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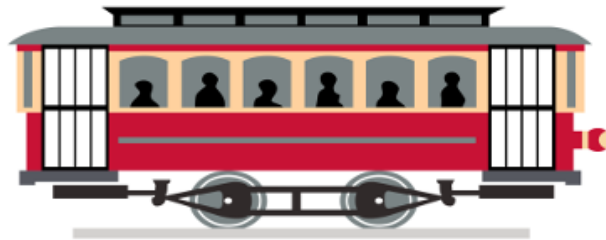
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"The Trolley" The Official WB&A Newsletter



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

Dear All,

I am close to the end of my term as your President and with it many emotions are within me. I hope I have served you well and I am grateful for the opportunity for doing so. So I say "thank you for the opportunity."

While we are at the end of summer, as with the start of the summer, the earth is moving into another cycle of its evolution as time moves on. For me these are the final months of my term and a reflection of the past. As I look upon the last decade and the evolution of my volunteering with the WB&A with awe, I can say that most of the time, it has been fun and the friendships I have made along the way have been touching. I am fortunate to have been able to take part in the train hobby and to attempt along the way to make a difference in its future.

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. In addition, there are a few Board positions open and it is my hope that members of the WB&A step up and "throw their hat into the ring and run" for a position. The position of VP, Treasurer, and Secretary along with 3 Board positions is open for candidates. I hope you will consider running for one of them. If interested, please let me know memberwba@gmail.com.

As a final "grand gesture" of voicing my thoughts and observations, I sent the Board of the TCA along with the President, VP and Secretary of the Chapters and Divisions an open 6 page letter. I am a little disappointed for those that I believe should have, at the very least, acknowledged the letter has to this date been silent. Perhaps I overstepped? Perhaps I was long winded? Perhaps my voice was too loud? Perhaps you would like to read it for yourself? If so, let me know, I would be happy to share it with you and perhaps the joining of voices in a positive, respectful manner will open the doors to discussion, change and perhaps the future of the hobby. For you see, what I have learned over the years is that it is the hobby that is important and keeping it alive is monumental. I trust in the ability of my fellow Board members to keep the WB&A alive and well into the future and I hope the TCA will be able to take the initiative to run along that same track while using the influence of the TCA to keep the hobby alive.

As a continued 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. **(Cont'd on Page 2)**



Treasurer's Report as of Sept. 1, 2017

By Tom Salen

The Chapter's financial activities for January 1, 2017-September 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 - Sep. 1, 2017 \$31,621.51

Significant Activities January 1, 2017 thru September 1, 2017

	Expenses	Revenue
Annapolis Show 2017	2206	3191
Membership Dues 2017	200	2796
Newsletter 2017	668	
Mini Meets	324	
Kids Korner	252	252
Web Site/Facebook	1044	
Train Set for Drawing	970	1420
Miscellaneous Income		10
Miscellaneous Expenses	708	

(President's Letter Cont'd)

Also, as mentioned, in addition to the WB&A Facebook page, John Buxton has created a new discussion group and in order to join it he needs to add you and/or you can join it and (unlike the Facebook page for the WB&A where you do not need to be a Facebook member) you 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). 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 all of us 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 — one you want to continue to be part of.

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



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, April 1, 2017

Home Susan and Tom Salen -Thanks for hosting the meeting

Meeting Start Time: 9:15 am

Meeting End Time: 2:30 pm

Next BoD Meeting will be held Saturday July 22, 2017 at the home of John Buxton, 2068 Proctor Lane, Parkville, MD Present: Colleen Hall, Tom Salen, Skip Lee, Phil Graves, Bob Heine, John Buxton, Arne Meyrow, Bill Moss, Nada Boswell

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary's report – The Minutes were distributed and read. There was a motion to accept the minutes made to accept the minutes as written, seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Due to his recent relocation to Florida Glenn MacKinnon joined us by phone and offered his resignation as Treasurer. Glenn had served for many years and we are sad to see him go. The BOD appointed Tom Salen to be the Treasurer as allowed by the by-laws. Tom will complete Glenn's term. Tom presented the Treasurer's report. The club continues to have a good balance and is in good shape overall.

The Annapolis meet did very well this year thanks to Skip's excellent work and organization.

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

Membership Report – Bill Moss presented the membership report. 255 members have paid 2016 members. So far, 146 have paid 2017, but many pay at York. Seven new members joined at Annapolis, two returning members rejoined, 19 other members paid the 2017 dues and a couple of applications to join TCA were also given out. He will work with Bob and Dave to follow up with those that have not paid as yet. There will be drawing at the beginning of January 2018 for a \$100 gift card for new members joining in 2017 and a \$100 gift card for members who prepay their 2018 dues by December 31. We will continue to work with Eastern and TCA to identify new members in our area and invite them to the Vienna and Annapolis meets.

Eastern Report – Dan gave the Eastern Report as Dave was unable to attend. There are still questions regarding Eastern Division expenses and exactly what they are [used] for. Thanks to Glenn and now Tom, WB&A can clearly show what the money is going for, but Eastern cannot.

Plans are now set for York to be open in April. A lot of advertising is being done all around the area. Lou Palumbo did a great article in CTT March issue and CTT will also Eblast about 21,000 subscribers in the area as we get a little closer.

There will be costs for additional Security, signage, etc. to make clear to the public where to register, what halls are open, etc. Lionel is donating a train set, MTH will donate something, but not clear what as yet. Dealer halls will have extended hours on Saturday but member halls will remain the same.

Finances are getting in order better now at Eastern. Bob Ferguson worked hard to get a budget and some transparency in place to make Eastern run like the business it actually is, not a club.

Due to the recent passing of Jim Kronz who handled all of the early registration for non-table holders we need to find another person that can assist with that. Bob Ferguson will help Jim's wife and daughter to finish up this April.

Vienna Meet – Set for October 28 at the Vienna Firehall. Will have early set up on Friday afternoon as usual, Dan will provide lunch for the helpers for set up. Saturday set up will begin at around 7 for those that can't come Friday. We will split the cost of an ad in the Vienna Connection with the car club that has a meet the prior meet to try to get more attendance. We need to double check the number of available tables and arrange for rentals if needed. Arne and Dave will both be assisting with this as Nada will not be available for a lot of September.

June Business Meeting – The meet will be held at the Sharon Lodge in McLean on June 4, 2017 as it was last year. Thanks to Phil Graves making the arrangements. We usually have a decent attendance to this meet as it is fairly convenient. We will again provide coffee, donuts and lunch to all.

Annapolis Meet – Many thanks to Skip from all for a job well done. The Treasurers report showed the final numbers. We attracted a lot of WB&A members and military due to the advertising done. Bob Heine and Bob Fer-

guson expressed an interest to be more involved next year to help Skip. Also, can we possibly extend the hours, especially if we can get set up on Saturday. Shortage of tables are a problem that needs to be addressed prior to next meet. Skip will start work with the Elks to schedule for next year. The food service this time was much better, especially with the coupons for the vendors. Having many folks there Saturday evening was appreciated by the table holders and made the process much smoother.

Treasurer - With Glenn gone, the BOD did appoint Tom to complete his term. The Secretary will prepare the portion of the minutes to present to the bank and the President will complete the letter needed to remove Glenn and add Arne Meyrow and Bob Heine as additional signers on the account. All 3 will need to meet at a branch to accomplish the changeover, but for now Tom is an authorized signer. A motion was made to approve the change in Treasurer and the addition of 2 additional signers on the account. It was seconded and approved unanimously. The BoD had wanted to do something for Glenn before he left but the timing did not work out so a motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to purchase a \$200 gift card as thanks for all his years of service.

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. A BoD member will receive the ballots back and will bring them to the November GBM where they will be counted. Open positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (all thought Tom was just appointed as Treasurer he is only completing Glenn's term so would need to run for the position), and 3 open BOD positions (John, Bob Heine and Tom's). We need to try to recruit members to fill this void in leadership to continue to be an active club.

The nominating committee is Skip, Bill and Phil and we hope to have some candidates by the next meeting.

Break for lunch 12:00 – 1:45

Website, Facebook – the website has been an on gong issue, Joe Helsing did it for a while but since he was not a WB&A member it was not always current. A new website was created but has not been updated in at least a year. Unless we can find a professional to create and maintain a site, is there any benefit for us to have one? This has been an ongoing issue and needs to be resolved. If the site isn't being used or updated, it might be better to just take it down, however we need someone to take the responsibility to take on this task. Skip would be willing to do so for a while but not long term. It might be best to just start over if we want to have a site and get a proposal for the cost of a new one, Tom will check the cost of what we currently have so we can see what the change might be. If we could get a new site with the ability to pay online, apply online, etc, it might be a benefit but again who will agree to be responsible for the updates.

Sarah continues to do a great job with Facebook but again she needs updates and input from the BOD and members for photos, etc, as she is not a WB&A member.

Facebook Groups - John Buxton advised us of a group

site on Facebook where you can post photos. He participates in a Dorfan group where you can share with others. There is no buying or selling, just sharing pictures with others. He will get a bit more info to see if we want to establish a WB&A page for sharing.

A motion was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Eastern Division Report

Dave Eadie

Most of you know me from my days as your Membership chairman the past four years. Now as your WB&A Eastern Division Representative, I will be focused on the semi-annual York Meet and how Eastern Division can utilize its resources to better serve you. With that in mind, I will periodically provide you with updates through this newsletter and the WB&A board meeting minutes.

April York Meet -

The April, 2017 York Meet was the first TCA meet opened to the public giving them access to the Orange and Purple halls along with the Black hall. Advertising for this event covered the areas surrounding the York area including Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Harrisburg. National TCA headquarters and the major vendors (Lionel, MTH, Bachmann, Atlas) advertised to their followers on their website, through their Facebook page and via their email subscribers. Newspaper ads were included in the Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Harrisburg papers and OGR magazine blasted an email to all their subscribers.

The meet was opened to the public on Friday and Saturday and for those two days, we had 600 paying of which 400 were families. Of those TCA headquarters reported 100 joined TCA after seeing the Orange Hall. The public filled out registration cards and door prizes were awarded (items provided by vendors). Eastern Division was pleased with this turnout and plans are currently in progress to expand our demographics for the meet in October.

The cost for doing this was pretty much a break even, but also included some initial one time cost (signs, maps, wrist bands, etc.).

Budget Process -

Under the leadership of Eastern Division treasurer Bob Ferguson, the budgeting process for the York meet is being completely revamped for transparency and we can now understand where the revenue money is coming in from and where our expenses are going. As our membership in TCA continues to decline, it is imperative to control our cost. We have already seen the benefits as of the last calendar year, we are no longer losing money. Still areas of concern remain in our budget and have been identified. We will

continue to look at every budget item to see if cost can be reined in.

WebSite -

A completely revised website is in current development and is now online. Please do take a look at it (<http://www.easterntca.com/>) and provide any comments / suggestions to me.

Lost and Found -

On a personal note I have been task to chair the Lost and Found committee at the York meets. During the meet for those who have 'lost' something, we will be located at the WB&A table in the Silver Hall opposite registration. Even if you haven't lost anything, please drop by and pay you WB&A dues and pick up a ticket or two for this year's drawing item (a Lionel N&W # 1218 Steam Engine with 4 coal cars plus caboose).

Respectively Submitted by,
Dave Eadie



Membership Moments by Bill Moss

We hope you had a good summer. It certainly went by quickly. Now it is time to turn our attention toward trains, train shows and our friends in the WB&A. Although we have a total of 297 members on our membership list, only 167 members have paid their 2017 dues.

Now would be a good time to support your club by renewing your membership. This can be done by using the RENEWAL FORM found in this issue of the Trolley or by paying your dues at the upcoming York show or the WB&A Vienna show on October 28. If you do not have the "17" sticker on your membership card, the 2017 dues are \$18.00. Also, if you would like to pay your 2018 dues we have good news. Your WB&A Board of Directors has voted to reduce the annual dues to \$15.00 per year beginning with 2018 dues!

We want you to remain on our membership list and enjoy the benefits of the WB&A such as receiving this newsletter, WB&A train trips or meeting our fellow members to discuss collecting and operating our trains, including the history of the various trains and how to restore them. There is always something to see and learn at our shows and in the Trolley. As an example, I just received a renewal application and a check for the 2017 dues. What caught my eye was the note on the check which read "Esp. enjoy Clem's columns". Thank you Clem for all you do for us.

I hope to see some of you at York and Vienna.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / NEW APPLICATION

Please return the following dues with **Self Addressed Stamped Envelope** and a check / money order payable to WB&A Chapter : **2017 dues are \$18; 2018 dues are \$15**

Mail to: Bill Moss, 6929 Standish Drive, Hyattsville, MD 20784

Name _____
TCA # _____ WB&A # _____
Address _____ APT # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone number _____
E-Mail _____

Train Interest (what do you collect)

Do you have a layout Yes No

Do you plan attending a WB&A event this year yes no

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.



Editor's Note: Every year, in February, Clem and Sandy Clement hold an open house that they call Old Car and Train Day. All members of the WB&A are invited to join the fun and visit with Clem and Sandy to visit the old cars and trains that Clem and Sandy have collected. I received a copy of *The Ford Script*, Official publication of the George Washington Chapter, Inc. of the Model A Ford Club of America and the Mount Vernon Region of the Model A Restorers Club. The article was written by Clem Clement and Jim Gray, and is reprinted with permission.

CLEM & SANDY'S OLD CAR AND TRAIN DAY, FEBRUARY 12

Well, our #44 Old Car and Train Day is now a fond memory. The stresses of event-prep are past us; in our bodies, we still feel the good feeling of having worked hard to present a warm scene where friends and neighbors can gather, relax and visit. Everyone seemed to have had a fine time.

Thanks to the train room setup crew who came a couple of weeks before and struggled mightily thru the morning sticky buns, donuts and coffee to fix the trains. When they ran out of energy, Miss Sandy plied them all with homey-made Chili and Philadelphia soft pretzels at lunch so they could go fix even more trains... no facts or "alternate facts" were discussed during the work period.



The little Baurer tin railway in my train room got a workout. After Mrs. Lad got to operate it a few times, she remembered one such in her family way back when. She was thrilled. I worked for her husband 30 years ago. We hung out telling truthful stories.

My new standard gauge J-611 locomotive showed off her stunning build, hulking over a more modest O gauge engine. She had her first run at the Rockville train show and a second run at the Winter

Wonderland event in Manassas. Her motor is a bit sick so she did not run. Also, the cars and loco are too big for my layout without moving much of my buildings and citizenry. I need a beeeeg train room! (And my garage is crying for something to fill the huge empty space left by the Packard's flight away).



The kids who attended played super hard with the toys

and trains set up on the carpeted garage floor, and when they got too chilly, found the trains on the floor in the train room. Asher Nelson ran his own railroad for quite a while.

The rare Delker double helix in the back of the garage took too many hours of chasing poor connections and rewiring before the day, but she showed off her action by a flawless performance with a single locomotive on board. She did not like cars running behind the loco and tossed all that tried right off the track. More work for me. Golly that rig is noisy. No wonder the system is so rare. I don't know of another in VA.



OLD CAR AND TRAIN DAY (Cont.)

Weather was a bit chilly with a light rain until about 1 p.m. It cleared off nicely in the afternoon. We hosted: 2 Mustang Cobras from my next-door neighbor; 2 Model A's; an '87 El Camino (for sale at \$7500; a stunning car!); and my '39 Ford truck, which is currently a hangar queen.



My traditional talk led to a lot of bantering back and forth – Jaime Nelson, Jim & Kathie Gray's daughter, reports that Grace Nelson – at 7 years of age – actually sat still and listened to my whole talk! All this, of course, as little brother Asher played trains!

It's always a wonder to me about the wonderful food that appears. Thanks all for the festival of food.

Scott Nelson, Asher and Grace took the floor as Mom & Dad helped Sandy and me clean up. Apparently the train room is great for tossing a beach ball about.

All in all, a great day for a mid-winter gathering to catch up on each other's happenings, and cheer all up with the winter still upon us and the country in such a state.

During all this hub bub, I hid so much stuff I can't find anything now. Did anyone happen to see where I hid my shoes when you were here?

Thanks to everyone who helped and to everyone who visited. We hope to see you all again next year.

Sandy and Clem
As told to Jim



Standards Committee Meeting Minutes, April 27, 2017

Standards committee Chairman Joe Mania open the meeting at 9:15.

We are seeing increased activity concerning prototypes, altered convention cars and part swapping of Post war and modern trains. Particularly with accessories where they are still being manufactured using the old dies, abet with color change. Some silk screening is being used, where a Lionel did not use that much originally. Know your stuff visa-a-vie heat stamping and rubber stamping of livery. Be cautious about purchases in this area.

Chris Allen gave the Standards committee a special report on his efforts to document the history and production and variations on the TCA convention cars. So many changes, special intentional variations, i.e. Reverse colors for a special award/service. He mentioned the faking of the doors on the early TCA 6464 box cars. Luckily Dan and Hope Danielson were involved in the '67 convention and had all the information on the '67 lineup. Good for them. Chris was thrilled to have this info. BE cautious, fakers are out there scamming members with altered cars.

Bruce Greenberg's new book reports Lionel 1915-1928 production and includes any Lionel locomotives and rolling stock that were made by 1928 and continue on. The book includes when possible photos of the outfits and outfit contents as well as the locomotives. The book will have 432 pages which is the same size as his recent Standard Gauge book. One important locomotive is the 253 which was made from 1924 through 1936. The 253 is a great locomotive to study since it shows Lionel's continuing changes in engineering and design. The book shows for each locomotive the

changes in flag holders (3 types), couplers (3 types), motors (6 types), headlights (3 types), reverse mechanisms (3 types) as well as the outfit packaging (3 types). Bruce passed out two sample pages showing these features for one locomotive.

At the standards committee meeting (Where all are welcome) I discussed several unusual pieces. One was a huge home-made steel and wooden hopper car had modified IVES couplers. (Many of the depression and WWII era home-made pieces use IVES or hook couplers. The IVES ones can be removed from a worn-out donor piece easily as can the wheels and trucks. Flyer riveted theirs on) The builder soldered a triangle piece of brass to the top edge of the hanging loop. He mounted an arched bar across the ends of the car, so that as the bar was rotated, the bar moved the tip of the triangle and opened to coupler. I had never seen that design before. This made the coupler much closer to “automatic” as promised in IVES literature.

Recently, I bought a set of three 607/607 /608 passenger cars that had been converted to a silver painted subway set. The gingerbread that had been added to the roof and body had been removed leaving holes. The portions of the work of interest to the Standards committee were:

- 1) The rectangular openings of the car ends cut by laser. The cuts were so precise that they looked factory. They may have had calling boards inserted in the space.
- 2) The window cross pieces cut by the same method leaving the cars with a full opening, not trifurcated with window frames. This work as well was very precise and neat. Easy to fool someone that this was original. First pieces like this I have seen.

A Lionel 6 wheel #33 came off of eBay. Easy to spot the homeyness: wheel and axle holders were bolted to the body. No motor either.

An unpainted O gauge tender was displayed to study the excessive amount of solder used. The water tank lid was a shell casing (A good way confirm the piece was homemade.). With paint on it, it could have looked like a Flyer Vandy tender. Values of homemade trains are usually very low. Value is in the eyes of the beholder.)

Flex track rail: I found a single rail of flex track. Several of the members remembered this awful design. The track sold in a roll and was mounted on a metal frame for storage. The rails flexed like sheathed-wire housing. The cross ties were of hard wood and very brittle. I used it as a boy as they were cheap. Screwing it down was tough because the cross ties cracked, even after drilling the screw holes. A run I set up had the track in the form of a snake as the length of the section was too long for where I wanted it to go. I ran a heavy GG1 over it which made the track move. Also, the track was very noisy and it chewed up the loco’s rollers. (All committee members booed its usage!)

A range painted box car base numbered 813 was found by me. The group had no idea what it had been.

Years ago, friends Joe Weatherly and Gus Johnson loved to do custom work with trains. From junk and extra sheet metal they could build and decorate almost anything. Joe did the metal work and Gus, the painting. I showed an IVES-like combo built by Joe. Somehow it never made it to the paint shop, so the cut marking lines could be seen. It was a slimmed down Lionel #31 with narrowed Lionel #100 trucks. With it was a finished version painted by Gus. From 10 feet away, it mimicked IVES litho. Stunning work, most of which is signed by Gus in katakana.

A couple of other pieces were displayed to help all members discern if the work was fako.



From the August 2017 Potomac Rail News:

MARYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPPORTS WMSR WITH A GRANT.

The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad (WMSR) has been moving forward since its return of operations to Frostburg. The Board of Public Works is onboard with the WMSR, having approved them for a \$250,000 grant for the next fiscal year. According to Board documents, the award will be distributed in equal quarterly installments and will go towards operations and maintenance. We will be continuing to invest these funds into maintenance on our fleet of pas-

senger cars as well as our locomotives, according to John Garner, Chief Executive Officer, Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. (www.localdvm.com)

PHOTO CHARTERS WITH WMSR #1309 DELAYED UNTIL 2018.

Western Maryland Scenic Railroad and Trains Magazine will postpone inaugural photo-charter freights with Chesapeake & Ohio 2-6-6-2 No. 1309, Chief Executive Officer John Garner and Trains Editor Jim Wrinn announced on August 1st. The delay will give the railroad more time to perform additional running gear work, complete restoration of the 1949 Baldwin-built locomotive, and complete break-in runs. The 80 ticket holders for each photo freight will be given the first opportunity to reschedule their reservations to an early 2018 date.

"Additional wheel work will take place to ensure the engine's long-term operability. It makes much more sense from both a financial and a mechanical perspective to perform this work now than it does to reassemble the engine, run it, and then take it out of service again for repairs," Garner says. "We want to get it done right the first time. We are committed to returning the engine to service. We are optimistic for operations starting this winter."

The WMSR's first obligation is to build a fully Federal Railroad Administration-compliant steam locomotive. Western Maryland Scenic and Diversified Rail Services will do this so future operational opportunities will be met with confidence, Garner says. The railroad desires a locomotive fully capable of unrestricted mechanical operations and completing the additional running gear repairs will ensure that concept.

"We will be seeing smoke and paint by the end of fall," says steam locomotive restoration contractor Gary Bensman, who is completing the engine at the railroad's shop in Ridgeley, WV. "We want to make sure the engine is in good shape for its long-term sustainability." He says the engine should be completed in early winter. "While we would like to see the locomotive in operation this fall, it's more important for the restoration to proceed with the long-term in mind." Wrinn says. "All of us steam fans, myself included, can wait a few more months to see this magnificent articulated in steam once again, a sight none of us ever expected to see in our lifetime."

The alternate dates will provide participants with a fantastic show of steam power in winter, hopefully with snow on the ground, Wrinn says. "We'd love to see No. 1309 rounding famous Helmstetter's Curve with a nice snow on the ground."

The new dates will be announced two months in advance of the events. Ticket holders for the photo freights will be contacted in the next week to reschedule their spots or request a refund. (Trains News Wire)

Historian's Corner

When looking back in history we need to recognize that what we call "history" is happening around us every day. What we go through, and what we experience today, will be the history of tomorrow. I am reminded of this as our neighbors in Houston, Galveston, and East Texas, as well as Louisiana and now Florida deal with the history making rain, wind, and floods of Hurricane Harvey and Irma. Our hearts and prayers go out to these folks.

We also need to recognize the TCA membership history, and specifically those who have gone before us to pave the way. Just this past week, we lost Tom Jaworowski, (77-10835) TCA President 2001-2002. Tom lived in Louisiana with his wife, Sue, and his family. A dedicated collector he was often at York and at the National Toy Train Museum and National Toy Train Library. His moniker was his laugh, his smile, his oversized vest covered with patches and pins, as well as his portrayal of Santa Claus. He wore his vest with pride. Pride in the TCA organization and what it has become. He will be missed.

Our historical note for this edition turns back the pages to July, 1992 Vol 38, No 4. The TCQ (Train Collectors Quarterly) started a new article the "Historian's Corner". The historian makes note of the numbers of members in 1962 and some of the other highlights.

Let's look at 30 years ago. It takes us back to 1962 when we were six hundred and twenty eager, younger collectors. What a banner year we thought that was:

- 52 pages in the 8th Directory
- A free American Flyer Road Name Directory

- A free Hafner report
- Four Newsletters totaling all of 28 pages
- Four Quarterlies each containing 12 pages
- And the first Lionel Number List was published.

You've come a long way, baby!

Yours in Train-ing!,
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Note From Clay Moritz

I found out that if you Google for an Erroll Flynn movie with Lionel train layout you can watch the Lionel layout segment of the movie **Four's A Crowd**. The search will actually retrieve multiple sites for watching the layout.

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.)



Report from the Standard Gauge Module Association at Pittsburgh Reprinted with permission:

2017 TCA Convention Recap

Wed Jul 5, 2017 4:01 pm (PDT)

Hopefully everyone got home safe from Pittsburgh. It was an exciting week at the TCA Convention with lots of great excursions to fit any taste.

Thank you to everyone who came to the convention and helped setup and take down the SGMA layout. It was an amazing success. It even was the lead story on the TV News segment about the convention. We had a broad range of special trains running during the whole convention. Lots of photos and videos will be uploaded shortly.

Here are a few of the high lights from the show.

We had the honor of running Lou Redman's 25th Anniversary Presidential Special at the Welcome Party on Wednesday evening. The turnout was great and what better way then to run this set to open the Pittsburgh TCA Convention. Everyone enjoyed getting to see it run and run it did. Chris Bogus did a complete overhaul to the set the past couple of months and had it running like a fine Swiss watch. A special thanks to Carol Redman McGinnis for making that all possible by lending us the set for the show. It made numerous appearances during the convention even one for the extended Redman family.

On Thursday night we double headed J's followed by 11 Pocahontas Cars. What an amazing site as that rumbled around the layout. Jim Waterman has really raised the bar once he took over the Lee Lines tooling and started producing his fine line of products.

Friday's special run was none other than Stomper. He ran wild with a bunch of his friends and had a great time terrorizing all the other trains!

We had Kirk's GG-1 Congressional, Dave's Boucher 2500, Jim's Hudson with TCA cars, Arno's earlier collection of TCA cars that he donated to the SGMA, lots of home made trains and many other rare and unusual items. It was a fine mixture of old and new.

Our own Clem, presented the Pledge of Allegiance to open the Banquet on Saturday night and made us all proud to be Americans. He was great.

Ken was busy taking lots of videos and I m sure he will be sharing once he edits all those hours of video.

Thank you again to all those those who participated and made it a fun week.

Thank You,

Wayne C. Strobel

These are the two videos I have seen from the Pittsburgh National:

<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/show/latest-video/video-3691317-national-train-collectors-association-convention-opens/>

<https://youtu.be/IUTJF7QfYjg> Paul Zelinger



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TCA Convention Special Runs

Train Date	East Bound	Due to Depart
June 28th	TCA 25th Anniversary Presidential Special Presented to Lou Redman	6:00PM
June 29th	N&W J611 Pocahontas Limited	4:00PM
June 30th	Stomper and Friends <small>World Renowned Stomper will grace us with his presence</small>	4:00PM
July 1st	Pennsylvania Railroad Congressional with Gold Standard GG-1	Noon

Daily Trains

6/28	Steam, Electric, Passenger & Freight	1-4PM 6-7:30PM
6/29	Steam, Electric, Passenger & Freight	10AM-5PM
6/30	Steam, Electric, Passenger & Freight	10AM-5PM
7/1	Steam, Electric, Passenger & Freight	9AM-2PM

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:

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES

FOR Jan.-Mar. 2018 TROLLEY

December 10, 2017

National Capital Trackers at the Armed Forces Retirement Home

What a stunning professional effort we put on for the Residents and Staff of the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH.) Everyone I spoke with was so pleased. The clatter of running trains, the villages and towns/factories along the train tracks, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) ladies there with punch/cookies and comforting chat, the train magazines reminding all the trains of the past and present, the nearby great chow and the five lunch tickets provided by the Home, all together make a fine two-day exciting event for our vet heroes.

Be so very proud: we made a difference. Administer Shaun Servais and his staff were clearly caught up in all the excitement of the train days.

I'm proud to announce that Tracker Bill Knapp has volunteered to take over the duties of the Trackmaster for the National Capital Trackers (NCT) at the AFRH. Bill has long experience in trains, modular layouts and teamwork. He knows our event very well. We are very lucky to have Bill on the team. Bill has been driving down from Kennett Square, PA for the event (he stays with a friend while here.) Bill's modules were on the front/right side of the layout from the Community Center entrance door. I am honored to have been asked to remain as liaison between the NCT and the AFRH and hope to be around for many more events.

The alternate facts about the 11:59 AM start of running trains on the Tracker railroad were that the patrons on the 1929 Blu Comet Party Express Train to Atlantic City guzzled all the cold gin before starting time and pulled the emergency rope stopping progress. The engineer was hot and it took time to replenish the "liquid courage" supply. Truthfully, we had a combo of electric shorts one of the 90 Degree corners. It mystified us as everything checkout during inspection. Chick and Dr. Bill removed that one part corner and its same-sized companion from the opposite corner of the layout and replaced them with two-part corners. Good that we had a spare set with us. Sorry for the delay.

We are all thrilled about the special donation AFRH resident, Roger Polhemus. gave the National Capital Tracker Club. His check of \$1000 dollars will help us immensely with operations, repairs and new Club equipment. Additionally, a fellow saw the AFRH video's by Bill Hakkarian on O-Gauge Railroading web site and wants to make a donation.

At this time, there are 380 residents in the complex. This number goes up and down depending on the situation. I believe the max is 800 residents. We operate in the Community Center of the Scott building. This is a huge well lit room located next to the chow hall, so our vets can eat and then visit us. Perfect. They even had recording of Elvis playing during our event. Did I mention how good the chow was? Did all find the ice cream/frostee bar in the back corner of the chow hall?

We held a post-event (hot wash) meeting right after the event closed (Me with Roger and Constance) This was followed by a Tracker Team dinner at the Hitching Post.

The outcomes:

We suggested that we change the hours of the two days. We watched how the residents attended and think we could serve better by:

Day 1: Operating 10:00AM-4PM (We are most happy for the Residents to visit us as we are assembling the show on the first morning. They are always fascinated by all the "magic work" that gets accomplished and how quickly things jump into place.) Constance has agreed to this.

Day 2: 9AM to 3PM. (we promise to have something operating until 3PM for the late arrivals.) Constance agreed.

We would like to get the event for 2017 scheduled. We and the AFRH prefer late March/early April time frame. Possible dates?

The group would like to change to a weekend event and the staff said this would be possible but we need to get it on the calendar of events. Weekends fill up quickly so we need to decided what weekend options are best for us and coordinate with AFRH to get on the AFRH schedule. The weekend would be much better for us traveling to and from the event and it would make it more available to other Trackers who do not have the options of participating on a weekday. The DAR ladies also though this would be a better option for them as they have many ladies who are not available during the week to participate and would like to do the event. Residents would have more free time to enjoy the trains. The staff said they did not see an issue as we are very self-sufficient.

Based on the Administrator's question, the AFRH will lock the doors to the Community Center the night we leave the leave things in place (we have had absolutely no problems with security any time).

Pastor John came by to check on us and stayed quite a while chatting with all and playing trains with my pre-war Lionels. He discovered rather quickly the big adult fingers don't function well on tiny Lionel 1923-1936 latch couplers! Lionel stated that the couplers were much improved from the old-style hook couplers. (Not necessarily true as I have the dickens of a time making them work as well.) Golly he was such a pleasure to be around.

Team, please get your photos in to Mike Fistere and myself. Copies need to go to Constance as well for distribution at the Home.

I wanted to make special mention of the coffee and donuts provided by the food service folks. Most welcome and particularly after a harrowing ride in. We might reduce the number of doughnuts to help us keep the event from broadening us.)

Isn't it great to have the DAR ladies involved!! They add class to the event and a welcomed listening ear to our vets. Whatta great team!!

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trains

Liaison to AFRH: Clem Clement, 703-830-5597
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Mike Smith: running trains

Phil Barbara: running trains

Mike Fistere: 4 Modules and running trains

Chuck Pestacchi: 2 Modules and running trains

Bill Hakkarinen: 4 Modules and running trains

Martin Dougherty: 1 Module and running trains

Jim McDermott: Running trains

Geezer Gate: 1 module equivalent. The gate lets us
old folk enter the layout area without crawling under the
tracks.)

Total: 22 modules (In 2016 we had 14 modules)

DAR

Washington Chapter: Janet McFarland, Regent
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DC Chapter: Beverly Tomb,
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Comments from all:

Early in the show, a Vet came in and was talking
about trains of his youth. I gave him a repainted Lionel
807 caboose to hold. The mist of good times long ago
came across his face. He handled the little toy with kid-
glove hands expressing that he had a highly valuable item
in his hands and it was: A link to the days of yore and the
good times. A toy like perhaps those of his childhood and
therefore something to cherish and remember his youth.
Clem

Several residents mentioned the old trains and still
have them packed away somewhere. Another thread was
that a neighbor had better trains than they did (Ronnie
and David in my neighborhood had much better trains
than I. One shared and one did not.) Early in the show, a
Vet came in and was talking about trains of his youth. I
gave him a repainted Lionel 807 caboose to hold. The
mist of good times long ago came across his face. He han-
dled the little toy with kid glove hands expressing that he
had a highly valuable item in his hands and it was: A link
to the days of yore and the good times: A toy like those
of his childhood and therefore something to cherish and
remember good times long way back in his memory.

Thank you, Clem, for organizing this again, and thanks
to all the Trackers for setting up such an amazing show.
You really captivate the residents!

I loved having a chance to chat with so many of them,
especially two WWII veterans who were sharp as can be
and walking without even a cane! Harry F. Miller (88) told
me all about the Sherman M4 Tank that he served in, us-
ing the model that was part of the train scenery towards
the right as you came in. And Miriam Rivkin (94), a WAC
from Tulsa, OK, served in a photo lab in Calcutta as part of
the Burma-India campaign.

A really special event!

Beverly Tomb

Good Morning NCT Members,

Glad this was a successful visit for use, I know our
Residents enjoyed it. We look forward to what next year
brings and open to any new ideas you may have.

I understand our Administrator (Shaun Servais) got
caught up with some of the train buzz also..

Again thanks for coming out and providing a spark
from the past for our Residents!

Ron Kartz

Chief, Resident Services

Armed Forces Retirement Home-W

202-541-7620

Thank you all again for your dedication to our Veter-
ans and for continuing the National Capital Trackers tradi-
tion here at AFRH. We truly appreciate you. I have
attached Robert onto this email so that he can have the
information you provided. Thank you!

Constance Maziel

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See you all next year,
Clem Clement
Trackmaster Emeritus

**WB&A Member
Business Meeting**

When: Nov. 4, 2017
Where: Marley Station Mall
7900 Gov. Richey Highway
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, Election of
Officers, Upcoming Events,
Open Discussion.



View from the Observation Car

By George Tsakiris

Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway

A great feature about living in the WB&A area are the number of railfanning attractions that are a short distance away. Over Labor Day weekend several friends decided to take a railfanning trip to Jim Thorpe Pennsylvania to ride the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway (LGSR). The road trip is about 3+ hours each way but could easily be turned into a weekend stay.

We were looking at several possible destinations but the LGSR was running steam that weekend and was the deciding factor. We were not disappointed.



425 Pacific type engine

This was no 10-mph ride on rickety track or a steam engine for show backed up by a diesel. This was the #425 hauling about a dozen cars up a grade with speeds in excess of 40 mph. We were in the open-air car (covered) and could hear the engine working!

The 16-mile roundtrip route takes us into beautiful Lehigh Gorge State Park. A bicycle/hiking trail parallels the tracks and the Lehigh River. This is beautiful scenery. The LGSR offer several Autumn Leaf Excursion tours and am planning on taking one in October.



Breathtaking Views of the Lehigh River

Along the route in the Lehigh River we often saw white water rafting and kayaking. Scenes like the one above was common on the trip.

Rolling stock includes traditional coaches and a gondola placed behind the tender. The gondola has two functions. First it serves as a great location for photographers to shoot the beautiful scenery (and the engine). The second purpose is to carry bicycles up the eight-mile (mostly) incline where you disembark and bike ride back, mostly downhill.



Open Air Car and Dave Eadie



View of gondola car with bicycles



Bike Trail

This trackage is part of the parent rail line, Reading Blue Mountain & Northern (a.k.a. Reading and Northern RR) which runs freight in several eastern Pennsylvania counties. Some of their rolling stock could be seen on sidings.



Reading & Northern diesel



Trackage on both the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway and Reading & Northern Railroad have their lineage from the Lehigh Valley Railroad and the Central of New Jersey. They currently have regular RDC car service runs from Reading to Jim Thorpe.

The Town of Jim Thorpe is known as the "Switzerland of America" as it is nestled between mountains. The rail station was built in 1888 in the Queen Anne style (like Point of Rocks). The town has several attractions, restaurants, and activities. In the 19th century the town would see over 30,000 visitors in a year. The other source of wealth for the community was coal; the town is located in Carbon County.



Rail station in Jim Thorpe

This was a fun and long day trip. The railfanning was first rate, the scenery magnificent, and I'm going back for a weekend soon.



Upcoming Events

Oct. 18, 2017	National Toy Train Museum Open House
Oct. 19-21, 2017	Eastern Division York Fall Meet
Oct. 28, 2017	Vienna Fire Hall, Vienna, VA
Nov. 4, 2017	WB&A Business Meeting, Marley Station Mall
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!!!

Ray Frederick

Crownsville, MD



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 Glen Burnie Marley Station Mini Meet.

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If your WB&A membership card doesn't have a grey "17" on one side, you probably have not renewed your membership. If you have not paid your dues for 2017, please fill out the renewal form below and return to the address below with \$18 for 2017 and include a self addressed stamped envelope. Please help us update the membership roster and dues through 2017 before we begin collecting dues for next year. If you do not wish to continue your membership please let us know why. We do not want to lose any of our fellow members and friends.

Thank you in advance.

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Signature _____

Return with Self Addressed Stamped Envelope & a check / money order for \$18/year, payable to WB&A. Mail to: Bill Moss, 6929 Standish Drive, Hyattsville, Md 20784. Please contact me at 301-322-9080 or trainman027@yahoo.com with any questions. Thanks.

Toy Train Show & Sale

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

Saturday, October 28, 2017

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)

VIENNA FIREHOUSE

400 Center Street South, Vienna, VA 22180

Directions: I-95 to 495 West. Go west on Rt. 66 and take the Nutley Street exit northbound towards Vienna. Turn right onto Rt. 123 (Maple Ave. West). Turn right onto Center Street South to Firehouse on the left. Unloading at side entrance to Firehouse. Free parking behind Firehouse.

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NOTE: Table set-up will be available on Friday, Oct. 27, from 2 – 6 pm. Otherwise, starting Sat. at 7 am

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Detach Here
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VIENNA FIREHOUSE MEET: Oct. 28, 2017

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I agree to abide by all rules of the Association (TCA), including those of its Divisions, Chapters, and Committees that may be in place from time to time.

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Vienna Meet

October 28, 2017

Vienna Fire Hall
400 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180

9:00 AM To 2:00 PM

Plenty of fun including:

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- 2017 Drawing item on display and tickets available.
- Free Parking
- Free Train Appraisals



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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WB&A Business Meeting

When: November 4, 2017

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.
- Coffee and Donuts
- The Train Garden contains numerous detailed layouts as well an operating slot car track and a LEGO Layout.
- Lunch will be served
- Enter on the left side of the Mall by the Sears store
- Free Parking



HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF OPERATING A MAINLINE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE?

Daily, High-speed, Steam-commuter trains returned to service on May 15, 2017, in Wolsztyn, Poland. The Wolsztyn Experience – The World's Greatest Steam Training Program – is back on track. There is more to Wolsztyn than just photos and train riding. It is the home of the "Wolsztyn Experience;" the best place in the world for a steam fan wanting to experience the exhilaration and thrill of learning to operate and fire high-speed steam locomotives. Admittedly, that is a bold statement. But consider these facts: In the past twenty years, Wolsztyn Experience student-engineers and student-fireman have logged over two million miles in the cab. These are real trains with commuters that rely on tight schedules being maintained. On the summer specials, speeds sometime reach or exceed 70 miles an hour with five to seven-car trains being pulled by a 2-8-2. Although railfans come from all over the world, the vast majority are from Great Britain because the Wolsztyn Experience is a British, non-profit organization and because most of their advertising is placed in British railfan magazines.

In the Wolsztyn Experience, the typical student comes to Wolsztyn for four to seven days. Their total mileage is typically from 250 to 500 miles; half as a student-engineer and half as a student-fireman. Not interested or capable of firing? No problem; firing is optional. Just sit back, enjoy the scenery and operate the injector (used to put water in the boiler). Their popular 440-mile package offers about 20 hours of cab time. If you are on a business trip or family vacation to Great Britain or Europe, consider coming to Wolsztyn for one, two or three days. They can design a special package to fit your unique needs and time constraints. Can't speak Polish? No problem; the very capable engineer-instructors will guide you through the process.

Red Signals, however, are on the horizon for the Wolsztyn Experience. The governing officials, in the face of overwhelming public support, decided to extend the high-level subsidies until the summer of 2018 after which the subsidies will decrease each year resulting in fewer and fewer steam miles. By the year 2020, the steam program will likely be a mere shadow of what it is now.

The Wolsztyn Experience is going out with a bang! With just a little more than twelve months remaining, the Wolsztyn Experience steam training program is now accepting reservations for both 2017 and 2018. In mid-June of this year, the Wolsztyn Experience celebrated its 20th Anniversary with three days of special trains including side-by-side running, a two-train race, a freight train, parallel departures and a photo run-by of two trains passing in opposite directions with a closing speed of over 100 miles-an-hour! On Saturday evening, a large party was held for 65 past patrons, wives, Polish engineers and Wolsztyn Experience staff. It was capped-off with a fireworks display. Because the banquet and the special runs were so successful, they have decided to repeat this entire event in June of 2018.

Wolsztyn Experience reservations for Americans are

coordinated through their U.S. representative, Mr. Carl Franz of Gaithersburg, MD. You can book space any week of the year except for Christmas week. September and October are already heavily booked. They can design a visit to meet your unique time and cost constraints. Several weeks in 2018 have been blocked-out specifically for U.S. patrons (typically four to six people each week), including: "Parade Week," April 28 to May 5; The "Pirate Special" week, May 25 to June 2; and two overlapping "21st Anniversary Celebration" weeks, June 11 to 18 and June 15 to 23. For more information, an illustrated brochure, or to make reservations, please contact Carl Franz at: cmfrr@aol.com and 240-720-8686 (H) and 301-943-0608 (Cell).

Candidates for WB&A Office

Arnold (Arne) Meyrow
Candidate for WB&A's **Vice President**
for the 2018-19 Term

Hi, my name is Arne Meyrow. My wife Mary and I live in Alexandria, VA. We have two grown children and six grandchildren. We are fortunate to have them, and their families, living in Northern Virginia. Our 3 oldest grandsons are been entranced by my O gauge ceiling layout and both of the O gauge layouts I've set up for them in our downstairs family room. After 40 years as a college and then a public school teacher and administrator, I retired from the Arlington schools in 2005. As I taught audio/video production, I also have a sub-chapter S Corporation that produces film, video, audio, and Power Point presentations. I joined the TCA in 2009 and WB&A in 2010. I love trains; from 1:1 scale to Z scale. Born in 1947, I vividly remember the day in 1952 that my dad walked through the door with a Lionel Scout set. I continued to "play" with Lionel trains through high school. Then, the same story most of us have had, I put them away for college, marriage, work, and kids. After completing my Doctorate in 1991 I decided to use to my newly found spare time to set up my old train set. I was hooked again. While I have a great deal of post war Lionel trains, I run a MTH Railking DCS layout in the ceiling of my home office. I have also re-discovered the new trains that Lionel has come out with.

My leadership skills have been honed as a media producer, classroom teacher, faculty leader, and the Coordinator of an academic program at the Arlington Career Center. After retiring I:

- Since 2008, I've volunteered for the Honor Flight Network (www.honorflight.org). Honor Flight flies veterans from all over the country, free of charge to them, into Washington to visit their monuments. I serve as a greeter, guardian, and tour guide. In addition, I now serve as an official ambassador for the DCA hub.
- Worked as a part-time facilitator of simulated space missions at the Challenger Center for Space Science Education (www.challenger.org), the memorial to the Challenger astronauts.
- Joined the Kiwanis Club of South Arlington (www.kiwanis.org). As the vice president, I also serve on its Board of Directors. I also lead their youth services initiative.

- Volunteer for my Temple's technology committee and consult on their distance learning initiative.
- I have served on the WB&A Board for the past two and have served as the Club's Vice President for the two years:
 - ◊ Most notably, I lead the initiative to oversee the design, construction, and setting up of the "S" gauge layout for Tom and Anne Lantry, with the help of Nada Boswell, Dan Danielson and Mike Ferrante (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=balou5yJQDo>)
 - ◊ I produced a video that documented last year's Club's excursion on the Norfolk Western 611. It is now up on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/f1NTIAtmITk>).
 - ◊ I videotaped, and will be editing, the Club's second "How to Session" on building scenery, taught by Dan Danielson, and Carol McGinnes' session on scratch building houses for your layout.
 - ◊ I've manned our table at York.
 - ◊ Helped with the set-up of our Annapolis show.
 - ◊ I am initiating a plan to help grow our club membership by increasing our profile with a 3 foot by 6 foot pop-up banner for use at our table at York and at our train meets. In addition, I have volunteered to update the aging banner we have and the signage we use to guide attendees to our meets.
- I would like to serve on the WB&A Board to:
 - ◊ Share my love of trains with others and help promote the discovery of our hobby to a new generation of model railroaders.
 - ◊ Step forward and do my part in seeing that the WB&A Chapter thrives and grows.
 - ◊ Meet and make new friends who share my interest in trains.
 - ◊ Learn more about model railroading from our membership and share some of my knowledge and experience in designing, building layouts, and running trains.

would also like to be part of and contribute to discovery of new ideas and opportunities for expanding the hobby using the many new opportunities of social media.

Thomas J. Salen
Candidate for Treasurer
112 Fardale St. SE
Vienna, VA. 22180
TCA #03-55628

Train Interests: Collecting and operating Postwar Lionel Trains

Current Position: Treasurer 2017

Past Positions:

- Vice President 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012,
- Board Member 2017, 2016, 2010, 2011
- Kids Corner Committee and the Registration Committee for the 2010 Convention in Baltimore, MD.
- Yearly volunteer at the Keenan Temple, Fairfax, Virginia Train Show.

Special Skills: Background in sales and marketing.

Chapter Goals: Promote and expand our hobby to a new generation of collectors and enthusiasts, increasing our membership by getting the parents and the young children who are seeing our hobby for the first time (or the first time since their childhood) more involved. I would welcome the opportunity to participate at a higher and more active level.

Nada Jean Boswell
Candidate for Secretary
Of the WB&A
TCA 09-63498

I am the current Secretary of the Board of Directors having served since January 2014.

I started going to York with my late-husband Skeeter in 1999, and now enjoy everything about the hobby and the many wonderful people I have met. I have his collection of post-war and some modern era trains.

I did some work with the Registration Committee for the 2010 Baltimore Convention which helped me become more involved with WB&A. The Convention was a huge undertaking by the club and the many dedicated members pulled together to provide a great event for TCA.

During my working years, I was in the banking industry; most of those years were spent in mortgage originations. The experience I bring includes research skills and a dedication to accuracy and customer service.

I would like to help find ways to encourage other members to be more active and to work with all members to seek out other train lovers to join us in our activities. I

John Buxton

Candidate for BoD of the WB&A

I live in Parkville, MD and am married to Margaret, my wife of 39 years. I have 3 grown children Claire, Katy, and Brook, and am a proud grandparent. I work now part time as an "American Picker" specializing in Toy Trains, Railroadiana, and Books.

I have been a TCA member since 1996 and a WB&A member since 2012, and have enjoyed it very much. I collect and operate DORFAN, and FANDOR trains, and have restored 10 DORFAN Engines to running condition. I also enjoy early most all Prewar Trains. This hobby was passed to me by my Dad and Grandfather, and I would pass it along to others. Currently, to do this I set up and operate a public Christmas Garden at Weber's Cider Mill Farm in Parkville from Thanksgiving to New Years.

My past organized train experience was as President, and later Treasurer of Railroad Passenger Cars, Inc which was a passenger train car leasing company in Baltimore at Camden station from 1969 to 1990. RRP provided passenger cars to the NRHS, Chessie Steam Special, Amtrak and others. I am also a long time member of the trolley museum.

I would very much like to continue to work and help WB&A TCA move forward, and see a growth in toy train collecting and operating in America.

My past leadership skills have come through my work career, RRP Passenger Car Leasing, and my Church.

One of the goals that I would like to achieve, while serving on the Board of Directors, is to bring a continued excitement and passion to the toy train hobby to the next generation. That means meeting people where they are so they can come to appreciate this educational and relaxing hobby.



WB&A CHAPTER TCA 2018-2019 ELECTION BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Vote for candidates by placing an "X" or "✓" in the box before their name **and/or** by writing in a member's full name.
2. Vote for only **1** President, **1** Vice President **1** Treasurer and **1** Secretary.
3. Vote for only **3** Board of Officers Directors.
4. Fill in your **WB&A** number in the appropriate space below. **Ballots without WB&A numbers will not be counted.**
5. Fold ballot and *mail in a separate envelope and affix 49¢ in postage and mail.*
6. Ballots must be postmarked on or before **October 21, 2017**. Counting of Ballots and announcement of winners at the Business/Swap Meeting November 4, 2017.
7. **BALLOTS ARE TO BE MAILED TO: COLLEEN HALL AT 474 CHEROKEE RUN ROAD, LINDEN, VA 22642**

WB&A Number: _____

Board Of Officers - Vote for One Position President

Write-In _____

Vice-President

Arnold [Arne] Meyrow

Write-In _____

Treasurer

Thomas Salen

Write-In _____

Secretary

Nada Boswell

Write-In _____

Board Of Directors - Vote for Three

John Buxton

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

Please note the President must have been or presently on the Board for the position.