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## "The Trolley" The Official WB&A Newsletter



WB&A Chapter - Eastern Division - Train Collectors Association  
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### From the President's Desk

Dear All,

Here we are at the beginning of summer. The earth is moving into another cycle of its evolution as time moves on. As seasons change, so too does the time of my role as the President of the WB&A. It is hard to believe that almost four years ago I accepted this role and the honor of being your President of what I know is the best Chapter in the TCA! I have learned much and I hope in this time I have provided to you the membership a sense of belonging and have served you well.

To all of you who are able to join us at our semi-annual members meeting, I trust you have come to understand what your Board does in order to provide the services it does to the membership. Those that have worked with me have made what I have done easy and I thank them along with their friendship, guidance and patience with me.

As discussed on Sunday at our membership meeting, the opportunity for those on the Board and/or those who have been on the Board to step up and run for the Office of President is upon them. I hope there will be several who run for the position. I believe the time spent in the role is rewarding and well-worth the time and energy one puts into the position.

Speaking about the 2018-2019 elections, if you would be part of this group, there are other positions available and I encourage you to put your name in the running. The position of VP, Treasurer, Secretary along with 3 Board positions are available, I truly hope you will consider running for one of them. If interested, please let me know by e-mail at [memberwba@gmail.com](mailto:memberwba@gmail.com).

Our next Board meeting will be July 22, 2017 at the home of John Buxton, if you would like to join us, please let Nada know ([wba.boswell@gmail.com](mailto:wba.boswell@gmail.com)) so she can provide specific details.

Reminder: 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. If you haven't seen our home, you can get an idea of it by going to You Tube and searching Extreme Collectors Episode 13 and going about 8 minutes into it and you'll see the host, Andrew, driving to our home.

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.

In addition to this Facebook page, John Buxton has created a new discussion group and in order to join it he needs to add you and you need to be a Facebook member (unlike the Facebook page for the WB&A,



# Treasurer's Report as of June 1, 2017

By Tom Salen

The Chapter's financial activities for January 1, 2017-June 1, 2017 are summarized below. If you have any other questions or comments feel free to contact me at 703-242-7839 or strsalen@verizon.net.

Check Book Balance – Jan. 1, 2017 \$ 31,610.65

Check Book Balance – Jun. 1, 2017 \$ 32,393.99

Significant Activities January 1, 2017 thru June 1, 2017

	Expenses	Revenue
Annapolis Show 2017	2206	3191
Membership Dues 2017	200	1072
Newsletter 2017	485	
Kids Korner	252	252
Web Site/Facebook	540	
Train Set for Drawing	970	
Miscellaneous Income		10
Miscellaneous Expenses	608	



## 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 & facebook page-  
<http://www.wbachapter.org> and  
<https://www.facebook.com/wba.chaptertca>
- 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 Business Meeting

When: July 22, 2017  
Where: John Buxton's home  
2608 Proctor Lane  
Parkville, MD 21234

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.

**[President's Message Cont'd]** you do not need to be a Facebook member to enjoy this page). Please go to WB&A-TCA Toy Train Photos – Facebook Group. Any questions email John Buxton at: jbrookbuxton@gmail.com John is challenging us all to increase the membership in this discussion group to "5 figures" (or more). Thanks John for taking the time to set this up for the WB&A and other train enthusiasts. To all, I encourage you to share the link with your social media to assist in the continued interest in the hobby.

As a reminder, if you find yourself with a bit of free time, we can always use a hand or two. Let it not be said that this Club is run by the BoD. It takes us all to make it run like a well-oiled train. It takes us all to make it a Club we want to be part of. It takes us all to partake in events to make it doable and it takes **communication** to make it a better Club and one you want to continue to be part of.

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

## WB&A General Business Meeting November 5, 2016 Marley Station Mall Glen Burnie, MD

Chapter President Colleen Hall called the meeting to Order at 9:40. There was a Quorum present for the meeting to continue.

Frank McDonald welcomed everyone to The Christmas Village at Marley Station Mall. This all volunteer group works throughout the year to build and maintain the layout and the trains and it is open from Mid-November until just after the new year. All the funds go to charity in cooperation with Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The funds go to The North County Center for Emergency Outreach Network. The Project started over 25 years ago with just 2 4x8 layouts. Thus far they have raised over \$300,000.

### Old Business

**Secretary's Report** – Nada Boswell distributed the June 12, 2016 General Business Minutes for review and

discussion. There was a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded, and unanimously accepted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Glenn McKinnon provided the Treasurer's Report . The Club is in good financial shape at this time. Line items were discussed. The 611 Trip had a total cost to the Club of \$950 but was a trip enjoyed by our members and their families. The costs were to cover the service fee on the tickets (\$310), 1 ticket for Dave Eadie for all the work he did to arrange the trip plus costs for snacks, etc. on the ride. Sales of drawing tickets for this year's set have gone very well and should easily cover the cost for the set. Membership dues of \$3671 have been received so far for 2016 and \$1,300 for 2017.

**Membership Report** – Dave Eadie gave the membership report. 230 members have paid so far for 2016, year stickers for 2017 will be in by July for members paying ahead at October York or Baltimore Business meeting. In 2013 and 2014 we gained about 25 members each year, so far this year only 12. There will again be a drawing in January for 2 \$100 gift certificates, 1 will be for a member that referred a new member and the other for a member that paid for 2017 before December 31, 2016. Dave will obtain the new TCA member list for our area and send out invitations to them to join WB&A. They will also be invited to attend Vienna and Annapolis meets free of charge.

Dave will moving to be our Eastern Representative, Bill Moss will take over as Membership Chair and Bob Heine will assist him

**Eastern Report** – Dan will be moving to the Eastern Board as Vice President. Many thanks to Dan and Hope for all they have done for WB&A and the toy train hobby. Dan reminded all of us that his annual Open House will be at their home on January 8, 2017 from 1-5.

York in October had 11,000 in attendance. Busy on Thursday and Friday and better on Saturday the some of the past years. Plans are underway to open the Orange and Purple Dealer Halls and the Black hall for the layout display for the April 2017 meet. The public could come of Friday and Saturday only and the Dealer Halls would remain open until 5pm, No time changes for the member halls.

Lou Palumbo will write an article for Classic Toy Trains and other people are being reached out to for marketing suggestions.

#### **New Business**

**Election Results** – Glenn, Chuck and Bob Heine counted the ballots. Skip Lee and Bill Moss were elected to the Board, Dave Eadie was elected Eastern Rep. There is still 1 vacancy on the Board – there was a Write in candidate who will be contacted to see if they would be willing to also serve.

**Vienna Meet** – The meet was held at the Firehouse October 29, 2016. There was a good turnout for the meet and the show made some money. The next Vienna meet will be October 28, 2017 again at the Firehouse.

**Annapolis Meet** – The Elks Lodge proved to be a good venue with easy access for the vendors and plenty of parking. The fact that it was on a cold Palm Sunday and a change of location may have kept attendance down but it

still made money.

Next year will Be February 26 again at the Elks Lodge. Skip Lee will be the Chairman for the meet with Bob Heine assisting. The Trackers will have a layout but a bit smaller than last year to free up space for more tables. The drawing will be hourly for a \$25 gift certificate that can be used to make a purchase from any of the vendors.

**Membership Give Back**- The J611 trip was enjoyed by all that could join in. WB&A purchased an entire car with 62 seats so the members would all be together. Many thanks again to Dave Eadie for handling this so well. Any suggestions would be welcomed for other ideas to get together would be welcomed. Possibly another train trip such as the Potomac Eagle out of Romney West Virginia might be of interest to enough members.

The Board is always open to other ideas, possibly a picnic, a museum visit etc.

A motion was made to close the meeting, it was seconded and unanimously approved. Meeting closed at 11:20. Members and the volunteers were then free to run the trains and have lunch courtesy of WB&A.



## *Membership Moments by Bill Moss*

We had great April York Show. Several members paid their dues. We also gained two new members. As of June 4, 2017 we have a total of 295 members on our membership list. However, only 165 members have paid their 2017 dues!

We want and need your continued membership in the WB&A. We are almost halfway through 2017. If you do not have the "17" sticker on your membership card, or if you need a new card and sticker, now is the time to renew by using the RENEWAL FORM in this issue of the Trolley. Please be sure to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your completed form and \$18.00 dues. Your Completed Application will be used to verify or up-date our membership roster.

We will be contacting our members to determine if they want to remain on the membership roster and continue to enjoy the benefits and fellowship of the WB&A. As a reminder, membership include receiving this excellent newsletter, free admission to WB&A Shows, WB&A organized train trips and trips to train and trolley museums.

We also schedule "How To" Sessions with demonstrations of train repair and landscaping. We have members who repair trains for a reasonable fee. Some of our members can evaluate your trains and teach us about the history of trains many some of us have never seen.

Let's keep all these advantages in mind and get our memberships up to date. I hope to hear from you soon.



## *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](mailto:pullenp@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES  
FOR Oct.-Dec. 2017 TROLLEY  
September 10, 2017**

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](mailto:deutsche_marine@hotmail.com)) with your needs and we most likely can help you. (Here is a sample Woody has restored back to greatness.)



## *Historian's Corner*

May 15, 2017

"Wooden and metal toys resembling trains were first made in Europe in the 1860s. By 1901, Lionel made its first electric train for use in store display windows. A number of famous manufacturers, including Lionel, American Flyer, Ives, Marx, Marklin, and LGB have made toy trains."



About Toy Trains - National Toy Train Museum  
[nttmuseum.org/abouttoytrains/index.shtml](http://nttmuseum.org/abouttoytrains/index.shtml)

When I "googled" history of toy trains my search engine offered me 5 million, 770 thousand options. (yes, that's 5,770,000!) Needless to say I only looked at the top four or five. I am most proud to say that the first site that came up was for our National Toy Train Museum. That says a lot about the scope and influence that is out there for TCA.

The link to the story "About Toy Trains" takes a user straight to the National Toy Train Museum website.

Good things are happening at TCA!

Yours in Train-ing!

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Congratulations to Tom Eide of Glen Burnie, MD who had the winning ticket for the 2016 Grand Prize Drawing for the Lionel Western Maryland Steam Engine with 5 cars plus smoking caboose.

**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 TRAINMAN027@YAHOO.COM with any questions.



***Don't miss out on the chance to win the WB&A Drawing for a Lionel  
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.***

## ***Yorking with Clem Spring 2017***

So, the alarm goes off and we groggily find the floor. It is Tuesday April 18 and we are headed north to York. Then in a blink of an eye, it seems, we are packed up and headed home. Where does the time go? The better part of a week compressed into an auganblink... I wish Thermodynamics classes would have gone that queeekly!

Public in the Orange and Purple halls. Yes, they came, were welcomed and made purchases YEAH. Great concept. At this juncture, I don't have numbers or many member comments. One dealer said there were more men with teenagers shopping on Saturday. This is good news. The parking lots were full on Friday. Several liked it. Several wanted to see a full report including the numbers. I did see the TCA booth in the Orange Hall was crowded every time I was in the hall. Every publican I talked to were very happy and moving quickly.

Attendance at York: no report to me as yet.

We rolled north Tuesday and arrive at York about noon. We always rush to the Wyndham Gardens to be sure our reservation is good and our special room is decontaminated for us. The Wyndham Gardens had cancelled our reservations because we did not arrive on Monday as not scheduled!! We haven't arrived on Monday for 20 years... thru 3 hotel corporation owners, this continues to challenge sanity. Day next there is no USA Today under the door. ("Oh, we don't do that anymore." Same comment about a package sent to me and addressed to me.)

Tradition has it that I set the brakes and rush off to grab the bargoons. Several friends told me there were homey-did trains at the Billy Budd (but we ain't there yet.)

Janet Phillips tells me that the Wyndham pre-York show meet will continue for another year unless she runs out of stock. Golly we missed Charlie's WARM AND FRIENDLY VOICE AND WE KNOW HE IS WATCHING US PLAY TRAINS. Rest in peace Charlie.

Tuesday the rain kept the outside action down to zero. I nap off a couple of hours, counting Blu comets in my sleep. Then off to the First Post for family dinner with the Randy and Donna Hayes (Donna is the late Bob Tuft's daughter.) ...after a stop at the Billy Budd. Golly there are homey-did trains of standard gauge, and beeeger. Some stunning pieces that belong in the Smithsonian. A freight set and a museum-class standard gauge steamer followed me to the car wrapped so Ms. Sandy could not see them patinas. I confirmed with Rich that his meet is solid and will continue in the fall. Tables were soldout inside. Dinner and warm conversation at the First Post was oh

so good. After dinner, we again stopped at the Maple Donut factory nearby. This is quite an experience to be at the FACTORY (3 % of their total production is sold locally!) There were no cheapo "factory rejects". They are open 24/7. Iff'n I worked there, I would be 282,637.3 pounds. Back to the Wyndham Gardens and crashed.

Wednesday opened wet so we rushed off to eggs at the West Manchester Diner (On the hill north of Alexanders about ½ mile on R74.) They were packed at 10 am. Chow was great. We can certainly recommend them. Does anyone know what happened to the famous Nancy who worked for 723,458 years at Alexanders? She was always so cheerful and full of spunk. Then to the Blue Hall to unload out treasures and rush off to the NTTM for the train sale.

The National Toy Train Museum/National Toy Train Library looked super. Things are happening there and everyone needs to revisit. Ceiling repainted and cleaned up, new neat dimming/lightening feature to all the layouts really makes a diff!! Each layout alternates from daylight ops to night ops over a timed period. I love night ops for trains layouts. Great gifts at the counter and excitement everywhere. The manufacturer talks were very exciting and very informative. They are available by video at the NTTM. The NTTM and the HQ staff are the top jewels of TCA. Plan to visit soonest.

I collected 11 boxes of RR mags for the Armed Forces Retirement Home and National Capital Tracker train shows. Our retired hero vets love to look through the photos and train articles. The mags are particularly important to the dementia folks in helping those with memory challenges to remember the past. Please don't toss out your old train magazines. Bundle them up and take them to a senior center, or other types of homes. They are chocked full of memories. Actually, any hobby rags have great photos to help stir the fond memories of our youth.

Another of my spring 2017 projects is to help find silent auction gifts for the June eV-8 (1932-1953 Fords) Eastern National Meet (We do 3 meets across the US: East, Mid America and Western meets. These old Fords love to roll, but us oldsters not as much.) We went to the Kitchen Kettle Village on route #340 in Intercourse, PA. Golly, they have the goodies, special jams and jellies, pickled pickles, breads and crackers and delightful prizes. We hauled out the goodies. I'm hoping our attendees will be as excited to bid on them as we were shopping for them. Later at the MTH parts booths, there

sits a flat # 80410 with two toy 1932 Ford panel trucks on it. Love it. As it is marked down because it is a prototype, I grabbed it, noting that Mike himself had just marked the price down. What great prize these will be!

Back to York via a stop at the "Around the Clock Restaurant" for snitzel. They are freshening up the entire inside of the restaurant; wider booths, new wall tile and floors and it looks much improved.

Thursday was opening day and committee meeting day and good times day!

A bud wanted some standard gauge cars and help buying them. We scoured the halls and found the desired color. I knew the owner and a fine deal was struck... I'm happy to have helped both sides.

During the meet, some medical issues were experienced. As I recommend to all in "Clem's Primer," bring your meds to York, have them on your person, take them! Rest frequently and particularly after you score a Fitty Dolla Blu Comet. There are at least 25 benches on the property outside plus many seats everywhere. Take a frequent blow and rest your body and mind. (and don't lock you dog in the car all day long.)

I have a fav trick among collectors and I found a bud who had not been victim to it. Some trainics and I were flap jawing and I'm carrying a swinging a sack of rusty trains. I poke a bud in the ribs which is a secret signal for heads up: somethin' is about to go down. I "accidentally" dropped the sack at another bud's feet with a glorious crashing sound followed by tinkling. His face flashed horror and jumps big time. He weakly sez "I can fix them." Everyone nearby was laughing and looking for what Blu Comet just bit the dust. I'm guessing I betta watch out... I hope and trust we are still buds.

I saw some strange and stunning standard gauge train sets this York. Orange 9 with 400 series pax in Mohave with orange trim. Stunning color combo. Not in the book but surely looks stunning. Early state set in two-tone brown/tan. Prosperity set is heavy patina with side cut out of a passenger car because the owner needed a piece of brass.

Itty bitty fun things: 2 of 3 roof screws on a standard gauge 18/19/190 passenger set that were factory painted to match the cars. A blue 1693 with a wheel factory miss-assembled and still on the car. Little Johnny, whose daddy bought him the set, wouldn't dare tell Daddy my wheel is not perfect. I had a #10 set where a front coupler of the loco was factory installed upside down; Same rule applies.

I did learn that the NETTE dissolvent issue has moved from police work to the judicial side. The two

owners were arrested and charged with 12 counts of larceny and one of intent to commit larceny. Supposedly the cause was "Bad business practices." Arraignment was May 5. The next step is hopefully restitution.

"Prioritizing these 3 things will improve your life — and maybe even save it" is the lead article from the Washington Post email section this morning. I'm thinking even better is York 3 times a year.

So, Frankie joins us at the SGMA breakfast Friday morning. He and I sit together and Jim Nickleson joins in. Frank's dad had bought a 1928 Model A phaeton off of the late Jack Caruso of Mullica Hill. He sold it to me. I had a few extra \$\$ as I was working for RCA at the time and dreamed of rebuilding a phaeton. After GE bought out RCA, 6000 engineers were fired from Delaware valley and no more extra moneys for me. I sold the car to Jim at Hershey and it is now at his home in Wisconsin #3 in line for restoration. I hope someday to visit her. It was fun for the 3 owners of the car to have a chat. That car was a bucket list dream for me that never came to fruition. Then Jim sez he just bought an L29 Cord and needed shock and shock arms. Frankie knows were some are!!!! Great friends working deals! Ain't Yorkin great!!

Frankie sez he was prepared for York this time: new "Tares" on his Suburban and an oil change. He gets on the bridge approach from Jersey to the "surekill" expressway and ker-thumpy a tare goes flat. AAA sez it will be an hour and 90 minutes before they can get there. A new way to tell time sez Frankie and fixes the flat himself. Then he goes to a local car shop near the York fairgrounds and they plug the tire. (This guy is an antique car guy as is Frankie.) Then he goes to a tire dealer for replacement and they say nay as yer plugged the tare. Then after chow he notices a pool of oil under his Chebby. (normal for my Model A, but apparently not his car). As stores are closing he find a NAPA store that has both kinds of oil pressure transmitters. He buys both, borrows a wrench and changed the transmitter resulting his arriving at his hotel about 11:30pm exhausted...

Next Frankie story is about him some time ago going to pick up a dissembled Ford 429 motor in his corvette. They load it in, drag it to the shop, and the following week a spring company in Camden hasta re-ach his springs. (No plastic was stretched during this adventure.)

So, I see Donna on Saturday afternoon and she is thrilled that she just bought a second boxed AF circus set. I reminds her that the official Clem-rule is

that you have to own 3 of them: her hubby sez "we already have another one" I hope I did not start a fight!

Tuesday and Wednesday weather was damp with a misty blur from seeing all the gorgeous trains around. The rest of the week was better, even with a ripping night storm.

For our dear friendly Canuck, Marcel we never let up: We don't want yer stinking 20% taxed wood; we don't want yer strong taxed Molson beer; we don't want yer beauty contestants who have been previously handled; We don't want yer cheeriness and love for America nor your discounted monies. All wrong!! (We just have to make light of all this stupidity from our politicos. We love our neighbors!!)

The National Capital Christmas Tree Railroad folks (I'm a member) asked me to try and sell off some of our totally worn out locos. These have been with us for many years and had many parts replaced and repaired their service was over. I offered them with a service documentation paper and noted all were very tired. All who bought them were interested in their history.

I promised several people I would do stuff for them. Yas better re-reach me 'cause I don't even remember my name this morning. Someone wanted roof bolts for Lionel standard gauge. Someone wanted prewar latch couplers; someone wanted Canadian dollars plus 20%tax; someone wanted ...

In a previous York, one of my friends provided me with a huge box of homey-did O gauge houses, control tower and shed, etc. I kept what I needed and offered up the rest for free. A fellow and his son came along. The son loved the neato control tower for his 4-year-old son as they were building a railroad. The Dad wanted the rest of the buildings for hisself. The son said let's just take the one tower as they are all free. After some mumbling the son carried them all to the car grinning ear-to-ear. Happy family is a train-playing family for sure.

Alexanders Restaurant is being rebuilt inside and out for its new owner: Macro's pizza. I'm told by the locals, they are a good pizza house. <http://marcosyork.com/pizza-stromboli-appetizers/4668760>. For good early timely breakfasts before York opens; Bob Evans, Panera, West Manchester Diner are good options. The restaurant on the fairgrounds is called the Verandah room, is open York days from 7am-3pm. Brickner's services open on the fairgrounds as well as the many other food venders. Take advantage of them and keep your energy and water level up. It is very exhausting chasing around looking for fitty Dolla Blu Comets all day!

I love walking around near closing to see what did not sell. Walked early to memorize and compared with what sold and was not there at the end. In the day I could remember many, many items. Today, only the fitty dolla Blu Comets. Many Blue Comets that were available.

The extra 2 hours of opening for the Orange and Purple halls netted me two raries: an IVES 191 coke car in light green and a sick Lionel 384 that gets sicker each time I look at it. Happily, I have a worsor tender to match (Two times worse equals "Purty good" in my mind: "Clem, the junk matcher")

While having lunch in the Orange Hall promenade Saturday afternoon, I saw Tony Sinioscalco [www.trainmasters@sc4-H.org](mailto:www.trainmasters@sc4-H.org); the president of the 4H train club for kids. His grandson was with him. What a hero he is in my mind! At the METCA convention in Summerset, NJ, Tony, at a moment's notice, joined my seminar on the future of our hobby. He and his kids are really into trains. Several are now TCA kids club members. Their work with kids and trains is world class. <http://mthtrains.com/news/075a> <http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/>

Sunday morning at home post mortem: My O my, I gets up at 7am to start writing and I can't remember nuthin, so a pre-nap jumps on me. I gets up at 9am and can't read what I had typed so takes a real nap, now it is 10:47am and I can't read what I typed.... Also, I shopped till I dropped ad York and I can't remember what I bought so it will be Christmas all over again as I unpack... I need another nap. During my working days, if my bosses saw how much energy and excitement I have playing trains, they would not have recognized me. I'm checking on emails and no trainics are reporting in: I'm thinking we all are exhausted from seeing each other and having so much fun. It is so great to be with my Yorkin family again. Please never let the fun stop.

Always the best part of York is seeing so many trainics. Every 6 months we continue sentences we did not finish at the previous Eastern Division Meet at York. We also think warmly about those who missed the meet or have gone on to the big layout in the sky.

Until the leaves begin to fall, may your summer be fun, safe and full...

Clem Clement,  
Past president, TCA







## View from the Observation Car

By George Tsakiris

### Riding in Style On The Dover Harbor

I recently had the pleasure of riding on the Dover Harbor; a restored heavyweight Pullman car built in 1923. It was restored and is currently run by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. The trip ran from Union Station in Washington DC, picking up more passengers in Alexandria with destinations of Williamsburg and Newport News, VA.



Dover Harbor at Union Station

Greeting you upon entering is a beautiful interior restored to 1930's luxurious appointments. Personally, greeting you is the gracious staff that provided first class service for the entire trip.



Attentive service with a 1930's period interior, including (then new to railroads).....air conditioning.

The ride is comfortable with plush seats and a ride from the heavyweight 87 ton, 81-foot-long car. The car has a lounge, kitchen, dining area, and six double-bed rooms. It currently uses the green Pullman color with gold lettering.

Mechanically the Dover Harbor has received improvements to meet current rail requirements such as improved brakes, wheels, trucks, and couplers.

The Dover Harbor was the last car of Amtrak train # 65. Our route took us through Ashland and Richmond in route to our destination. The views afforded were spectacular.



Breathtaking Views

Nice thing about the ride is meeting our fellow passengers, sharing food and stories in a congenial atmosphere. Upon arrival at Williamsburg, we all decided to disembark and explore the town. We had several hours till the return trip. There was a classic car event taking place. Saw the cars, grabbed lunch, and visited Colonial Williamsburg.



Greeting us for the return trip home

We were served breakfast with champagne in the morning. Lunch of our choice in Williamsburg. Snacks provided as we entered for the return trip, and a gourmet dinner.

The view out back was spectacular. There is an open area in the vestibule, by the drum head that afforded a great experience, traveling in access of 60 MPH.

Next week the Dover Harbor goes for an overnight to Chicago, making use of those Pullman bedrooms. The website for the Dover Harbor lists the excursions. I highly recommend coming aboard to experience first class service and a glimpse of what civilized travel was and should be.





## Upcoming Events

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



## Look who just joined WB&A!!!

Kurt E. Hassler  
Stuart Hirsch

### 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.



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## *WB&A Chapter's 2017 Drawing*



**Product Name: LionMaster N&W 2-6-6-2 #1218 Steam Engine**

**Product Catalog: 2016 Signature Edition, Volume 1**

**Product Line: LionMaster (runs on O-31 track !!)**

**Product Item Number: 6-82206 ( Limited Edition )**

**Engine List Price: \$ 999.99**

**Roadname: Norfolk & Western**

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***Your Tickets will be sent by return mail to you.***

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***Only 500 Tickets are being sold***

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## Vienna Meet

**October 28, 2017**

Vienna Fire Hall  
400 Center Street South  
Vienna, VA 22180

9:00 AM To 2:00 PM

For more information, contact  
Nada Boswell (WBA.boswell@gmail.com)

Plenty of fun including:

- Hours 9-2, 8 for WB&A members.
- Early setup for vendors on Friday after 2 p.m.
- 2017 Drawing item on display and tickets available.
- Free Parking
- Fire House Auxiliary will be selling both breakfast and lunch.
- Free Train Appraisals.
- The Train Doctor will be there.



## Announcement

### **Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad Trip**

Our Chapter is considering a club trip on the Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad out of Romney, West Virginia sometime in the fall. In order to plan this, we need to know if you are interested by August 1st. It would be a day trip; a 4 hour train ride; plus about 3 1/2 hours to Romney and 3 1/2 hours back. Lunch would be served on the train.

Please contact Dave Eadie at [dbeadie@verizon.net](mailto:dbeadie@verizon.net) or one of your board members. Please indicate if you can do this trip during the week or only on the weekend. Indicate the number of individuals in your party. We are also looking for help in organizing this trip, so please let us know if you can.

For more information on The Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad, visit their website at

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