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## "The Trolley"

### The Official WB&A Newsletter



WB&A Chapter - Eastern Division - Train Collectors Association  
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## Message from your WB&A Board

We hope you all had a great summer and found time to do the things you enjoy. As you all know, for the past 2 years we have not had a President leading the WB&A Chapter. This has made it very difficult on our board members taking on these responsibilities. Additionally, next year we will be without a Vice President as their term limits are up. **Please consider joining the board as our future requires these two important elected officers.** Elections will again be held this October.

Thanks all those who joined us for July 6th **BaySox minor league baseball game** at the Prince George's stadium. Although the game was cut short in the 5th inning due to weather, the BaySox won the game against the Harrisburg Senators. Mother nature provided the fireworks with thunder and lightning and tremendous downpours. We plan on doing it again next year. Thanks to Bill Moss and Bob Gray for leading this outing.

**The National Christmas Tree Railroad (NCTRR)** which displays around the National Christmas Tree in Washington DC between Thanksgiving and New Years needs our help. If you are interested in helping with setup and/or take down as well as helping during the season, please contact Clem Clement 703-830-5597; [clem.clement@cox.net](mailto:clem.clement@cox.net) or Dave Eadie 703-451-4149; [dbeadie@verizon.net](mailto:dbeadie@verizon.net) More information about this can be found within this newsletter. Please join us in this fun holiday activity !!

We have decided to not continue our **annual Vienna Firehouse Show**. During the last couple of years, we have experienced a drop off of member participants and public attendance. It was felt that there were too many other activities going on in Vienna which distracted from our show. The elevator made it increasingly more difficult getting up and down to the second floor. We thank the Vienna Firehouse staff for allowing us use of their hall the past 4 years. And lets not forget those egg sandwiches we enjoyed in the morning!! Thanks to all the members who helped us in the past.

**\*\*NOW SOME GOOD NEWS:** One of our members has arranged to have a new public show at the Bowie Knights of Columbus Lodge just outside the Washington beltway off Route 50. Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 2nd, 2019. Please mark your calendar and join us for this new show. A flyer and table request form are in this newsletter.

**\*\*IMPORTANT:** Elections are coming up. The current openings are: President and Vice President (you must have previously or currently serve on the BOD); There are three Board of Directors positions that will be up for the October election with terms expiring at the end of 2021. Ballots will be mailed out separately the 1st of October and must be



# Treasurer's Report as of Aug. 31, 2019

By Tom Salen

The Chapter's financial activities for Jan. 1, 2019-Aug. 31, 2019 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, 2019           \$30,052.38  
Check Book Balance - Aug. 31, 2019       \$30,332.31

Significant Activities Jan. 1, 2019 thru Aug. 31, 2019

	Expenses	Revenue
Annapolis Show 2019	3080	3451
Membership Dues 2018	428	3210
Membership Dues 2019	100	2670
Membership Dues 2020		45
Membership Donations		770
Bowie Baysox Game	187	99
Newsletter 2019	612	
Mini Meets	295	
Kids Korner	281	281
Web Site/Facebook	680	
Train Set for Drawing	811	385
Miscellaneous Expenses	713	

**(BoD Message Cont'd)** returned by October 28th. Your vote is important; so please take a moment to fill out your ballot and mail it in.

This newsletter is our main medium we use to reach out to all our members and particularly those who are no longer able to join us at our club's functions. Paul is always looking for articles and pictures. If you have a story to tell or pictures of your layout or visited an interesting place, please do contact Paul at pul-lenp@gmail.com.

Thanks again for being part of WB&A and participating in our club's activities.



# 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 Meets.
- 6 Receive quarterly the WB&A Newsletter
- 7 Access to the chapter facebook page-  
[www.facebook.com/wba.chaptertca](http://www.facebook.com/wba.chaptertca)
- 8 Share in the excitement of the Toy Train
- 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 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**Sunday November 11, 2018**

**Baltimore Streetcar Museum**

**1901 Falls Road,**

**Baltimore, Maryland**

Meeting Start Time: 10:30 am

Meeting End Time: 12.30 pm

### Present

A quorum being determined, the meeting was called to order by Tom Salen WB&A treasurer.

### OLD BUSINESS

Secretary's report –Tom Salen updated the group on Nada Boswell's condition. There was a motion to accept the minutes made to accept the minutes as written, seconded and unanimously approved.

### Treasurer's Report – Tom Salen

Tom presented the Treasurer's Report and reviewed recent WB&A events including the Bowie Baysox outing, Vienna Mini Meet, and Walkersville Train Ride. He reported on our newsletter cost and the train set drawing,

### Veterans' Day Observance – John Buxton

The meeting was interrupted exactly at 11:00 am to observe Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) honoring military veterans who served in the United States

Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. Thanks to John Buxton for leading the group in this observance.

#### **Membership Report – Bill Moss**

Bill Moss presented the membership report. As of this date there are 236 WB&A members.

#### **Eastern Report – Dave Eadie**

Dave Eadie reported that the TCA York show is drawing between 10,000 and 11,500 attendees but show is losing money. A number of changes are being considered by the TCA Board including entry fee adjustments and show format. A major advertising initiative is under consideration by TCA.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Vienna Meet – Tom Salen**

The Vienna Meet was held on October 6 at the Vienna Firehall. The Board is considering a new location since the Vienna location presents challenges with parking and general congestion in the area.

##### **Annapolis Meet – Skip Lee**

Skip Lee reported that the National Capital Trackers model railroad organization will participate in the 2019 Annapolis meet to be held on February 24. He reported that he show is presently 44% sold without any advertising. The Annapolis Capital newspaper will cover the event again this year. There is a critical need for volunteers to assist with the registration table at this event. A suggestion was made to provide every child attending with train related gift.

##### **Counting of Ballots and Election Results – Bob Heine**

Ballots were open and counted at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum by observers John Buxton, Bob Heine and an independent non-Board member volunteer (Tim).

Bob Heine will keep all ballots and associated return envelopes long term at my home until instructed on what to do with them.

Official results are:

WB&A Board Members Elected

Michael Ackerman

Skip Lee

Bill Moss

Eastern Division TCA Representative Elected

David Eadie

#### **Suggestions for Activities for the club members.**

Comments from WB&A members regarding the York

Show included expanding N-Scale and HO-Scale presence, creating of a digital listing of items for sale at the show, consideration of short-term and/or junior memberships in TCA, increased collaboration with other train clubs and clubs dedicated to the collection of things other than trains such as model cars. Another suggestion was to provide vendors with an extra table for a mini-layout so that there would be more train action for attendees. These mini layouts might compete for prizes with the winners selected by show attendees. Bob Gray requested that members go to the WB&A website and provide comments regarding content and format.

A motion was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

### ***NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE RR RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS***

Since 1994 the unpaid volunteers of the National Christmas Tree Railroad (NCTRR) construct and operate a Large-Scale model train display around the base of the National Christmas Tree. The current display is comprised of over a thousand feet of track and features trains, trolleys and villages." The National Christmas Tree is located on the Ellipse, just south of the White House. For 2018, the trains ran daily during park hours following the tree lighting ceremony on November 28th through New Year's Day. Operations may be suspended in the event of severe weather.

We are recruiting new younger members! Working at the National Tree at Christmas time is one of the most thrilling and important jobs I have ever had!! Here's why:

--- The National Christmas tree is located in the power center of the known universe: behind the White House.

-- We are the volunteer team that sets up 11 loops of



large-scale track and 4 villages. This is a "Must Visit" scene at Christmas time in old DC. A large Menorah is erected near the Tree and lit at the appropriate times.

---Visitors from all over the world come to visit the Tree, the 50 state and territorial trees on scene and see the trains.

Our trains and villages are stored by the park authority. They are moved to the Tree area by a contractor, who also decorates the Tree. After they are finished, we gather Thanksgiving weekend to set up the train tracks and bridges, villages and test all wirings and house lightings. Such fun which needs hard workers with strong backs and energy. We need help during set up and take down, as well as, the twice daily trips to the Tree. In the morning start up the trains by 10 AM and at night we park the trains in place by 10 PM. We do not monitor the layout during the day. During the daily visits, tracks are cleaned, trash is picked up and visitors are greeted. Member's vehicles receive parking access. Rest rooms are available as is food at a nearby restaurant. Please help save the NCTRR fun group.

**IF WE CAN'T FIND HELP, THIS WILL BE OUR LAST YEAR IN OPERATION.**

Contact Clem Clement PH 703-830-5597;  
clem.clement@cox.net or Dave Eadie PH 703-451-4149;  
dbeatie@verizon.net

***Exciting News about Bowie!***

Dear WB&A Members:

What a wonderful opportunity we had in February to host many, many members of the Annapolis Community at our show. We were busy all day and enjoyed sharing our hobby with those who were interested. Our table vendors offered great deals and our parts vendor assisted friends with getting their items back in running order.

As we set our sights forward, we have some very exciting news to share. This November 2, the WB&A chapter will host a show in Bowie Maryland at the Knights of Columbus. Early table reservations are promising, and we hope our membership will be equally inspired. WE NEED YOUR HELP! With this being a new show in a new location with a new community to draw from, it will be more important than ever to "get the word out"! We will be using our e-mail distribution lists to share flyers and table reservation forms for you to put up on your social media or at the local grocery store or library.

The show opens to WB&A membership on Friday evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm free of charge. You get an early peek at all the table holders have to offer before the

public enters the show on Saturday morning at 9:00am. We intend to keep the show open until 3:00 in the afternoon but will play that by ear depending on the crowd and sales. Please be our Guest. It would be great to see as many of our friends come out and support the efforts of the chapter to perpetuate our love of the hobby and share the stories with new friends. You know, by definition, strangers are just friends we haven't met yet so join in the fun and come play in Bowie.

Interested in having a table or two, please reach out to Karl Tashenberger or Skip Lee for more information. Do you have a mechanism for promoting the show? Please feel free to take the information found in the flyer and push it out to whomever you feel needs to have it. Thanks and we hope to see you.

**ANNAPOLIS 2020!**

Not to get too far past ourselves, we wanted to let everyone know that the plans for the Annapolis Show set for Sunday February 23rd from 9:00-3:00. At the conclusion of our 2019 show, we asked table holders to give us early reservations and feedback to make the 2020 show even better. With that information and more the 50% of the show already sold, we are very optimistic about the success of this year's efforts. Again, if you as a Member of the WB&A Chapter are interested in selling some of your unwanted/unneeded train related items, please feel free to let Bob Ferguson or Skip Lee know. WE reserve the right to afford members the opportunity to have tables before non-members. Please note: in the end, we want a sell-out show so please do not hesitate to let us know you are interested and how many tables you want.

As always, we can use a hand transforming the Elks Hall from a Salt-Water Fishing Show to a Train Show. If you are able to assist us beginning at 4:00pm on Saturday, February 22nd with cleaning up and setting up tables, please do. The more hands we have the easier the work is. More information about this show will follow.

Skip Lee



## Historian's Corner

Once upon a time, a long, long time ago? Time has a way of getting away from us all. My dad's favorite song was "Sunrise, sunset" in which the lyrics go on to say "swiftly fly the years."

In August, 1965 the WB&A Chapter of Eastern Division held its second general meeting. It was a two day event, August 20 and 21, with a general meeting and sales tables. The location was the Edmondson Village Hall on Edmondson Avenue in Baltimore. You can go to <https://baltimoreheritage.org/redline/edmondson-village/> and see a picture of the Edmondson Village Shopping Center in June, 1962. This classic shopping center was just down the road from the Village Hall, which sat at the west end.



*Edmondson Village, June 1962*

The shopping center was touted for its department store, movie theater, and "a number of fine shops." The shopping center has been rebuilt over the years, but is still an integral part of the community. The Village Hall location is occupied by a Shell Gas station.

Dues paying member were included on the WB&A Mailing List following the meeting. Notices of all the WB&A meetings and activities were posted in TCA publications.

Directions were given in detail and traffic issues were noted.

First Come – First Served tables were available. Paid in advance tickets were \$2 and at the door tickets were \$3.

A very interesting note closes the application. It says "Closing time: When last member leaves!

How many of you were at, or remember, this meet? Let me know.

*Yours in Train-ing!*

*Carol R. McGinnis, TCA# HE95-41066*

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## Membership Moments by Bill Moss

As we transition from Summer to Fall we begin to concentrate more on our train hobby and our WB&A membership. Unfortunately 2 of our members have died. Please remember Greg Laszcynski and Brian Reilly in your prayers. Also, we have not gained any new members recently.

Once again, as begun last year, we sent reminder letters to those who had not paid their 2018 dues inviting them to renew their membership by July 31. Those who did not reply or pay their dues by that time were removed from the membership list. Therefore, as of September 7, 2019 our total membership has decreased to 228. At this time 157 members have paid their 2019 dues and 5 members have paid their 2020 dues. If you do not have the "19" sticker on your WB&A card you may use the Renewal Application in this Trolley to bring your dues up to date. The 2020 stickers are also available by using the Renewal Application. The dues are only \$15.00 per year. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope when mailing in your dues. Thank you.

We encourage all of our members to come out to our shows and events. We had a great time at the Bowie Baysox baseball game in July. Please look for a report on that game by Bob Gray in this Trolley. This was our second year for this trip and we hope to make it an annual event. The WB&A would like to organize more trips next year such as the Walkersville train ride last year. If you have any suggestions for WB&A trips please contact any of the WB&A Board members with your suggestions. That's all for now. Enjoy your trains with family and friends. See you at York.



## 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 Jan.-Mar. 2020 TROLLEY**

**December 10, 2019**



**WB&A CHAPTER 2019  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / NEW APPLICATION**

Please return the following dues with **Self Addressed Stamped Envelope** and a check / money order payable to WB&A  
Chapter : **2019 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](mailto:trainman027@yahoo.com) with any questions

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***Don't miss out on the chance to win the WB&A Drawing for a MTH Imperial Southern Crescent 4-6-2 PS4 Steam Engine with 7 Southern passenger cars.***



***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.***



# ***View from the Observation Car***

***By George Tsakiris***

## **Almost Heaven.....Cass WV**

*Note: Folks going through my archives realized that I have been writing this column for ten years! Hope you have enjoyed the articles. My very first article was about the Wilmington, NC Railroad Museum.*

One place that has been on my railfanning list for a long time is the Cass Scenic Railroad in Cass, WV. Finally got to visit over a recent weekend. Actually, visited two railroads in one trip, the Cass Scenic Railroad which climbs to over 4,800 feet up to Bald Knob with a spectacular scenic overlook and the Durbin and Greenbrier Railroad through the Monongahela National Forest (the subject of a future article).



*Cass Scenic Railway Shay engine #2 built in 1928. Note all wheels are geared.*

Cass WV was a company town started in 1901 by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company. From the beginning until its closure in 1960, the saw mill produced 1.25 billion board feet of lumber! Logging worked its way up the mountain for the highly valued red spruce trees.

The Shay engine hauled loggers, equipment, and provisions up and logs coming down to the saw mill. Loggers, mostly immigrants, typically went up for a week or two mostly living in camps, before coming back to town. We went up the mountain (a 4.5 hour round trip) in August and it was cold on top! Can't imagine living there 24 x 7 in the winter.

There are actually two types of excursions from Cass, one all the way to the top to Bald Knob and another shorter trip (about two hours) about half way up to Whittaker. Did I mention that both trips go through two switch-backs? Very cool, especially when we were on the way up and another train was waiting to come down. The switching is done very quickly.



*View from Bald Knob – in full panorama you would see West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland.*

The Shay and the sound of a Shay are unique among all engines. A typical engine deals with inclines/declines of 2 – 5 degrees and that greater slope may require a helper engine. On this trip the Shay pushed/pulled 5 cars with inclines typically around 8 degrees up to 12 degrees! Of course what you gain in traction you lose in speed. A Shay top speed is around 12 MPH. So the engine is working hard, goes slow but oh the slope!

Also, our lunch was delivered during a connection at Spruce by a train out of Elkins, WV. The other train was headed by a (rare) EMD BL2 in Western Maryland livery!



*Connection at Spruce with the Western Maryland BL2.*



*Taking on fresh stream water stored in an old Shay boiler.*

The views are spectacular. The ride fabulous. The air up the mountain is so clean and sweet...almost heaven!



## ***The George Bennie Railplane by Bob Gray***

In 1921 George Bennie, a Scottish inventor applied for a patent for a suspended monorail system. His patent was granted in 1923 and by 1930 a prototype was constructed over a railroad siding near Glasgow. He called his invention the Railplane.



My curiosity was peaked. I wondered, "Has anyone modelled Bennie's Railplane?"



A search of the Internet, turned up the work of modeler, David Argent.

Based on Bennie's designs, Argent created a Railplane that was integrated with his model railroad. An interesting video on David's layout is available on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PshOm4m15q0>

Bennie's idea was to separate fast passenger traffic from the slower freight trains running on conventional tracks. He thought, "Why not create a track suspended above the ground that supported an electrically-powered, propeller-driven Railplane which would travel cheaply and speedily from city to city?"

To encourage financial backing for his plans, Bennie built a test track supported by steel girders, 426 feet long, 30 feet above the ground and with a small station from

which passengers entered the cigar-shaped carriage. Diesel electric motors propelled the vehicle to the end of the test track and back again. He produced brochures touting his sleek passenger car with propellers at the front and rear, suspended from the rails above. He contended that track laying costs would be reduced by 50% and that the Railplane's top speed of 150 mph would enable it to climb over hills, eliminating the need for tunneling.



His train featured carpets and comfortable chairs. There was electric lighting and windows with curtains. He even contrived a double breaking system that would stop the train if there was an obstruction ahead.

At first, Bennie's Railplane garnered the interest of the public and some financial backers. He was awarded a gold medal at the Industrial Exhibition in Edinburgh in 1922 for his innovative design. However by 1936 the Great Depression and the impending World War dampened interest in the Railplane and Bennie was ousted from the Board of Directors of the company he had started.

He continued to "dream big" designing a combination passenger service and desert irrigation system between the River Nile and the Dead Sea. His prototype Railplane and its structure were demolished for scrap in 1956. Bennie died the following year.

But if Mr. Bennie were alive today, he would be buoyed by the monorails now operating in the Magic Kingdom and the Epcott Centre at Disney World in Florida. Today there are operating monorail systems in 25 countries.



Recently the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential impacts of constructing and operating a high-speed superconducting magnetic levitation (SCMAGLEV) system between Washington, DC and Baltimore.

Headlines such as: "From D.C. To Baltimore in 15 Minutes" and "Incredible 311-mph maglev would make trip to Baltimore in 15 minutes," hold out the prospect of amazing things to come.

There are a number of commercially available monorail sets available for railroad hobbyists. One O gauge collector posted a video of his layout that includes a Disney Monorail Set.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRNRAL1LtkA>



Of particular interest is the excellent work of Lutz Heilscher who has developed beautiful models of HO and N gauges. Below are two pictures of his work.



Combining traditional model trains with monorail systems, as David Argent did, adds an element of uniqueness and authenticity that has the potential to grab the attention of model railroaders, young and old.



*Our Gang at the Bowie Baysox Game.*



### **GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

When: November 2, 2019  
Where: Knights of Columbus  
6111 Columbian Way  
Bowie MD 20715

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Please come for the meeting  
and then stay for the show.

Agenda: Officer reports, Eastern  
Division report, Upcoming  
Events, Open Discussion.,  
Elections

Members are welcome as guests

## WB&A Luau Night at the Ballpark

By Bob Gray

A surprise thunderstorm shortened the 2019 WB&A baseball outing, but the Bowie Baysox team did achieve a 3-1 victory over the Harrisburg Senators in five innings in front of 4,588 at Prince George's Stadium.



Luau Night at the ballpark featured hula dancing and live Island music and performances by Meki's Tamure and Fire Knife Dancers. In addition, the first 500 fans at the stadium received a Baysox Luau T-Shirt.

An enthusiastic group of WB&A members and guests gathered on one of the few cool evenings of the summer to participate in America's Past-time and enjoy each other's company. The Bowie Baysox, a minor league affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, scored two runs in the first inning on a home run by D.J. Stewart. The Baysox other run came in the fifth inning, just as wind and rain swept into the stadium.

Seeking shelter in the covered mezzanine, the group took advantage of the break from baseball to visit with one another and enjoy some refreshment. It is always fun to share some informal time with fellow train collectors.

A big thanks to Bill Moss for organizing another fun outing at the Prince George's Stadium. The stadium located near the intersection of U.S. Route 301 and U.S. Route 50 has been host to the Minor League All-Star Game twice, the United States Congressional Baseball Game, lacrosse tournaments, car shows, yard sales, concerts, and movie nights. The Baysox operate a drive-in theater in the stadium's left-field parking lot during the Baysox' road trips.

Keep an eye out for information about next year's WB&A Night at the Ballpark. It is a fun event.

## Berryville 2019

Quite a fine day for us tromping thru the dust and cool weather looking a wonderful at the necessities and other junk under a light breeze and no stress and strain of day-to-day life. I loved every second of the plan. Jim Gray, Benny Leonard, James Kolody, Dave Eadie (train bud), Dan Danielson and I were ready for a Steam day.

Here is what I saw and felt: Great comradery amongst us having a boy's day out at the famous Shenandoah Valley steam show. Each played his part well and we all felt better for the exercise and friendship.

We left my place at seven AM semi-sharp and headed for Dan Danielson's home with Jim driving my repaired van; operational now after repairing some significant damage from a crash in April. Out of Dan's after a stop for necessity and enjoying a final look at Dan's fine 28 Model A Ford Tudor (She is heading for Ohio). Washington-bound I66 was plugged up with idling cars but west bound was clear as the big crash was upstream from us. We arrived at Berryville at 8:58 and commenced fleaing in the Swine Barn.



VP Luke showed up soon thereafter as did Bruce. (Bruce had reported earlier in the week that the past storms were gone and the grounds were dry and ready for us). The first thing I found that I needed was a tractor radio in a red case, I was counseled that I did not need such. Whattatheyno? I have an antenna on my truck, but no radio. Never mind that it probably does not work: It is the appearance of the possibilities of soothing love songs belching forth that is the thing.

At the best shed of the show we found a plethora of treasures. Jim studied a brass carb but it was not up to his standards/needs. Dan found a nice place to rest and survey the entire scene of good stuff. There was a manikin with a full-size wedding dress on and with a 2-year-old child next to her! What a fun present that would be! Somewhere Benny found the \$1 tool pile. We need a cheap 5/8 open wrench to fix the Warhursts' 30 Fordor Model A. Luke found Benny a Ford brake wrench. Benny needed it.

To our horror the hot bean soup establishment was no mo! Turns out there is a new outfit in town and they have a food trailer with a kitchen and outside lash up for steam.

They have a permanent shed for sitting down souping family style. Everybody there is our friends so we compared stories and photos (one guy knew Jim Cross and sold him his white 1909 Buick). This chat time is so special to all of us. Not to be done in a rush or hostile. Let the stories flow!

King of Jack's junk was there by the old oak tree. He brings only of heavy tools and stuff. How he hauls all that stuff by himself I don't know. I was looking for the yellow mushroom jack he offered 2 years ago. Gone. He has 5 railroad jacks. Man, they are heavy!

A lady in the turkey shed has 4 hand carved critters. I love them. They're nicely carved and all with tops that opened. They were painted flat black. She had a turtle, chicken duck, and two other critters. I liked the chicken the best except it was a duck. Turned out that her hubby had painted all 4-flat black. Black is beautiful, but not on these "objects da art". I could not see the wood grain or inside the small holding area. There was a nice airplane model of a Ford B-24 on a stand that said P-47.

They also had 2 boxes of broken Ho trains, minus the loco and cars...A vendor had two spy cameras/ with big lenses which attracted no interest from us.

All in all, if you couldn't find something you needed, I don't know what you were looking for.

At 11:00 the soup was almost ready and we lined up. Pretty good soup we decided; for soup. Lots of thin stock on top, but plenty of white beans and ham in the soup. Raw onions made it perfect.

We were off at 1 PM to view the rarities that were to be auctioned off Saturday morning. Lawn mowers, junk, huge tires, junk, vacuum-less vacuums, junk, farm equipment and junk. Didn't get out of the truck; nothing deserved a closer look.

We were invited to Loretta and Bruce's for chat and snacks in their lovely home. This is a big deal and a long-looked forward to event to all of us; they are such gracious hosts.

Then off to take Dan to his Toy Trains and Collectable store and on back to my home.

(I'm just reading that an asteroid just whizzed by 43K miles from us. Glad it missed... I'm thrilled at that good stuff was not thrown up into the atmosphere by an asteroid hit!)

Clem Clement





## Upcoming Events

Oct 16, 2019	Open House, NTTM, Strasburg, PA
Oct 17-19, 2019	Eastern Division York Train Show
Oct 26 - 27, 2019	Timonium Great Scale Model Train Show
Nov 2, 2019	WB&A Bowie MD Toy Train Show
Nov 16—17, 2019	York Greenberg's Great Train and Toy Show
Nov 23, 2019	Havre de Grace Maryland Toy Train Show
Nov 30, 2019	Hagerstown Model RR Museum Model Train Sale
Dec 7 - 8, 2019	Greenbergs Great Train and Toy Show, Timonium
Dec 12, 2019	Arbutus Train Show
Feb 15 - 16, 2020	Greenberg's Great Train and Toy Show, Wilmington, DE
Feb 23, 2020	WB&A Train Show, Annapolis, MD



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### 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 Annapolis Show or the York Spring Meet.

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



## Do you use Facebook?

If so, try out our facebook page

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## Bowie Train Show

**November 2, 2019**

Knights of Columbus  
6111 Columbian Way  
Bowie, MD 20715

10:00 AM To 3:00 PM  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 am. Exclusive access for members.

For information, contact Skip Lee  
(ocbp55@comcast.net) or 443-618-6866  
Tables available now! Don't miss out on this  
well-established Show

Plenty of fun for the whole family including:

Trains for sale including Lionel, MTH, K-Line,  
American Flyer, Marx, Bachmann, etc.

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(Inventory subject to change).

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Multiple Operating Layouts.

**Train Repairs and Parts**

**Free Parking**

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**Free Train Appraisals**

**Lunch will be available at the Knights Lodge**





# WB&A CHAPTER – TCA presents a BOWIE, MD TOY TRAIN SHOW

*Saturday, November 2, 2019*

**At the Knights of Columbus Lodge!!**

*6111 COLUMBIAN DRIVE, BOWIE, MD 20715*

**Admission: \$5.00**

Children Under 12, Military, and WB&A Members Admitted Free.

**THE ONLY TRAIN MEET IN THE BOWIE AREA  
SHOW Opens at 9:00am & Closes at 3:00pm  
(8:00 am for WB&A members)**

**Directions: From Interstate 495 ( Beltway) North or South:**

Go Route 50 East toward Annapolis for approximately 8 miles to exit 13B North toward Crofton (rt 3/301 North). Go approx. one mile on 3/301, turn right on to Columbian Way. The lodge (Boswell Hall) is on right.

**Coming from South on Interstate 97 or from the Eastern Shore:**

Take Route 50 West to the exit toward Crofton Route 3/301 Go approximately one mile. Turn right on to Columbia Way. The Knights of Columbus building (Boswell Hall – Cardinal Room) is on the right.

**Plenty of fun for the whole family including:**

**Multiple Operating layouts**

The vast majority of Trains for sale will include Lionel, MTH, K-Line, American Flyer, etc. There will be Standard Gauge, O Scale, as well as some HO, and N gauge available.

There will be old and new trains and train accessories for sale.

On-site Train Repairs and

Train Parts available

Door Prizes

Free Parking

Delicious Food provided by the Knights of Columbus Lodge

Enjoy the sounds of operating Trains. Pick up and thing or two. Come out and make it a great day.



# NEW WB&A CHAPTER TCA TOY TRAIN SHOW



## Nov. 2nd, 2019

SHOW OPENS AT 9:00am & ENDS AT 3:00pm  
(WB&A Members may enter at 8:00 AM)



### at the Knights of Columbus Lodge (Boswell Hall) !!!

6111 Columbian Drive, Bowie MD 20715

Admission: \$5.00 - Children Under 12, Military, and WB&A Members Admitted Free.

**THE ONLY TRAIN MEET IN THE BOWIE AREA!**  
SHOW WILL BE ADVERTISED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA

**Directions:** From 495/95 take route 50 East toward Annapolis for approximately 9 miles to exit 13B North toward Crofton (RT 3/301 North). Go approx. one mile on 3/301, turn right on to Columbian Way. The lodge (Boswell Hall) is on right. From Annapolis, route 50 west, take RT 3/301 North to Crofton, turn right onto Columbian Way.

**PLEASE contact Skip Lee at [ocbp55@comcast.net](mailto:ocbp55@comcast.net) or call (443)618-6866 to reserve your table(s) AND send this reservation form with payment to:**

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Pasadena, MD 21122		Total Due: \$ _____

Number of WB&A Members Attending (Free Admission) \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to WB&A Chapter; reservations MUST be received by October 26, 2019 to guarantee a table. Badges and table assignments will be distributed at time of Show. You will receive an e-mail confirmation. Tables not occupied by 9:30 am on 11/2/19 may be resold. We request vendor not to breakdown till 2:45 pm. No refunds.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TCA# \_\_\_\_\_ WB&A# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Best phone number to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Set-up available Friday evening from 4 pm to 8 pm and Saturday morning starting at 6:00 AM  
SPECIAL NOTE: a special rate of \$89 per night for those wishing to stay at the local Comfort Inn !!  
(located at RT 50 and RT 301 - offer good through October 2nd - Phone 301-464-0089)

All vendors selling repro parts, etc. must have a Certificate of Compliance and display it at the show. Sorry, No refunds. By submitting this reservation, 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.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_