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"The Trolley" The Official WB&A Newsletter



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From the President's Desk

Dear All,

As reported last time, one of our newest Board members, Skip Lee co-chaired the Annapolis Meet and boy-oh-boy, what a tremendous success it was. My hat is off to Skip, Bob Ferguson and David Eadie for the terrific job they did along with the other Board members who pitched in to lend a hand. We, of course, had our terrific table holders, parts guy Robbie Schroeder, train doctor Allen Crotts and the Trackers supporting the event and we are thankful to have them there. The Elks Lodge also makes us feel welcome and assists us in getting this event set up.

Our next Board meeting will be April 1, 2017 at the home of Tom and Susan Salen, if you would like to join us, please let us know so we can provide specific details.

Update: As I have mentioned, James and I will be packing up and moving to North Carolina, however, it seems we won't be leaving until the summer of 2018, however, if you (or someone you know) has a desire for train ready/train friendly home, reach out, we'd love to hear from you.

Personally, I am very sad to announce that our good friend and our Treasurer, Glenn MacKinnon and his wife Janet, are moving on to Florida. Of course, we are thrilled for Janet and Glenn entering this new stage of their life as they both enjoy retirement years, we are, however, saddened to see them leave the area for they have been wonderful friends and an asset to the WB&A over many years. Glenn promises to be at York come the Fall and I hope you'll seek him out to say hello and give him your best. The love and support of the WB&A follows them to Florida and I know whatever train group(s) has the privilege to have Glenn join them, will be fortunate to have him. So to Glenn and Janet, know that your train family here in the Virginia area sends you off with much love. If you were concerned, Tom Salen will be taking over as Treasurer so a new chapter begins. Thank you Tom, you have large shoes to fill, but we know you are up to the challenge and the job!

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.

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 ran 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



Treasurer's Report as of Mar. 14, 2017

By Tom Salen

Since the WB&A is presently changing Treasurer, we do not have a report at this time. The new treasurer, Tom Salen, will have a report in the next issue.

	Expenses	Revenue
Annapolis Show 2017		
Membership Dues 2017		
Newsletter 2017		
Kids Korner		
Mini-Meet		
Train Set for Drawing		
Web Site/Facebook		
Miscellaneous Expenses		



Buffalo Creek Railroad, Circa 1965

WB&A Board of Directors Business Meeting

When: April 1, 2017
 Where: Tom Salen's House
 112 Fardale St SE
 Vienna VA.
 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.



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.wbachapter.org>
- 8 Share in the excitement of the Toy Train Hobby.
- 9 Serving as a committee member or officer at the local level is very rewarding.
- 10 Buy, Sell, Trade with local train enthusiasts.

WB&A Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, August 14, 2016

Home of Hope and Dan Danielson – thank you for hosting the meeting

Meeting Start Time: 9:45 am

Meeting End Time: 2:15 pm

Next BoD Meeting will be held Saturday January 21, 2017 at the home of Nada Boswell, 5600 32nd Street N., Arlington, VA

Present

Colleen Hall, Dave Eadie, Glenn McKinnon, Arne Meyrow, Bill Moss, Nada Boswell

Action Items

1. Vienna Meet – Nada/Dave
2. November General Business Meeting – Dan
3. Annapolis Meet update – Dave
4. Election – printing ballots or put in Trolley – Colleen
5. Planning something to do for our members – All
6. Eblast – Colleen
7. Storage of WB&A records
8. October York Meet Membership table - Dave

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary's report – The Minutes were distributed and read (copy attached). There was a motion to accept the minutes made by Glenn McKinnon, seconded by Arne Meyrow and were voted to be unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Glenn McKinnon pre-

sented the Treasurers Report. The 611 excursion cost about \$1000 to cover the service charge, badges and assorted costs for food provided and tickets comped to members however all that attended enjoyed the trip and it was a great WB&A event. The drawing item is doing well with ticket sales and we still have York, Vienna and sales at Dan's store so it should more than cover the cost. The website is costing money for nothing, cannot consolidate the names and domain and may need to get Joe Helsing involved to try to clear this up. Facebook however is going up in likes, more people need to post to it as it is easy to do but Sarah will post for you if you send it to here. The Trolley continues to be a member favorite and with the majority now sent by email the cost is fairly minimal to the club. There have been some issues with the printer for the hard copies so may need to explore other options.

Annapolis was essentially a break even event however this was the first time in a new location on a day with snow.

Overall the club is in excellent shape financially.

A motion to accept the report was made by Bill Moss seconded by Dave Eadie and was unanimously passed.

Membership Report – Dave Eadie presented the membership report. 220 members have paid 2016 members 70 have not paid for but some will pay at York or Vienna. The 2017 stickers are not in yet but should be available by York. There will be drawing at the beginning of January 2017 for a \$100 gift card for new members joining in 2016 and a \$100 gift card for members who prepay their 2017 dues by December 31, 2016. Dave will get and updated list of new TCA members to invite those in our area to Vienna and Baltimore. WB&A continues to do well as we promote our activities and give back events for our members

Since Dave is running for Eastern Rep to replace Dan we will need a new membership chairman. Bill Moss has agreed to take over that position and Bob Heine will help if needed as he was membership chairman before, Dave of course will continue to assist if needed. Dave is reformatting a spread sheet to simplify it for printing and update to add columns for more information,

Dave will arrange for the membership table at York and have drawing tickets available for sale. He will contact us by email to sign up for times we can cover the table.

Eastern Report – In the planning stages to have York open to the public by April 2017. Only the Orange and Purple Halls which are dealer and the Black Hall which will have a layout would be open to them. There will be an information booth at October York to explain this change to members. Members can choose to move to a dealer hall if they wish, however they would not be able to move back to a member hall once they change their status. Tax information and forms will be available for those that might wish to change.

There will be a meeting at Dan's home on Wednesday August 17th at Noon to come up with ideas to help make this happen as smoothly as possible. Anyone is welcome

to attend to help with thoughts to present to Eastern. Hope will take notes and help organize our submission.

Dan is running for VP of Eastern because he wants to be involved and challenge Eastern to do a better job of moving forward with better planning and use of social media etc. to reach out to our members and the general public,

The October Meet Notice went out timely this time. The April Meet Notice will include information about being open to the public.

TCA National only had 250 attend the last convention. TCA does not run Eastern or York, they should be helping the divisions and other clubs, not talking down to us or trying to dictate how we have to do things.

Eastern had been losing money at York. Years ago when there were 14,000-15,000 attending the income was fine but now with 11,319 at last meet it is not enough. That was the reason for the April increase and it did help. The hope is that if we have a successful April 2017 being open to the public will also create additional revenue. Additionally, the Board is looking at ways to cut costs.

Arne noted that the WGH meet at Chantilly used to draw close to 40,000 people years ago but has not been there recently. TV ads may have pulled them in but that would be a large budget item. The VTC meet in Charlottesville used an ad on the regional radio station that seemed to help as it was a busy meet. This was paid for by an individual at a cost of about \$500. Eastern should invite local TV and Radio Stations to the October Meet, just film something from the layouts or dealer halls that could then be used for advertising for April.

For the best Annapolis Meet Bruce did a Press Release for the front page of the local paper and an ad in the Sports section. National TCA should find a way to pay for an ad agency to help all divisions creating ads that could then be customized for each event once a basic design is set. To help at April York this would need to be done quickly to have available by March 15 at the latest.

TCA is not being run as a business but as a club. All divisions and chapters need to come together to make that change for all of them to succeed. Lionel and MTH must have Ad Agencies, TCA needs to work with them to see how they can help promote the entire train collecting hobby and help pay for the work needed to do so. In the end it will bring in more members and customers.

Vienna Meet – Some tables are already sold to the usual table holders. Letters will go out to prior table holders by 9/1. Sarah will be putting the information on Facebook and it has been sent to Paul for the next issue of the Trolley. The Firehall is all set for us to set up on Friday (time not determined as yet). Food will be provided on Friday during set up by Dan and on Saturday by the Fire Department Auxiliary. Harold and Carol Blevins will continue to work with us on set up and the day of the event. A Lego Layout will use 3 tables as Cadence Hinnert and friends will run it during the meet. Allen Crofts and Robbie Schroeder will be there as the Train Doctor and Parts man.

Instead of a "Grand Prize" Dave Eadie suggested we do an hourly drawing for a \$25 "Gift Certificate" that the

winner could use at any table to make a purchase. We will be trying this at Vienna since it would benefit both the winner and help a table holder make a sale.

November Business Meeting – The November meeting will be held at the Marley Station Mall. It is located right off Route 2 in Glen Burnie. It was recommended by Frank Vasek who has held meetings there. Toom has multiple layouts which are holiday themed, members can bring a train of their own to run if they wish. The meeting will begin at 10 am, WB&A will not be providing coffee or breakfast due to limited availability of kitchen space to do so. This is run by a charity so a donation of \$100-150 was suggested. Motion by Glenn to approve, seconded by Colleen and passed unanimously.

Annapolis Meet – The meet will be held at the Elks Lodge again this next year on Sunday February 26th. Skip Lee will chair the meet with Dave assisting. Bob Ferguson is now a member of the Elks and will be assisting also. It is important that something be put into the local paper, that can be expensive however we have enough money and would be worth trying to see if it helps turnout. We will use the same \$25 gift certificate as was going to be used at Vienna.

Election – The Bios for those running for BoD positions and Eastern Rep will be in the September Trolley. A ballot will be mailed out to each member and must be returned by October 22, 2016. Glenn will receive the ballots back and will bring them to the November GBM where they will be counted. We currently only have 2 people running for 3 BoD positions so we need to try to encourage another member to participate.

Member Give Back – The J611 trip created a lot of good will for the club so it would be nice to find another activity that would benefit even more members. There are many wonderful parks in our area where a picnic could be held such as Cabin John and Burke Lake. Each of those has other activities that could involve family members. Colleen will explore Cabin John and others need to check for things around there area that might work. The club has the funds to have the picnic catered and possibly provide other entertainment.

Several of our members have gone above and beyond for years and it is suggested that gifts be given to them in appreciation of all that they do. The following were the suggestions approved by the executive board by email:

Hope and Dan – purchase a brick at the NTTM – cost \$100

Hope and Dan – gift certificate to their favorite restaurant - \$100

Allen Crotts – Visa gift card for his work as the Train Doctor – \$100

Giving back is the best part as it gets people together and have them share the hobby. Clem is a perfect example as he continues to do his Primer, work with the Standards Committee. His V8 Ford club recently met in Gettysburg and he arranges a bus to NTTM where he and Sandy acted as docents. It was a great cross hobby effort that showed how each hobby has many of the same issues regarding exact details, reproduction parts, etc.

Kids Korner at York is another example of how WB&A tries to give back to the hobby. Since Eastern does provide much of the funding it is not a large expense to us but is good for families with young children.

Break for lunch 12:40 – 1:15

EBlast – Colleen can no longer do the EBlast due to lack of computer resources. Her home computer is too old and lacks the software needed to create it. If she had an up to date desktop computer she could combine the attachments and then be able to do much of it at work using a thumb drive to transfer the information. Dan noted that several people have told him how much they like it but Colleen said no one has contacted her about not receiving it.

Arne thought he might be able to get a free computer that could then be upgraded easily from his temple. He will explore that option.

A motion was made by Arne to spend up to \$700 for a desktop computer and necessary software to allow Colleen to be able to do the EBlast. The motion was seconded by Glenn and unanimously approved. A motion was made by Dave to obtain the needed Adobe Acrobat Pro software, seconded by Nada and unanimously approved.

Colleen was asked if she could teach someone else to do the EBlast and she indicated is easy to do, mostly administrative that just takes time, She is willing to teach anyone to have a continuity with it going out.

Record Storage – Glenn has all of the historical, legal document and financial documents, etc. at his home. He feels they need to be consolidated as much as possible into one storage place as he does intend to leave the area in the not too distant future and will not take them with him. He will look around for a storage facility that would meet our needs. Hope suggested a company called Iron Mountain.

A motion was made by Nada, seconded by Glenn to adjourn the meeting and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Membership Moments *by Bill Moss*

As you may know, as of January, 2017, Dave Eadie became the WB&A representative to the TCA Eastern Division. We thank Dave for the years he has devoted to maintaining and increasing the WB&A membership. Also, I have been given the privilege of occupying the WB&A Membership Chair.

Thank you Dave for your help during this transition. We began 2017 by awarding our 2016 drawing prizes to:

Tom Eide from Glen Burnie, Md. , winner of the Western Maryland Steam Engine and train.

Michael Brauer, from Pasadena, Md. (received \$100.00—new member drawing).

Galen Goss, from Fairfax Station, Va. (received \$100.00 for pre-paid 2017 dues).



Look who just joined WB&A!!!

William McLay
George Leah, Jr.
Jarl R. Weyant
Nick J. Deudes
Edward J. Cognazzo
Frank McDonald
Kenneth Brown
Frank Space
Gordon Pracht

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

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 Baltimore mini-meet.

If they join the WB&A, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$100.00 gift certificate.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our future shows and mini-meets.

As we go forward into 2017 our membership continues to be stable. At this time we have a total of 294 members. So far this year 146 members have paid their 2017 dues. As always, you can pay your dues at any of our shows or mini-meets or at our table at York in April. You may also renew your membership by mail by using the Membership Renewal Application in this issue of the Trolley. Please be sure to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the application.

Thanks to all who have been members for many years and continue to support WB&A.

McElroy, #71-3849, reported that "With TCA opening the trading halls and seminars to the public at the National Convention, .. provided an additional avenue of support for the Convention to accomplish many of the objectives of TCA's mission. "

And now, as of April, 2017, the Eastern Division York Meet will be open to John Q. Public. On Friday, April 28th, from 9 AM to 6:30 PM, and again on Saturday, April 29th, from 9 AM to 4 PM, the public will be able to enter the Dealer Halls (Orange Hall and Purple Hall) and watch the layouts in the Black Hall. There is an excellent article in the latest edition of Classic Toy Trains (CTT) by Lou Palumbo, #83-19823, that talks about the public participation and what it means. The article, "By Popular Demand" in its entirety is on the Eastern Division website at <http://easterntca.com/>. He wrote an earlier article for CTT "York the mother of all train shows" that highlights the trains and layouts at York. Well done, Lou.

John Zobel, President of Eastern Division, shared that there will be a reception on Thursday morning for the York County Visitors Bureau, that a local television station is expected, and that advertising will be in local papers.

Great things are happening in York!

Yours in Train-ing!,
Carol R. McGinnis

Historian's Corner



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

In the 18th century, when the Town Crier made pronouncements everybody stopped, turned their heads, and listened. These men and women were officers of the court, and their proclamations announced advertising, bylaws, market days, and so on. We have really come a long way!

In the TCQ, October 2004, Vol.50 No.4, TCA President Paul Wasserman stated that "Our exposure to the world has increased immensely through the Internet. Huge numbers of people can become aware (of the club) without having to attend a train meet, or visit a layout, or see a public display of trains." He goes on to describe how TCA must find creative ways to attract collectors.

For many years the TCA Conventions have hosted a Public Area where everybody can walk through and seeing running layouts and static displays. But the pits remained for TCA members only. That was up until last year's 2016 convention in Houston. In the TCQ Vol. 62 No.4, Robert

Jim Kronz

John Zobel

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of our dear friend and fellow TCA member Jim Kronz. Jim was a stalwart in the TCA Eastern Division. He served the TCA first with the WB&A Chapter and then on the Board of Directors as Treasurer for many years then as a two term President of the Eastern Division. Jim was currently serving as our Past President. Jim was a major presence at our York meets helping with registration and working with members at our registration desk. He will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences to Jim's wife Nan who in her own right is a wonderful TCA supporter.

James C. Kronz, loving husband of Elizabeth Nan Kronz, died peacefully in his home on February 19, 2017. He was 77.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA and a graduate of the Merchant Marine Academy Jim spent 26 years of his professional life traveling the world with the US Navy and after retirement further supporting their mission with his information technology expertise.

His love of the water was further expressed in his passion for sailing. Upon retirement he became an avid toy train collector and was active in the Train Collector Association where he served as treasurer, president and past president of the Eastern Division.

**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: Bill Moss, 6929 Standish Drive, Hyattsville, MD 20784

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

Please contact Bill Moss at 301-322-9080
or 1trainman027@verizon.net with any questions.



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LionMaster N&W Class A #1218 2-6-6-2 Mallet Class A LionMaster (O-31)
Steam Engine with 6 N&W Coal Hopper Cars and Caboose.***



***Contact any WB&A BoD member for tickets, or send a
check to Treasurer, Tom Salen, 112 Fardale St, SE, Vienna VA 22180.
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 January, 2018.***

The Wonderland Railway - Brigadoon in Ashland, Kentucky

Jim Gray



The first thing that came to mind when I visited the Paramount Arts Center Festival of Trees and Trains was the musical "Brigadoon." The festival,



<http://www.pacfott.org/>

like the musical, is staged in a grand theater, the event briefly appears as if by magic before disappearing, and the themes of the joy of country life and love transcending time ring true for both.

But I should start at the beginning. In June, 2015, while working as a car host behind the recently restored Norfolk & Western J 611 out of Manassas, Virginia, I met a young lady named Christy Reaves. As we went about our hosting duties, she told me about the



Wonderland Railway, a G scale layout she worked on in Ashland, Kentucky. It was a layout, she told me, which ran for just 10 days each year in a restored 1930s art deco theater in the heart of coal country. I was intrigued.



The Wonderland Railway is part of Ashland's Festival of Trees and Trains, a community project that raises funds for the arts programs of the Paramount Woman's Association, as well as for the restoration of the magnificent Paramount Theater. This year the festival made its appearance from November 18 - 27.

Once I experienced the entirety of this show I realized that this was not just another Christmas display, this festival was the embodiment of the passion, sharing, and love that is Christmas.

The 2,000 + square foot railway, landscaped by pro-

fessional landscape architect Kim Jenkins, is literally a projection of the resilient soul of Ashland, set in this National Register of Historic Places theater.

Floating over 10 rows of raked theater seats and spanning two staircases in the balcony, the Railway brings life to the forest of nearly 200 richly decorated Christmas trees; it is what makes it all a Wonderland.

Physically, the Wonderland Railway comprises over 600 feet of track with a flat yard of 4 tracks, each with a consist waiting to be switched onto one of the two main lines. There are four separate layers of action, the uppermost being a Tram locomotive pulling the coal cars from the top of



the mine shaft to feed an incredibly detailed triple coal tippie, which in turn fills coal hoppers and gondolas pulled by a mighty



MTH Challenger. Under all the action you'll find over 1,400 feet of wiring to power switches, signals and accessories as well as the many LED lights that illuminate the various scenes and structures of the railway.

Just below the mountaintop tippie, there is an elevated line that travels over and through intricately designed and constructed wooden trestles that are thrust out over the open high side of the railway's platform. Surface level tracks alternately carry passenger and freight trains that rush around the huge outer main line with energy and purpose. Intricate Bob Kelley Garden-Texture buildings bring life to the railway, and close inspection reveals a fantastic level of detail in and around each.

The lower lines service the central power plant and passes by cottages tucked away in the hollers. The detailed pieced quilts and bright red union suits on the clothes lines remind us that there's a chill in the air; after all, Christmas is almost here!

Up on the main line we can see Santa's home base, with an N gauge train for Santa's own garden railroad. To the right is a HoN30 gauge for a Train ride with tourists circumnavigating the grounds of the Chinn Inn.

A hidden abominable snow man, train spotters on a bridge, a pair of hidden bunnies, Cokes in a chest type machine, ladies at the depot, and two kids on an oper-



ating swing set are just a few of the clever little details local children search for as they strive to complete their scavenger hunt forms. Christmas music fills the air, and the lights of those exquisitely deco-

rated trees shimmer off of the frescoed ceilings and walls of the theater. When you enter the theater, you'll be



dazzled by the trees, but amazed by the railway, floating mirage-like in the balcony. The overall effect is mesmerizing. Mike Wolf's MTH RailKing engines provide the motive force for the railway, and his DCS system

controls the action. The main line locomotives are taken out of operation at regular intervals to share the workload with the engines in the yard. Some of the resting engines will be moved into the magnificent new Kelley Locomotive Works shed; others wait to return to main line operations on yard tracks.

A Heartland G gauge trolley provides connecting service between a country church, and a small settlement on the edge of Wonderland, where skaters enjoy the ice and crisp mountain air... and a moonshiner behind a thicket near the trestle tends his still.



The orderly comings and goings of this active railway, and the wonderful bits of whimsy interjected into the various scenes, reflect the thousands of hours that have gone into the creation and 12-year evolution of The Wonderland Railway. Here in this former steel town on the



banks of the Ohio River where Kentucky meets Ohio and West Virginia, this annual festival has foreshadowed Christmas and captured the imaginations and spirits of up to 15,000 visitors a year. And, although hundreds of individuals have lent their time and talents to the Wonder-

land Railway, Christy is its heart and soul. The Wonderland Railway masterpiece is a creation of pure love, the enacted vision of a diverse team of dreamers who draw the best of the community together to build and operate this Brigadoon railway as it welcomes Christmas each year.



What really amazed me is that this railway is completely disassembled (the track is not screwed down, but tagged so that it can be placed in the same spot) and moved offsite for modification and improvement each year after its stay. Two sets of legs - one for the raked floor of the theater, and one that allows the layout to be reassembled on a level floor - makes the railway mobile.



With work done by everyone from the carpentry division of the Ashland Community and Technical College to fellows from a local half-way house to talented volunteers such as Kim Jenkins, Chris Lockwood, Joe Rosenthal, Sonny Smith, Harold Valance, and Jim Gardner, this holiday vision will capture

your imagination and awe.

But be careful. After you see this jewel of a Christmas railway, you may feel the need to get home and add more magic to your own layout. Listen carefully for the theater's specter, Paramount Joe, when you visit. He may be able to give you some tips; he's been there since the beginning, and his legend is part of the magic.

Check www.pacfott.org for the exact dates of the 2017 show, which will be held again at the Paramount Arts Center, 1300 Winchester Ave, Ashland, KY 41101.





Update on C&O 1309

Reprinted from *Observation Tower: A Blog from Trains Contributors*

by John Hankey

The one question most asked about the 1309 project is the most difficult to answer: When will it be done? We have a best guess, but that is really all we can do. This is a complex and unpredictable project. WMSR has to “get it right” the first time around.

This is a “return to specification” overhaul. The locomotive will be a superior machine to the one that rolled out of Eddystone in late 1949. It will have a more modern air brake system (26L), forced lubrication of many additional wearing surfaces, temperature sensors at critical points, a more functional electrical system, case hardened pins and bushings, and other subtle improvements.

In November and December of 2016, the WMSR shop crew installed a new rear tube sheet, the lower door ring patch, and new lower firebox interior corners. The boiler still needs a small patch and some pad welding. Almost all of the brake and suspension rigging has been removed, rehabilitated, and is ready to be reapplied. The pony truck is largely complete, with newly-turned wheels. The tender has been finished for several months. It involved a great deal of basic restoration and upgrading work.

The major boiler tasks remaining are installing roughly 300 flexible and 70 rigid staybolts, rolling in the new tubes and flues, setting up the superheater units, and reinstalling the renewed front end. It represents a substantial amount of basic industrial production work. WMSR’s restoration crew is painting the new cab (the old one required too much work to be salvaged). Other WMSR craftsmen are fabricating a new ashpan and hopper. 1309 will get all new jacketing. One of the most critical components will be the water columns and tri-cocks, which WMSR had to design from scratch. The Engineer and Fireman always need to know where the water level is in the boiler.

The railroad has been “painting as it goes.” That does a vastly better job of protecting the metal and avoiding hidden bare spots where rust can get a toehold. The engine will retain the number 1309, and will be lettered “Western Maryland” in classic Railroad Roman.

Major reassembly will begin in January, 2017, and proceed in stages. WMSR will run all new copper lubrication lines and install additional mechanical lubricators. Some of the existing steam piping will be reused, with many new

components. New schedule 80 heavy duty pipe will need to be cut, bent, threaded, and fitted up to replace all existing piping. It makes almost no sense to rely on original piping. The air brake system will be similar to the 26L schedule used on second generation diesels and modern steam locomotives today. Most of the materials and re-built appliances to finish the 1309 are on site or in transit.

At some point (probably in February or early March), two large cranes will “wheel” the locomotive. The drivers are done, as are hub liners and the driving boxes. Wheeling will be a day-long, complex operation to set the locomotive on all six drivers simultaneously, as WMSR has no drop table. That will represent a major milestone.

For the first few months of 2017, WMSR will be beefing up its shop crew and working with specialty contractors to kick the project into higher gear. Many tasks will happen simultaneously. There are only a few things that need to happen in sequence, and WMSR CMO Kevin Rice has mapped the project out in considerable detail.

Every year, the State of Maryland provides a small portion of its general bond funding to not-for-profit and public projects throughout its 23 counties. Allegany County applied for, and was awarded, \$400,000 in the current funding cycle, which will allow for the completion of the project. WMSR itself has invested roughly \$600,000 in the 1309. The railroad anticipates using the 1309 for at least 50 years, or through three 1472/15 year FRA inspection cycles.

At the moment, the best estimate for 1309’s return to service is mid-May. WMSR anticipates boiling water sometime in April, with the usual flurry of final tasks that pop up in any project of this nature. There will be a period of test runs, crew training, and other special operations. If things go well and we can start revenue service sooner, we certainly will. The 1309 will have a “soft roll out.” There will be a ceremonial first weekend of trains and activities, but it is impractical to schedule an “official” first run. WMSR will post information about 1309’s debut as reliable information becomes available.

If things take longer than anticipated, we hope everyone will understand. No matter how well you try to plan a project like this, it is impossible to anticipate how long the work might actually take to complete. For example, to our knowledge no one has retrofitted a completely new and innovative mechanical lubrication system on a mid-sized 2-6-6-2 compound—at least, not in the last 70 years.

WMSR knows what to do. There is simply no realistic way to gauge how long it might take, or what additional issues and opportunities might arise.

The WMSR Board, CEO John C. Garner, and CMO Kevin Rice made a commitment that the 1309's rehabilitation would be done correctly the first time around. No short cuts, no leaving known issues to be dealt with later. Think of that as the 765, 4014, or 261 model of project management: Have the patience to do the plan, execute it well, and resist pressures and expectations for quick results or artificial deadlines.

The 1309 has not turned a wheel under steam for over 60 years. Probably no one on Earth thought it ever would again. But sometime in the next several months, that classic American Mallet will again be burning coal and boiling water in the Central Appalachians. It will be one of the largest, most accessible and most regularly operated steam locomotives on the planet. It is our sincere hope that it will be in service for a very long time.

It was a Pleasure by Skip Lee

With a cloud of dust and a hardy "Hi-Ho Silver," the 2017 Annapolis WB&A Train Show came to a close. Many are characterizing the 2017 Train Show as a success based on vendor feedback and the visitor count. A steady stream of buyers channeled through the doors on February 26th and the table holders were very appreciative of the efforts of the Show Committee and the host Elks for all that had been done to attract and keep the guests in the hall.

This year featured multiple means of advertising and some good fortune when the Annapolis newspaper, the Capital, chose to assign a reporter to cover the event. With a half page print advertisement and a half page article, the entire Annapolis area was informed about the upcoming show and many took advantage of unseasonably warm weather to venture to Edgewater to see what all the excitement was about. Couple that with a 16' X 8" sign on the side of the road directly in front of the Elks Lodge and literally thousands of people saw and knew about the show this year.

Once inside, guests were greeted with the loving smile of our president, Colleen Hall, and a firm handshake of our membership director, Bill Moss to start their day. Vendors were set up everywhere; in the lobby, in the hall, in nooks and crannies, and under the chandeliered ceiling of the Elks Lodge. A total of 31 vendors brought their treasures for other to see and consider purchasing and trading. A lively tone was heard throughout the day as people reminisced about being back at the Armory and how wonder this new facility is. Conversations about the hobby abound and new friendships were formed. If growing the hobby was one of the primary mission of the 2017 Show, then mission accomplished! Many were delighted to learn of such a strong presence of Train Collection in

the Annapolis area that they took the opportunity to join our chapter right there and then.

Robbie the Train Parts Guy and our dear friend Allan Crotts were kept busy non-stop throughout the day. In fact, Robbie shared that Annapolis was one of his best show of all time. Our Train Doctor shared similar sentiments saying he had customers one after the other and that he took some projects with him because he knew that the job required a little more time and attention than he could give right there on the floor at the Lodge.

But the biggest thrill of the day for our guests was the National Trackers enormous operating layout. Arriving in what appeared to be an army of vans and pick-up trucks, the Trackers brought a never-ending supply of platforms into the show hall and created an amazing display of O-Gauge's finest! There were industrial and residential scenes. There were passenger and freight trains running throughout the day. There were operators willing to share their love for trains with anyone asking. It was truly a delight to see and hear. Thank you Trackers!!

The WB&A Chapter put a reservation in already to the Elks for 2018 and are working with a core group of vendors to decide on the best structure for next year's event. As soon as the details are ironed out, we will include information in the Trolley as well as e-mail contact information. If you have not already done so, please provide WB&A an e-mail address so that information can get shared in a convenient and timely manner.

On behalf of the 2017 Annapolis Train Show committee, thank you for your participation and support of this year's event. If you would like to take a more active role in the 2018 show, please let Skip Lee, Dave Eadie, or Bob Ferguson know and we will be sure to put you to work. Also, in anticipation for next year, if you know some interested folks who might be able to assist our table holders into the showroom hall, we would really appreciate you letting us know so that we can contact them. We had one person this year providing that service and the table vendors were VERY appreciative for the assistance. In some cases, tips were even given so this may be an opportunity for a couple of people to make a buck or two. Thank you .

Here's to another Great Show! Have a wonderful and safe year and we'll see you next time.



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A model train display you might see at Annapolis' only Train Meet this Sunday, hosted by the WB&A Chapter of the Train Collectors Association, at the Annapolis Elks Lodge, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater. (courtesy photo / HANDOUT)

Capital Gazette, February 24, 2017

Family Fun: Take the kids to the Elks Club Model Train Show

Jessica Pachler, Contact Reporter

If you are looking for fun and interesting activities for the whole family this weekend, there is so much happening all over the area.

Have you taken your kids to a Model Train show?

Model railroading is a flourishing activity around the country right now, offering many advantages to participants: social clubs, collaborative and community partnerships, fine motor development, imagination and creativity, artful thinking, problem-based learning, collecting and preserving, and, most importantly, lots of fun. Annapolis' only Train Meet takes place this Sunday, hosted by the WB&A Chapter of the Train Collectors Association, at the Annapolis Elks Lodge. It is located at 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater — right where Rt. 665/ Aris T Allen Blvd. and Rt 2/Solomon's Island Road meet.

From 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., you can see amazing collections of model trains, have your trains appraised, evaluated, and even repaired, and learn about the model train hobby from the club members, who range in age from 5 to 90 years of age.

Of course, the best part of any train meet is the models themselves, and this one will feature a huge operating model train display sponsored by the National Capital Trackers, including Thomas the Tank Engine. Trains of all kinds will be available for sale, including Lionel, MTH, K-Line, American Flyer, et cetera, plus gauge tracks G, O, S, HO, N, and Standard (old and new), as well as parts.





View from the Observation Car

By George Tsakiris

B&O Railroad Station in Oakland Maryland

In early March my wife and I went on a weekend trip to Deep Creek Lake in Western Maryland, close to the West Virginia border. We originally planned weekend activities around snow but there was a lack of any substantial snow due to an unusually mild winter. We opted instead for hiking and then a trip to Oakland Maryland for some shopping in their old town area. While there I noticed railroad tracks and a restored train station. Revised plan: wife continues shopping and I go railfanning!

The station was built by the B&O Railroad in 1884 replacing a station that burnt down. Closer look at the restored Oakland station revealed Victorian architecture reminiscent of Point of Rocks but smaller in size and architectural flourish. The similarity is no coincidence as the architect for both stations is E. Francis Baldwin, architect for many B&O structures.



Oakland Maryland B&O Railroad Station - trackside

In the 1850's the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad laid its tracks through the Allegheny Mountains of Maryland to help open up the western United States. John W. Garrett, president of the B&O Railroad was instrumental in the expansion of the B&O westward and the development of the Oakland area with several upscale resorts which were frequented by four presidents of the United States. With this growth, Oakland became the seat of the newly formed Garrett County, named in honor of the B&O Railroad president.



Oakland Maryland B&O Railroad Station – street side

Oakland Station has been renovated and contains artifacts for viewing as well as tours provided by the staff.

Outside the station are two pieces of rolling stock that illustrate a cause and effect in caboose design. Older cabooses had cupolas to allow crew to observe the other cars in the train. When freight cars got taller, such as the Railway Express Agency car shown below, the view from the cupola was blocked by the taller freight car.



Railway Express Agency Box Car

Caboose cupola height couldn't be raised further due to tunnel height restrictions. Hence the introduction of the bay window caboose shown below. Bay windows allowed observation of the cars without raising the caboose height. The B&O was an early adapter of bay window cabooses.



B&O Bay Window Caboose

Lack of snow and a bit of serendipity allowed for this railfanning opportunity. Garrett County / Deep Creek Lake area offers breathtaking views and both summer and winter activities. Oakland is about one hour drive past Cumberland. If you heading to the area the museum is worth a side trip.





Upcoming Events

- Apr. 1, 2017 WB&A Board of Directors Meeting
- Apr. 26, 2017 National Toy Train Museum Open House
- Apr. 27-29, 2017 Eastern Division York Spring Meet
- Jun. 24-Jul 2, 2017 Fort Pitt. Div. TCA Convention, Pittsburgh
- Sep. 24, 2017 Arbutus Train and Toy Show
- Oct. 18, 2017 National Toy Train Museum Open House
- Oct. 19-21, 2017 Eastern Division York Fall Meet
- Dec. 16, 2017 Arbutus Train and Toy Show
- Apr. 18, 2018 National Toy Train Museum Open House
- Apr. 19-21, 2018 Eastern Division York Spring Meet
- Oct. 17, 2018 National Toy Train Museum Open House
- Oct. 18-20, 2018 Eastern Division York Fall Meet



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June 4, 2017

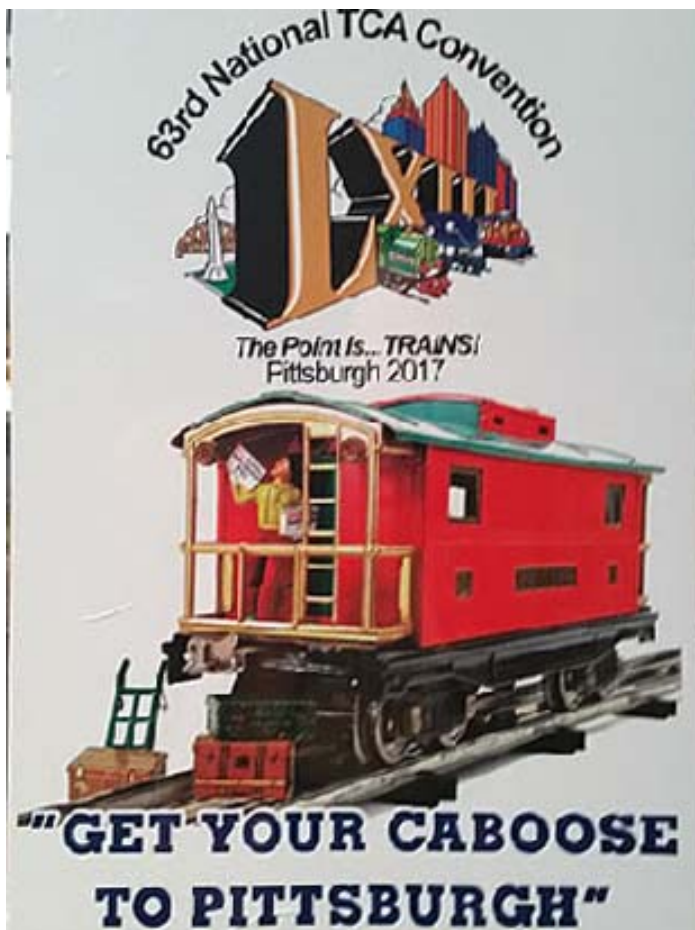
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Plenty of fun including:

- Mini-meet with free tables.
- 2017 Drawing item on display and tickets available.
- Free Parking
- Coffee and donuts.
- Free Train Appraisals
- Lunch provided after the meeting.



Get Your Caboose To Pittsburgh

June 24th to July 2nd, 2017, the Fort Print Division, Inc., will welcome TCA members to Pittsburgh for a week of fun-filled tours, educational seminars, and many opportunities to visit with friends and create new friendships while enjoying trains, trains, and more trains!

