen Hall, Tom Salen, Dave Eadie, Glenn MacKinnon, Arne Meyrow, Bill Moss, Dan Danielson and Nada Boswell

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary's report – The November 21, 2015 Minutes were distributed and read. There was a motion to accept the minutes made by Glenn MacKinnon, seconded by Colleen Hall and were voted to be unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Glenn MacKinnon presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted several rather high expenses for the Mini Meets, the visit to BSCM, Election



TOP TEN WB&A BENEFITS

- 1 Fun and Fellowship with your Train Friends
- 2 Wealth of information available from other collectors, operators and layout
- 3 A wonderful opportunity to participate at the local level in the world's greatest
- 4 Free admission to local WB&A Train Shows. (Show advertised in local
- 5 Free admission at Members Only WB&A
- 6 Receive quarterly the WB&A Newsletter
- 7 Access to the chapter website -
- 8 Share in the excitement of the Toy Train
- 9 Serving as a committee member or officer at the local level is very reward-
- 10 Buy, Sell, Trade with local train enthusi-

and How-To-Sessions some of which provided little response from our members considering the cost. BSCM will not be held next year, we are looking for a new place for the Baltimore Mini Meets which may be at Marley Station Mall. They have a room with several running layouts and a kitchen we can use. Cost not known as yet but believed to be reasonable. Many other of the expenses for 2015 such as donations for the Lantry project, video camera and J611 will not be recurring costs.

Colleen noted that she has little response from the TCA President after she contacted him regarding keeping members involved and recruiting new members. The Manufacturers should be doing more for the hobby since they have the advertising expertise and funds to promote the hobby. She has spoken with people in other clubs that are having the same problem getting their members out to meetings and activities.

Glenn noted that we have a healthy balance but can't seem to get the members attention. We need to continue to talk with other clubs and train related groups using Facebook and other social media to find ideas that work. If TCA had a coherent message or if Eastern would communicate with members it should help.

The How-to-Sessions have had good attendance except one that had to be held early in the morning. Some of the cost for 2015 was the initial tools purchased and will not be repeated.

The 2016 Drawing Item is in. It is a very nice Lionel Li-

onMaster Western Maryland Challenger and will have 6 freight cars and a caboose. Dan will display it at his store whenever the club doesn't need it for meets, etc. Dan sold over \$300 in drawing tickets at the store for last year's item which added enough to fully cover the cost. Suggestion was made that perhaps next year just do an engine only, no cars, but include either a Legacy or DCS operating system.

Glenn requested that he be permitted to destroy the 2008 records. Tom made the motion to do so, Bill Moss seconded and it was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

J611 trip - Dave has a list of 33 people that expressed an interest in a trip on the 611 which would be 52 seats total if all decided to take part. He emailed those people that he had emails for and tried to call the others but 8 were not reachable. So far he has 31 people that have said they would go on the June 5, 2016 afternoon trip at 2:00 pm from Manassas to Front Royal.

The cost to reserve a 62 seat Standard Coach would be \$129 per person plus \$4.95 per person ticket charge. There is an issue that the tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable but Dave is working on resolving that. VMT needs a manifest with names but not known as yet when that has to be provided. WB&A would need to pay for the entire car up front (VMT will accept a check from WB&A) and then collect from the members (or non-member if not enough members purchased tickets). There are still issues to be worked out about payment to WB&A, etc. but it was suggested that payment must be made by March 20 at the Annapolis Meet or the tickets will be resold (VMT indicated that could happen but depends on the due date for the manifest). Most BoD members did not believe selling the tickets would be a problem as the North Carolina trip sold out in one morning once opened to the general public.

A motion was made by Dave that WB&A Chapter reserve and purchase tickets for a 62 seat Standard Coach Car for the June 5, 2016 afternoon trip at 2:00 p.m. Tom Salen seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Tom noted that the Boy Scouts do a Merit Badge for Railroading which they could work towards if they ride the train. Also a possible trip to the Toy Train Museum including a campout. Working with the scouts on this could be an big advantage for the club to attract young people to the hobby.

Membership Report – As of 12/31/2015 80 members had not paid for 2015 or 2016. Dave sent 2 emails and letters and received 40 replies most of those paid for 2015 and 2016. Bob H. volunteered to help call the remaining 40. Of the 301 total 260 are paid through 2015 and 150 for 2016. Already have 2 new members and Dave will get the list for new TCA members to contact those in our area.

The membership table at York needs staffing, Dave passed a sign up sheet around to get that started.

Eastern Report – Not a lot new, the April Meet Notice is not out yet and the Agenda for the next meeting is not out yet. Dan will be running for Eastern Vice President in this year's election. He wants to emphasize forward thinking outside the box, transparency and regular communication. There is a possible issue with Internet Security related to

family members running the Cyber issue.

Eastern is again financially sound, Bob Ferguson has the records back on track now to avoid future problems.

Facebook – Sarah Wilch-Spamer attended the meeting and provided us with an Update that shows the improvements that have been made in the last year (copy attached). A big thanks was given to Sarah who in the last year has made big changes and improvements to the page. The use of Facebook should help to build interest in the club and the hobby. The club had been paying Joe to do the website but now Facebook is now the main site for Social Media. It was suggested that we pay Sarah something for her work for us. Colleen will check with Glenn and we will vote at the next meeting.

UPDATE - later in the meeting Colleen made a motion that Sarah receive \$100 per month. Tom seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Break for Lunch 12:00 – 12:30

June General Business Meeting – The meeting is usually held the first Sunday in June, however that would be a conflict with the 611 trip. Phil Graves will work on trying to get Kemper Macon Ware Lodge for the following Sunday June 12. If that can't work we can have the meeting at Sharon Lodge in McLean. It was suggested we make the date change permanent as it will always conflict with Manassas Rail Fest where many of our members are involved. Rail Fest is only on Saturday, however a lot of our members are working Friday and Saturday with setup and teardown it would be best to give them more time to recover before our meeting.

How-To-Sessions – The next session is scheduled for April 3rd at Dan's store. It will be limited to 15 members for the O Gauge and 15 for the HO Gauge presentation. The topic is command controls for layouts.

We hope to do a session in June if possible with Allen Crotts showing how to clean and repair trains. Then another session with Ed Norville on the buildings he creates in September.

Attendance has been good and everyone seemed to enjoy being there.

Annapolis Meet – The layout for the tables is being worked on. There are 37 8' tables and 20 6' tables. Price will be \$25 for 8', \$20 for 6'. Ads have already been placed in CCT and OGR. Suggested that Art or Bob find a local newspaper or other local places to advertise.

The club needs to get a first aid kit to have at our meets and meetings. Tom showed us the Boy Scout one which is probably more than we need but he will provide the list of items included.

The Banner we used at the Armory needs some work to change it to say Today since this show is on Saturday. Dan will check with the people that have done signs for him. Also need signs for the 4 entrances so the Trackers can have 1 dedicated to them, Dan will check on that also.

Bob will check on the possibility of Saturday evening set up and how early we can get in on Sunday morning (6:00 am).

The Elks Kitchen will prepare the lunch items. WB&A will do the coffee and donuts during set up hours.

Other New Business – Arne suggested we should get a table at the next Greenberg show in August. Usually there are a lot of younger people and kids attending these shows. If the club got a table next to the 4 Dan usually gets his folks might be able to help set up and man the table if we are lacking some coverage. Also maybe do a drawing for a starter set. The show is from 10-5 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday so a total of 13 hours. A motion was made by Nada, seconded by Arne that we explore this possibility and authorize the cost (currently \$72.00) for a table and it was unanimously approved.

Arne noted that the video of the first How-To-Session has been edit and ready to post to Facebook and You Tube. He is now doing the video editing in real time and is getting better so he may be able to complete others more quickly.

He also suggested that we might look in Go To Meeting as a way to have a conference call meeting. He will look into how it works and the cost so we can decide if we might want to try that.

He has gotten the Lantry photos and new logo to Sarah. He has been working on the data base to make it easier to maintain our email list and be able to sort by zip code it we are targeting a certain area for one of our meets.

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Tom that the meeting be adjourned and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00.

The next BOD meeting will be at Colleen's home on May 14, 2016 at 10:00am

Historian's Corner

In April, 1966 the TCA Membership Newsletter shared that there would be a 12th Annual Meeting of the Directors and Officers at the Hotel Mirimar, Santa Monica, CA, on Friday, June 24th, 1966. This newsletter also included meetings of various divisions which included: MidWest, Great Lakes, METCA, Eastern, WB&A/Eastern, NETCA, No. Calif. (NorCal), and Western. The names of the Secretaries of the Divisions, those who were in charge of the meetings, reads as a Who's-Who in TCA. Earl Rath (MidWest), Curt Fischbach (Great Lakes), Margaret Ranker (METCA), C. Joanne Buckley (Eastern), Hugo Kuehn (WB&A), Tom Otis (NETCA), John Marshall (NorCal), John Rokos (Western). These folks kept TCA running through the late 60's and into the 70's and beyond.

The "Interchange Point" makes for interesting reading. Trains wanted, trains to exchange, catalogs for sale, Trains for sale, even trains "needed"! Be sure to check out the current TCA newsletter for the Interchange, and go to the TCA x-Change at <http://tcabuysell.org> to see what is currently available from other TCA members. This is an underutilized website from TCA. It is free to use as a TCA member. It is easy to access and reference, and can be a great site to offer your items to other TCA members.

One other bit of information, the April "New Probationary Members" included several from the WB&A area.

Are any of these names familiar to you? David W. Allen (Chesapeake City, MD), John H. Bieller (Baltimore, MD), J. David Hill (Hollins, VA), Lewis M. Johnston (Annandale, VA), Stephen O. Kucera (Baltimore, MD), Talmadge C. Lewis (Berwyn Heights, MD), John R. McGonegal (Bethesda, MD), Carlton A. Meyers (Arlington, VA), Link Milsark (Vienna, VA), Edwin A. O'Leary (Belair, MD), Edward J. Roth (Baltimore, MD), William E. Smith (Washington DC), Ernest Stefan (Hyattsville, MD), Harry L. Zimmerman (Frederick, MD)

And finally, dated 4-26-66, the Treasurer's Report for TCA. Income includes dues and application fees, sale of publications, Directory advertising, convention proceeds, and miscellaneous. (Sounds like what TCA currently counts as income) Expenses include Quarterly, Directory, Newsletter, office supplies, administrative expenses, and equipment. With a carryover balance from the previous quarter Income was \$14, 312.63 and Expenses were \$7,509.43.

TCA has certainly come a long, long way in the past 50 years!

Yours in Train-ing.

Carol R. McGinnis, 95-41066

Membership Moments by David Eadie

September, 2016

Important Notice: If you cannot attend any of our remaining events this year, **please use the renewal form** in this newsletter to pay your 2016 dues. We have only 3 events scheduled the remainder of the year; the October York Show, the Vienna Firehouse Show on October 29, and the mini meet in Glen Burnie, Maryland on November 5th. Your WB&A membership card should have a green "16" sticker on it. The '2017' sticker tabs are now available if you wish to pay your dues for next year.

For those attending York meet this October, or the October 29th Vienna Firehouse Show or the November 5th mini-meet at the Marley Station Mall in Glen Burnie, Maryland, we will have on display, this year's drawing, a **Lionel LionMaster Western Maryland Challenger (4-6-6-4) steam engine with 6 freight cars and caboose. Its Legacy equipped, a build to order Limited Edition which runs on O-31 track.** Information on this drawing item can be found in this newsletter.

I would like to recognize a member of his long standing support of the WB&A. John has been an active contributor for many years, Congratulations to John Connor who is celebrating his 89 years this month and his 62nd wedding anniversary with his wife, Shirley.

As a reminder, again this year, those members who prepay their 2017 dues are entered into a drawing for a **\$100 gift certificate** at Dan Danielson's **Toy Trains and Collectibles** store in Manassas, VA. As well, if you know



a TCA member in our area who is not a WB&A member, invite them to attend the Vienna Show or the Maryland mini-meet. If they join the WB&A, you will be entered into a drawing for a **\$100 gift certificate**.

Thank you in again for being a part of WB&A. We would like to see you at one of our events.

**Eastern National Meet tour to Lancaster, Pa.
Clem Clement**

Monday, August 8, Sandy and I traveled to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to check on the Eastern National Meet. The flea market seemed well attended by vendors. I chatted with several. We enjoyed looking at the eV-8's (early V-8 Ford Cars) that were gathered. I found a sign that said "wash rack", but no one was about to wash my modern... Sandy checked on the Chinese auctions and the handbag auction. I chatted with several Clubbers. Then we were off to Strasburg, stopping at T Burkes for dinner. We stayed in the Clarion which has Train club rates. Of course we had to go into the center of Strasburg for some mighty fine ice cream and chat with the tourists and the locals.

Tuesday we went to the National Toy Train Museum nearby and worked as docents for the eV-8 bus tour to Lancaster. The tour included a nice stay with the Museum and on then to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania and the Strasburg Railroad . We were very honored to be the docents for the eV-8er's visit. I guided them into the facility and talked with all as they enjoyed the hundreds of trains on display and the many operating layouts. I fielded lots of good questions. I seemed to make the most points talking about the similarity of our hobbies wherein we both worry about paint colors, quality of reproduction parts, the graying of the hobbies and where to find original trains/car parts. All were surprised to learn that Hershey is a good source for old trains.

At the appointed time I guided them back to their bus and with a cheery goodbye sent them on their way. BTW I wore a train shirt with a eV-8 name plate showing I was involved in both hobbies. I'm a strong believer in cross hobby events.

Wednesday we delivered a car loads of trains and toys to one of our local auctioneers.

Good trip for sure. Did I mention the great Amish food we enjoyed.

Don Borneman, TCA #89-29777 passed away early last week. Don was a resident of Columbia, MD and a former WB&A member, #1662.

York News
Clem Clement

NEW THIS FALL IN YORK

- New meet pricing structure. For the very reasonable attendance charges, 3 days of playing trains and free parking, the Eastern Division York Meet is the best deal since sliced bread!
- Setup time for members Thursday morning moves up to

9:30am

- Single width strollers allowed.
- Location map in the York Registration pamphlet is much improved. The badge pickup location is now clearly marked.
- **NO** Shuttle bus service to Mall and outlets
- As always, York is a great place to meet and greet both new-to-you trainiacs and old friends.
- Also, members who bring their smartphones can try out the MTH WIFI DCS on the O Gauge layout. See the article that will be in the Fall e*Train at <http://tcaetrain.org/2d-articles/operating/MuseumTechnology/index.shtml> for details.

Eastern Division Presidents Message: John Zobel:

I hope everyone is enjoying these summer months. I know the weather has been difficult in certain parts of the country with drought in some areas, flooding in others and forest fires out west. But take heart our semiannual York train meet is just a couple of months away and I know that the weather has been fairly normal in Central Pennsylvania. Our Meet Notice booklet was mailed in early July so don't hesitate to get your registration in. We expect a full house again so don't delay.

I attended the National Board of Directors meeting in Houston during the convention in June and I am happy to report that good things are happening with TCA. We have reversed our membership decline and are adding new members each month. The National Board has approved some membership classification changes aimed at encouraging new folks to give TCA a try. More to come on that in the National newsletter. Our finances are in good shape and the Museum and Library are functioning smoothly. I would encourage our members to consider a donation to our annual appeal as our team at headquarters works very hard to put out a quality product and is always looking to improve. The donation funds go a long way to sustain the headquarters operation at the highest level.

Activity is underway at York to prepare for the upcoming October show. Mike Petronella, our Meet Chairman, has been working hard over the summer to be sure all functions at the show are in place and ready to receive upwards of 13,000 visitors.

Hats off to our Registration Team headed up by Registrar Nancy Tentzeras. Nancy and her team have also been hard at work processing registrations throughout the summer. Believe it or not the registration process is almost a year round job to support both York shows.

The Eastern Division will be expanding our internet and social media exposure during the coming months in order to spread the good word about our York shows and the train hobby in general. So stay alert for Facebook, Twitter and other postings coming down the track. Your Eastern Division Board of Directors is working diligently to enhance the York experience and to expose more interested folks to our great hobby. More on this as things develop so stay tuned for more information forthcoming in the near future. For those of you who will be attending the October York show, the Board and I wish you safe travels and the best of good fortune when attending the show. See you at York!

John Zobel, Eastern Division President

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View from the Observation Car

By George Tsakiris

Road Trip to Strasburg

This past July I went on a road trip to Strasburg with Matt, one of the younger members of my train club. He drove and planned an ambitious rail fanning trip to include the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Strasburg Railroad, and the TCA Toy Train Museum. All in one day.

We hit the road at 6:00am, stopped for breakfast, and headed out to the Strasburg Railroad prior to any of the three venues being open. We were able to see not one but two steam locomotives being prepared for the day's excursion runs (see photo).



Both steam engines are used during the peak mid-day runs. This is a single track system with a passing siding. We ate lunch while watching the trains pass each other.



Next we went to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Railroad always had a great sense of history and actively worked during its existence to preserve engines and rolling stock. The museum encompasses 18 different Pennsylvania railroads and 22 buildings. The display of equipment is huge with anyone of dozens of engines that would be the crown jewel at another museum. The museum also features railroad related objects and engaging displays.

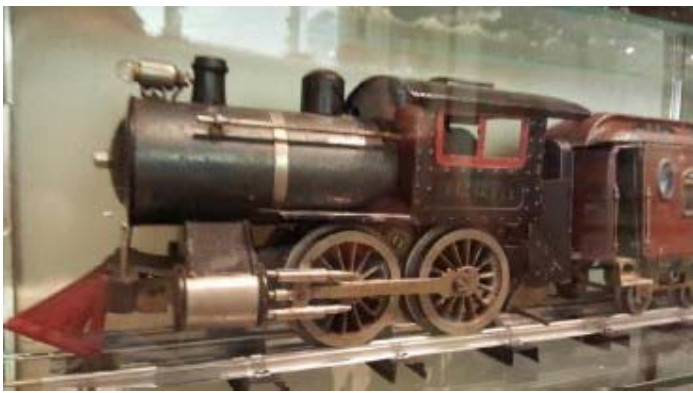
Don't forget to go upstairs for an overhead view of the rolling stock and artwork by famed PRR artist Griff Teller.



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Our next stop was back to the Strasburg Railroad for a train ride. After a long day our reward on the return trip was Chubby's Bar-B-Que on Route 15; a satisfying dinner for famished travelers.

This was a great road trip, ambitious in scope and tiring. We had great fun! This was serious rail fanning!



Woody's Train Restoration & Repair offers professional repair and restoration services for post war Lionel trains. We specialize in steam locomotives and tenders. We have the ability to repaint and rubber stamp locomotive cab numbers. We have full repair shop and can rebuild smoke units, e-units, repair whistles and rewire your locomotive to almost new. We just recently added a Lionel press and can change out broken diesel and steamer wheels and perform various other repairs. If your train needs some TLC just e-mail us (deutsche_marine@hotmail.com) with your needs and we most likely can help you. (Here is a sample Woody has restored back to greatness.)



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(York News Cont'd)

Eastern Division is the sole sponsor of the York Train Meet. It is the largest division within the Train Collectors Association with over 5,500 members. The York Train Meet has a long history dating back to 1964 when it began holding its first train meet in the Blue Hall, also known as Memorial Hall. When you hear the old timers tell how they used to secure their tables, you can't help but smile. It was a free for all and whoever managed to get to the table first laid claim to it for the entire meet.

Upstate New York Chapter - founded in 2012, they are the newest chapter in the Eastern Division. With a membership fast approaching 400, they are the fastest growing chapter in TCA. If you live in this area check out what they have to offer - train meets several times a year and bus trips to the York Train Meet.

The WB&A Chapter, also known as the Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Chapter. WB&A is the oldest chapter of the Eastern Division and a very active chapter sponsoring 2 meets a year and numerous trips dedicated to fostering the love of the toy train hobby.

The Train Collectors Association with over 24,000 members worldwide is dedicated to the hobby of collecting and operating toy trains, the fun of members buying, selling and discussing them, the study of their characteristics and the history of their production. As a member of TCA you have access to the amazing library of historical resources at the National Toy Train Library, Strasburg, PA as well as the wealth of knowledge held within the membership. The camaraderie and fellowship you'll find in the organization is a testament to the 60 years since it was founded in Yardley, PA in 1954. The National Toy Train Museum sponsors an Open House

October 21st, 2015. While there if you join the TCA you are entitled to register to attend the York Train Meet which is the largest members only meet in the United States. (The registration fee to attend the York Meet will gain you entrance to the meet for all three days).

WB&A Business Meeting

When: November 5, 2016
 Where: Marley Station Mall
 7900 Richey Hwy
 Glen Burnie, MD 21061
 Time: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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 Jan.-Mar. 2017 TROLLEY
 December 10, 2016**

**WB&A 2017 MEMBERSHIP
NEW/RENEWAL APPLICATION**

Return with Self Addressed Stamped Envelope & a check/money order for \$18 payable to WB&A.
Mail to: David Eadie, 7825 Wintercross LN, Springfield, VA 22152

Name _____
TCA# _____ WB&A# _____
Address _____ Apt# _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
E-Mail _____
Signature _____

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



***Don't Miss Out on the chance
to win the WB&A Drawing for a Lionel
LionMaster Western Maryland Challenger
With 6 Freight Cars and Caboose***



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Lionel Western Maryland Flat Car with Trailers #6-19404
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Rail King C&O Hopper Car with operating coal load #30-79426
Rail King Baltimore & Ohio Box Car #30-7073A
Rail King C&O Stock Car #30-7197
Lionel Lines *Smoking Caboose* #6-81810
Retail Value \$1,353.75

***Contact any WB&A BOD Member for tickets, or send a check to Treasurer, Glenn MacKinnion, 6908 Trillium Ln, Springfield, VA 22152.
Your tickets will be sent by return mail to you.
(1 for \$5 or 6 for \$25) Only 500 tickets are being sold.
Drawing to be held in December.***

Train Garden at Marley Station

Nada Boswell
Photos by Bill Moss

The WB&A next General Business Meeting will be held Saturday November 5, 2016 at the Marley Station Mall in Glen Burnie Maryland (<http://www.marleystation.com/directions>). The Mall doors open at 9:00am although the stores are not open until 10:00am so you can arrive any time after 9:00 and we will try to get the meeting going by 9:30.

This should be a wonderful meeting as the room we are using in the Mall is called The Train Garden and contains numerous detailed layouts as well an operating slot car track. Due to the number of layouts we will not be having tables for you to sell items as we have in the past however you are welcome to bring something of yours to run on the layouts.

Lunch will be provided at the end of the meeting. Hope to see you there.

Some of the very many links of interest regarding The Train Garden:

<http://www.capitalgazette.com/neighborhoods/ph-ac-gn-glen-burnie-west-1122-20141120-story.html>

<http://patch.com/maryland/glenburnie/ev--train-garden-at-marley-station-mall-2>

<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=the+train+garden+marley+station+mall&qpv+the+train+garden+marley+station+mall&FORM=VDRE>





Upcoming Train Shows

Oct. 15, 2016	Northern Virginia Model Railroaders Open House
Oct. 19, 2016	NTTM Open House
Oct. 20-22, 2016	York Meet
Oct. 29, 2016	WB&A Toy Train Show, Vienna Firehouse
Nov. 5, 2016	WB&A mini-meet
Nov. 12, 2016	Northern Virginia Model Railroaders Open House
Nov. 28, 2016	Northern Virginia Model Railroaders Open House
Dec. 14, 2016	Cross-hobbying CDC Breakfast, Fair Oaks Silver Diner
Dec. 17, 2016	Northern Virginia Model Railroaders Open House
Apr. 26, 2017	NTTM Open House
Apr. 27-29, 2017	York



Look who just joined WB&A!!!

Congratulations to John Connor who is celebrating his 89 years and his 62nd wedding anniversary with his wife, Shirley.

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

If you know a TCA member who is in our area who is not a WB&A member, invite them to our Vienna Firehouse show or the November mini meet in Glen Burnie Marley Station Mall. If they join WB&A, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$ 100 gift certificate to Dan Danielson train store.

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GWC GILMORE TOUR

Hosted by Stan Johnson to the Gilmore and surrounds.

What a super great tour Jim Gray and I were a part of; 5 full days without adult supervision!! Let me tell yas about this adventure:

After a group briefing at the Langley School, we roared off in 4 moderns for Breezewood, PA and the PA Turnpike. Thence individually (as opposed to formation) thru Ohio and on the hotel in Kalamazoo, MI. Dinner that night was at an excellent local steak place.

Friday night after diner we were returning tour hotel when we spied a modified '52 Caddy rolling. We followed it to their hotel and chatted with them two red necks from Muncie, Indiana. The owner had dropped the front axle 3" and the rear 6". Lots of pin stripping and a nice pair of fat man skirts were added. He had rebuilt the motor but messed up the starter somehow. When he hit the starter there is shrill steel on steel screeching. He was not worried. They had run 150 miles to the Gilmore show at 80 mph, and had just returned from a similar high-speed trip to Wisconsin the previous weekend.

Next morning we departed the hotel about 8:30 am in trail formation to the famous Gilmore Museum. Upon arrival we went directly to the Model A building to enjoy the vehicles there and to pose for a group photo of the gaggle of past GWC Presidents assembled. Then to admire the vehicles and chat up the visitors. I donated some more value-full specimens of Model A parts. When I saw Charlie Bass' old #495, I just had to look underneath. The staff assumed I was taking a few parts in exchange for the rareness I had just donated.

There was also a hot rod show and flea market that Saturday at the Gilmore. After Jim and I did our duties at the Model A Museum, we trotted over to the cars and fleas. About 150 cars and lots of fleas. We resisted buying but it was hard. Report:

Metal 2-wheel scooter with foot pedal drive. \$350. Passed.

Model A updraft manifold setup: just missed.

Model A body with the left side cowl vent. Neato to see.

Bear trap. It would have made a neato raw rod hood mascot. \$325. Passed.

Dissy's @ \$45. Passed.

Bottom line: prices were too high.

As we finished, the rains came. (The locals smelled it coming and departed well before the deluge). A tornado did significant damage 10-15 miles away west of us. We beat the crowd to the antique diner for lunch. Golly quick service and fine sandwiches and root beer floats. Then we hit most of the Gilmore's other buildings, racing between them as a rainstorm hit us. So many stunning cars so very well displayed. We could have spent a week there.

Gilmore air pressure: We met a couple of workers checking tire pressures in the Gilmore. Turns out that if the tires hold air, the display cars sit on their tires. If not, then jack stands to the frame are provided. Non-essential

fact of the day: The fellow we chatted with sets tire pressure 32-24 psi. The instructions are to set 35psi everywhere. The lady tire pressure person we talked with used 32 psi. They do the tire checks after a big weekend. The Gilmore has over 100 vehicles on display.

Our Saturday dinner was a biggie for sure. The group



had reservation at <http://www.claras.com/BCcity.shtml> Clara's restaurant a rebuilt railroad station in Battle Creek (I was disappointed at the size of the Battle Creek: wimpy). Thanks to Ellen Jaeger and Bev Tomb, we got a special tour of the building. Most interesting to us was that in building the brick work of the station, a 1/2 inch of wood was added every 8 layers of brick. That was to absorb the vibration of passing trains. At

one time Battle Creek had 70 cereal makes in the town. Now they have Post and some of Kellogg's buildings. The railroad tracks are long gone but the station and the little park is a must-visit site.

After dinner we wandered around the outside enjoying the lovely evening. The two Kellogg brothers built tall building near each other, competing as to whose was the tallest. I forget who won. I do remember that they split up their business over adding sugar to the cereals.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_Creek,_Michigan Battle Creek was named for a skirmish between a federal government land survey party led by Colonel John Mullett and two Native Americans, likely Potawatomi people, who were historically prominent in this area since before European encounter.

The city was noted for its focus on health reform during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Battle Creek Sanitarium was founded by John Harvey Kellogg, who with his brother W. K. Kellogg invented corn flakes and founded the cereal company that now bears their name. Inspired by the Kelloggs' innovation, C. W. Post invented Grape-Nuts and founded his own cereal company in the town. Battle Creek has been nicknamed "Cereal City."

Next morning some of us went back the Gilmore for another day of more casual viewing of the cars and memorabilia. That night, as Jim and I had no adult supervision, we went to the local Indian Nation's Casino. We had heard the buffet was \$7.50 each. Turned out it was \$26.50 each with an hour's wait so we hit another restaurant in the attached hotel for a much quieter and cheaper feed.

The hotel had a center for the Nation's power. A stunning large center column with signage showing the Nation's main themes in both their native tongue and English. Their entire room had multiple lighting scanners and ambiances working on our minds. Honestly, I had never been in such a room ever. And you know I'm telling the truth because I'm standing next to the "Truth" pillar. I then staked Jim with a

five buck gambling loan with 90% interest rate. He returned \$.20 while I made \$2.60 by my 1 cent machine skills. So much for his wisdom.

Monday was planned as a go home day on your own. Youse knowed never to leave Jim and me with such guidance. Our ladies also said "Don't hurry home" Hmmmmmmmmm. The guidance was clear and we had enough "coin of the realm" to get both of us outa' jail one time... Jim and I had gooder plans: go south the Auburn and the fab Duesenberg/Cord/Auburn Museum. This art deco building was the corporate home of the aforementioned car manufacturing and sales. The fancy show room and a few of the buildings survived. The show room wasn't for peons like us to grab a Dussy. It was for dealers to stock up for their showrooms. So much to see in the facility. We loved everything. The only known Duesy boat tail roadster was on scene.

Jim discovered a uuuugly car with a 47 Merc frame and engine. There was a strange arrangement of little knobs and levers in the cockpit. The emergency brake handle was mounted on a 2x4 inch post the center of the dash. I'm happy this thing did not catch on for production.

Then we slipped across town to the eV-8 museum and were welcomed by Josh Conrad, the Executive Director. He briefed us about the wonderful museum and the fact that they owned the property (13 acres worth) and building, and were starting a new 2,000 sq. ft. addition. Josh was thrilled to see the eV-8 shirt I was wearing promoting the 2107 Eastern National meet in Virginia in 2017. I stripped off my shirt on the spot and gave it to him. He is most willing to promote our local meet if he gets promotional items. My fav there was a '42 Merc coupe and a 47ish COE. <http://www.fordv8foundation.org/>

The museum's expansion was originally planned because the museum was to be part of a grander scheme involving the Dean Kruse auction consortium. Kruse built a WWII museum on the vast property. I understand R&M bought the former Kruse auction facility. Golly there is lots of open space there at Auburn Auction Park (and the new Auctions America, an entirely new auction company). We are not sure what the plans are for the rest of the extended location. You can check https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dean_Kruse and several other articles to get the latest current info on the situation.

Then we went back to the National Auto and Truck Museum located in the back building of the Auburn museum, <http://natmus.org/>. The two-level truck museum is not for the weak of nose. Trucks smell like trucks. An amazing collection unfolded in front of our eyes, including toy cars and trucks of all sizes and colors. I have never seen a truck I did not like. I love the two Indiana flat



beds and the LA county library truck, plus the famed GM open-sided display bus. There were plenty of cars to enjoy as well. The displays were kind of a mix-mash with something for everyone.

In the interesting but junk category was a Cord 810 rumble seat roadster on a pallet. She was one of 5 built as custom show room cars. Not a running vehicle. After the show season she was brought back and stripped of parts they could use. The body and extra parts from others were buried behind the factory. Recently, during foundation work they found the car and pieces. Lots of rust and collapse of the shape, but Hey, it's a Cord!

We got all three museums done by 4 p.m., but the day was not yet done.

We left all those massive collections and headed for the nearby 1945-opened Town Tavern for some fresh Pollack and chips before rolling for home at 5 p.m. through the expensive end of the town of Auburn. In retrospect we think our server switched out coffees and I got hi test and suffered thru the night with a high heart rate. <https://www.facebook.com/Auburns-Town-Tavern-164880233541913/>

https://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g29323-d458656-r315446067-Auburn_s_Town_Tavern-Auburn_Indiana.html

About 9 p.m. we decided to stop for the night. We found a hotel and asked about late night chow.

Our Hotel might clerk, CeCee said you gots to go to the Winking Lizard for their burgers. Well their POB (place of business) is some kind of hard to find. We dealt with road construction, darkness and lack of signage. Turns out it was behind a night crew working on the road. We arrived on scene at 10:01p.m. Neato place, BUT: as 2 servers were bringing out food to two families, we were told that the kitchen was closed. No matter of sweet talking or cajoling could get us even stale bread, so it was a beer to wash down the free very salty popcorn they proffered to us. We did buy promo hats as their logo is super neat, but the shirt designs stank. They said to go further down the road to a rougher place... no thanks. All throughout this adventure we were chatting with the locals and promoting formal education and always reaching for the sky. No creatures were injured during this outing. The hotel offered free OJ and dry cereal which helped.

Tuesday morning we charged forth getting home safely to our breathlessly waiting wives.

Clem Clement, pictures by Jim Gray (Count on Clem to find trains on any trip. Editor)



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Toy Train Show & Sale

Presented by WB&A Chapter of TCA

Saturday, October 29, 2016

9:00 AM To 2:00 PM

VIENNA FIREHOUSE
400 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180

For more information, contact Nada Boswell at
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- Free Parking
- 50/50 Drawing
- Free Train Appraisals
- Coffee, donuts, pastries provided 7 am Saturday
- Delicious food provided by the Firehouse Auxiliary.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WB&A Swap/ Business Meeting

When: November 5, 2016

Where: Marley Station Mall
7900 Richey Hwy
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Time: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Come and join the WB&A Board of Directors

Agenda: Officer reports, Eastern Division report, upcoming Events, Election of officers open discussion.



Plenty of fun for the whole family including:

- Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
- The Train Garden and contains numerous detailed layouts as well an operating slot car track.
- Door Prizes
- Free Parking

Candidates for WB&A Office

Skip Lee

Pasadena, MD 21122

TCA # 15-70814

WB&A Candidate for At-Large member of the Board of Directors

I am relatively new to the organizational side of Train Collection. I have been an avid collector and restorer of model trains for about fifteen years, but have only recently grown to know more about TCA and the WB&A Chapter through the guiding wisdom of Bob Ferguson.

I live in Pasadena, MD next door to the residence of Al Lenz from whom I learned all I know about model railroading. The guy was simply the smartest person I ever met regarding Lionel, MTH, Marx, and American Flyer. He helped me build my shop and has taught me a great deal about restoration, original parts, and the purpose of getting poor quality pieces back on the tracks.

I am married to Kristen for 25 years and have three boys in college (which currently limits my collecting abilities). I enjoy Postwar Lionel the most, but have some Pre-War and some Modern pieces. I set up a Christmas Garden every winter (beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving through Presidents weekend) in my living room and invite friends, family and kids from the neighborhood over to see our most recent creation. My children also appreciate the hobby and contribute each year to the ideas that come to fruition on our platform.

I enjoy learning about the hobby. I subscribe to Classic Toy Trains and attend shows and swap meets in order to meet people who know things I do not. I am interested in learning more about the WB&A Chapter/TCA and appreciate the opportunity to be considered.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Bill Moss

Landover, Maryland

TCA 04-57208

WB&A Candidate for At-Large member of the Board of Directors

My home is in Landover, Maryland near MD RTE 50 and the Washington Beltway. I am just about to retire from a career with a Civil Engineering Company in Mitchellville, MD.

My family has been Lionel Train operators (more than collectors) for four generations. We have trains from my original 1949 Lionel freight to the latest Lionel Lion Chief - Plus trains.

I have been a TCA member since 2004 and WB&A member for 2 years. My duties as a BOD member included working at the Vienna and Annapolis shows and at the membership tables at Vienna, Annapolis and York shows. Last year I collected and helped to count the BOD election ballots.

Since joining the WB&A, my train world has expanded into Virginia which has resulted in making new WB&A friends in Virginia and Maryland which is a large part of being involved in the model train hobby.

This is why I would like to continue on the BoD and be involved with getting families involved in the hobby through train meets and membership social gatherings.

David Eadie

Springfield, VA

TCA 03-55724

Eastern Division Representative

Current/Past Position: WB&A Board Member, 2013 – 2016

Membership Chairman, 2013 -2016

Co-meet Chairman, Vienna Train Show, 2013 -2015

Co-meet Chairman, Annapolis Train Show, 2014 -2016

Organized N&W J611 Excursion, 2016

Train Interest: "O" Gauge, primarily Post-war (conventional and command), but also some Pre-war Tinsplate (original and reproduction). I Started collecting with a few pieces from the 1930's my father passed down early on which was added to each Xmas till there was enough to build my first 'semi-permanent' 8x8 layout. Re-entered the hobby in the 1990's acquiring both Lionel and MTH conventional and command engines.

Since 2003, have been an active member of the WB&A Chapter, participating annually in the Vienna and Annapolis Train Shows. As membership chairman, I have helped maintain our current membership level at 300 members. I have coordinated the York show WB&A Membership table in the Silver Hall. Additionally, I have been an active member of the National Capitol Trackers "O" Gauge modular club for the past 13 years currently holding the position as membership chair.

Special Skills: Over 35 years in the computer technology field including the design, development, testing, and implementation of midsize and large scale systems.

Goals: To represent WB&A membership in efforts to introduce our hobby to all, particularly the young. We are an aging demographics and must be open to new ideas to widening our membership if we are to continue as a viable hobby. The future of TCA lies in our children and grandchildren and we must find new ways to attract these generations to the many benefits and life experiences we have come to understand and enjoy. As important, we must restore fiscal discipline to the York train meets.

I will continue supporting the membership of the WB&A in doing all that I can to promote and expand our hobby. This would include expanding upon what we all have enjoyed in the past; club excursions, annual picnics and our mini-meets. It is important to find new ways to engage existing members and recruit younger members into the many activities we do for the continued success of the WB&A Chapter. Crucial to this, would be to find ways to engage young people into enjoying the many facets of this wonderful hobby.





WB&A CHAPTER TCA 2017-2018 ELECTION BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Vote for candidates by placing an "X" or "✓" in the box before their name **and/or** by writing in a WB&A member's full name.
2. Vote for only **3** Open Positions for Board of Directors.
3. Fill in your **WB&A** number in the appropriate space below. **Ballots without WB&A numbers will not be counted.**
4. Fold ballot and *mail in a separate envelope and affix 47¢ in postage and mail.*
5. Ballots must be postmarked on or before **October 22, 2016**. Counting of Ballots and announcement of winners at the Business/Swap Meeting November 5, 2016.
6. **BALLOTS ARE TO BE MAILED TO: GLENN MACKINNON AT 6908 TRILLIUM LANE, SPRINGFIELD, VA 22152**

WB&A Number: _____

Board Of Officers - Vote for One Position

Board Of Directors - Vote for Three

Skip Lee

Bill Moss

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

Eastern Division Representative- Vote for One Position

David Eadie

Write-In _____

Toy Train Show & Sale



Presented by WB&A Chapter of TCA
Open to the Public

Saturday, October 29, 2016

9:00 AM To 2:00 PM (8:00 AM for WB&A members)

Admission: \$5 (FREE for WB&A members, Military/Guard/Reserves & Children Under 12 or Scouts in uniform when accompanied by adult)

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NOTE: Will confirm table set-up for Friday, Oct. 28th from 2 –6 pm. Otherwise, starting Sat. at 7 a.m.

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