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## "The Trolley"

*The Official WB&A Newsletter*



WB&A Chapter - Eastern Division - Train Collectors Association

*Established 1964*

## President's Report

It's hard to believe it's Labor Day already! What happened to those dog days of Summer? Well, if you haven't been paying attention, you been missing out on the fun such as our outing to the Bowie Baysox baseball game, monthly coffee meetings and by the time this goes to press we will have had our first Arbutus show on September 9th.

Our monthly coffee and Trains has been picking up popularity every month with increased attendance, thanks to the efforts of Bob Gray. In August at the Silver Diner in Fairfax, we had 17 people show up! What a great, turn out! One of the discussions at breakfast was generated by who showed up in new WB&A club apparel.

Yes, thanks to Ron Edwards, club members are now taking advantage of our Lands' End club store. Just about anything you want you can get with our logo on it. I saw several different colored shirts, I heard stories about a few more different colors people had purchased. Myself being a traditionalist purchased my new shirt, in the official WB&A's colors of green and black. Please pick up a new WB&A shirt or jacket and show us your true colors!

As the fall season approaches, our calendar seems to be heating up. As I mentioned before our September Arbutus show is this coming weekend. Followed by coffee and Trains next Wednesday for the month of September. October, we (Carol McGinnis, social committee) is working on a possible train ride outing, to be determined. November 11, will be our mini meeting and election. December, we will be back in Arbutus as well as a possible outing to visit holiday Trains.

To keep informed, please follow us on our website and Facebook account, as well as our eblasts of the club's calendar with all of our new events! Election ballots should be out soon, please take a moment and vote for your board and officers.

I love to see everybody at all our upcoming events! Can't wait to see all the new club shirts and jackets, show me your colors!

Tom Salen

WB&A President





## Treasurer's Report as of 9/9/23

By Mike Ackerman

The Chapter's financial activities for Jan. 1, 2023 through Sep. 9, 2023 are summarized below. If you have any other questions or comments feel free to contact me at [mjackermn@gmail.com](mailto:mjackermn@gmail.com)

Check Book Balance – Jan. 1, 2023                      \$32,034.21  
Check Book Balance - Sep. 9, 2023                      \$31,711.20

Significant Activities Jan. 1, 2023 thru Sep. 1, 2023

	Expenses	Revenue
Arbutus 2022 Table Fee	12	90
Annapolis Train Meet 2023	2079	3105
Annapolis Train Meet 2023 pre-paid	109	
Arbutus Train Meet Sept. 2023	627	109
Arbutus Train Meet Dec. 2023	177	102
Social Committee		
Annapolis 2023 Banquet	1397	1215
Annapolis 2023 Banquet pre-paid	400	
Bowie Baysox Game	91	
Kid's Train Show at Trolley Museum	524	
Membership Dues 2022		30
Membership Dues 2022 Pre-paid*		2580
Membership Dues 2023		2025
Membership Dues 2023 Pre-paid*		750
Membership Dues 2024		150
Membership Dues 2024 pre-paid*		15
Membership Dues—2025		15
Membership Supplies	85	
Trolley (3 issues)		447
Web Site		
Election 2023	263	
Spring Member Meeting	1255	
Fall Member Meeting		
Board Meetings	84	
Good & Welfare	131	
Donations		15
Timonium Scale Show		
Zoom		
Bank Fee	7	
Credit Card Expense	63	



## 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 "The Trolley".
- 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 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 Minutes

JULY 19, 2023

WEBER'S CIDER MILL

Meeting Start Time: 11:00 AM

Meeting End Time: 1:55 PM

### In Attendance

**Present:** Tom Salen, John Buxton, Bob Gray, Chuck McGinnis, John Gomoljak, Bob Heine, Michael Ackerman, Ron Edwards and David Eadie

**Absent:** Charlie Doring

**Guests:** Carol McGinnis, Paul Pullen, Chris Gale, Ken Brown, Cindie Brown, Doug Campbell, and Stuart Hirsch, Bill Moss

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

### OPENING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. President's Report - Tom Salen

Tom Salen welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed activities including establishment of the WB&A Land's End Store. Ron Edwards shared information on how to purchase items with the WB&A logo from Land's End. The group expressed their gratitude for Ron's efforts to get this service available to WB&A members.

#### 2. Secretary's Report – Bob Gray

The minutes from the May 17, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed by BOD members. A request was made for additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report – Michael Ackerman

Michael reported that the Club's financial position is strong. He called attention to the expense of the most recent General Business Meeting. Tom Salen agreed that the



costs were too high and spoke about efforts to seek another venue and reduce the cost of the event. Mike also suggested that the WB&A should have benefitted to a greater extent from the Kid's Show. Tom Salen mentioned that we supporting the mission of the NCTM as a fellow organization. Chuck McGinnis suggested that we ask to use the NCTM Board room BOD meetings as a form of recompense for the profits NCTM gained from the WB&A Kid's Show. Bill Moss noted that we support other organizations. The Treasurer's Report for January 1, 2023 thru July 15, 2023 was distributed and reviewed and approved by the BOD.

#### 4. Membership Report –Bob Gray

Bob reported that we currently have 228 people on our official membership list, including 11 people who have not paid in almost 2 years that we are about to cut from our Membership list in November, leaving our active membership at 217. Of those 217, 178 have paid their 2023 dues, leaving 39 unpaid for 2023. Bob said that on September 1, he would send a mailing to the unpaid members from 2022 telling them they would be removed from our Membership list on November 1, 2023. Bob will also do a mailing to those who have not paid their 2023 dues. The BOD agreed to change the "cut-off" date from November 1 of the following year to March 1 of the year. We will publish this change in Trolley. Bob Gray share an example of a possible new format for WB&A membership cards that might streamline the responsibilities of the Membership Chairperson. He will come up with some cost information on this idea and some advantages and disadvantages of going to a new format.

#### 5. Social Committee – Carol McGinnis

Carol reviewed the updated WB&A Calendar, including our first Start Your Afternoon with WB&A at

A question was asked about the WB&A table at the October 2023 Timonium show. John Buxton said we have a table but no one to staff it at this time. We do put up signs and provide handouts. John suggest a Start Your Day w/ WB&A at Union Station in DC. Bob shared dates and sites for Start Your Day w/ WB&A through the end of the year. Carol spoke about details for the Anniversary Banquet to be held in Annapolis Saturday May 4, 2024 at 1:00 PM. She noted that 103 WB&A Anniversary Boxcars have been ordered. Chuck McGinnis suggested giving door prize cars at the banquet. Chuck will investigate the acquisition of 4 cars costing around a total of \$100. Carol will produce a budget for the banquet for next BOD meeting. She noted that WB&A had another successful Night at the Ball Park in June and Bill Moss said he would set up an unofficial Baysox game in September. John Buxton shared that VRE is offering free train rides. Finally, Carol will be sending out 200 postcards to people who have been attendees at the Arbutus.

#### 6. Eastern Division – TCA Report – Bob Heine

Bob reported and answered questions related to the upcoming York Show. He shared details of the newly implemented Pre-Show Train-Related Sales Event that will take place early in the week of the actual show. Bob announced that there will be no evening auction at this coming York Show.

#### ONGOING BOARD BUSINESS

##### 1. Arbutus Meet – Chuck McGinnis

Chuck reported that we have a Gathering Permit for the Arbutus Show. 67 tables sold for September 43 for December Show. Chuck expressed concern about the low response by vendors to the show. Tom Salen recommended stepping up advertising and that we do have the ability to take a loss on this show. Deposit for show needs to go to Arbutus FH by August 15. Bob Gray will get insurance certificate for the show asap. Food truck for the Arbutus Show is being sought. Mike A will bring megaphone John B will do vendor nametags and Facebook advertising, and signage. Bob Gray will take care of

the membership table. Parts person will be there.

**2. Annapolis Show** - John Gomoljak John suggested we get a Food Truck for the Annapolis Show. Discussion ensued on of how to handle food for this event. John Gomoljak will seek a food truck for the event.

##### 3. WB&A Store at Land's End – Ron Edwards

Covered in President's Report.

##### 4. Website Update -- Bob Gray

Bob Gray reported that in the previous 12 months there were about 5000 visitors to the website and for the past 30 days the number was 257.

##### 5. Trolley Update

Paul Pullen reported that most recent Trolley turned out well. He has begun gathering articles for the upcoming edition. Bob Gray asked that the group express their gratitude to Paul for his efforts. Tom Salen reiterated our gratitude for Paul's work on the Trolley.

##### 6. Kid's Train Show - Bob Gray

Bob had suggested three dates for the 2024 Kid's Train Show at the National Capital Trolley Museum. The group agreed that the show will be held on May 11, 2024. Bob asked for a volunteer to set up the large layout at the show and feedback on content and format as we get closer to the show date.

##### 7. Elections – Carol McGinnis

Tom Salen announced that Ron Edwards has agreed to join the BOD. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for Ron to serve on the Board for the balance of the current year. Doug Campbell also expressed an interest in serving on the Board. Carol said that Charles Doring will run for WB&A Vice President.

##### 8. WB&A Facebook Page – John Buxton

John Buxton has been adding information and pictures to the page. You must join Facebook to access this page.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Taking Payment by Credit Card – Michael Ackerman

Michael Ackerman suggests that we get the hardware and software to enable members to pay for membership and registration fees at WB&A Meets/Shows using their credit card. He recommends that we add a \$.50 fee to each transaction to cover the additional costs. Bob Gray added that using this technology would streamline the membership committee's work load. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer is authorized to arrange to take credit cards for admission and membership payments at all future WB&A Train Meets with the addition of an appropriate convenience fee. The Treasurer is authorized to purchase the necessary hardware and software. Passed unanimously.

##### 2. Memorial Brick: Dave Eadie

Dave asked if anyone had picked up the sign from Mrs. Burket as yet. Tom Salen will pick it up and then the Board will address how and where it will be used. The Memorial Brick for Steve Burket has been ordered.

##### 3. Baltimore Streetcar Museum: John Buxton

John announced that the Baltimore Trolley Museum is considering painting a real street car in WB&A colors.

4. November Mini Meet/General Business meeting at Baltimore Trolley Museum Nov 11, 2023. 9:00 AM.

#### NEXT MEETING

NEXT MEETING – September 9, 2023 at Arbutus Fire Hall at 1:30 PM at State Fare Restaurant in Catonsville.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn at 1:55 pm.



## Historian's Corner, September, 2023

### Historic WB&A Logo



Back in 1899 the WB&A was incorporated as The **Potomac and Severn Electric Railway**. It became the **Washington, Baltimore, and Annapolis Electric Railway** in 1900 and connected Baltimore to Washington DC. It served the area for 27 years, and continued the Baltimore to Annapolis piece for an additional 20 years.

Parts of the right-of-way are being used today by the **Baltimore LightRail RailLink** from Odenton to Baltimore, and the line continues north to Hunt Valley. There's currently a **WB&A Bike Trail** from Lanham to Odenton, Maryland running from Prince George's County through Anne Arundel County.

Much of this information has been shared before, but I want you to look at and think about the **Historic WB&A Logo**. It brings to mind the energy and speed of lightning, the initials of the name of the railway, together with a non-traditional symmetry of a logo.

The directional arrow sticks out on both sides of the logo. And what does the arrow represent? Does it represent the trolley going in the right direction? Does it mean that the trolley gets you where you want to be? Does it mean that the trolley is the best way to travel? Or, is it related to a mathematical material logical implication or half of an if-and-only-if statement?

And then look at the lightning bolt. It provides power and direction as well as a representation of the electricity of the Electric Railway!

And what about the white spaces? Are they just the cast-off left overs behind the symbols, or do they stand for something else? A puzzle that needs the pieces put together? A shape that can only be discovered over time?

Whatever you decide keep your eyes open. This symbol will be back soon!

Yours in Training, Carol R. McGinnis,  
HE95-41066



### Membership Update

We are fast approaching the end of the WB&A Membership year. Our memberships run from January 1 to December 31. At this time, 177 members have paid their 2023 dues. If you have not taken care of your 2023 dues, please do it before the end of the year. Any questions you have about the status of your membership should be directed to me, Bob Gray, at [bgray5002@yahoo.com](mailto:bgray5002@yahoo.com).

The WB&A allows a grace period for members who have not updated their membership. That period runs from January 1 to March 1 of the following year. At that time, we remove names from our membership list and all services and benefits will end.

For those who have already taken care of your 2023 membership dues, we thank you very much. Your prompt attention to this task makes it possible for the Club to plan and implement more and better member services.

If you still need to pay 2023 dues, a Membership Renewal Form is in this issue of the Trolley. You may also download one from the WB&A website ([www.wba-tca-eastern.org](http://www.wba-tca-eastern.org)) under the "Membership" menu tab. Again, if you need assistance, contact Bob Gray.

As you know, the WB&A is an affiliate of the Train Collectors Association (TCA). To be a member of the WB&A you must also be a member of the TCA. If you have questions or concerns about your TCA membership status, contact TCA directly at 717-687-8623 or [www.tcatrains.org](http://www.tcatrains.org).

The benefits of WB&A Membership have never been greater. Direct benefits include, three shows per year, 2 mini meets, the Trolley newsletter, full access to the WB&A website, 12 "Start Your Day with WB&A" get-togethers, excursions to train events, and a yearly banquet. In addition, we have inaugurated our annual Kid's Train Show at the National Trolley Museum. This event is aimed at the next generation of model train enthusiasts. The WB&A is committed to keeping the hobby alive and thriving. Your contributions to this effort is critical.

Moving on to the benefits of TCA membership. First, there is a direct benefit by way of the liability insurance TCA provides for the WB&A Shows and Meets. But there is a lot more to TCA Membership.

Each year there are over 150 Division and Chapter sponsored train meets where members buy, sell, or trade trains. Members receive the 75-page TCA's National Headquarters News which features an extensive "Interchange" section. They also receive the TCA e\*Train Online Magazine, expertly managed by one of our WB&A members. Another benefit comes in the form of the Train Collectors Quarterly magazine that focuses on the history of toy trains, the firms who manufactured them, and member experiences with collecting. A major perk of TCA membership is free admission to the National Toy Train Museum in Strasburg, PA. There are more benefits described on the TCA website.

Lastly, I encourage you to renew your WB&A membership promptly each year. Take part in as many WB&A activities that you can. When possible, volunteer to help with an event or activity. Provide feedback to the WB&A leadership team on Club activities. Go to the WB&A website at least one time week. Write an article for the Trolley newsletter. And finally, consider serving in a WB&A leadership position.







The following article was first published in the Toy Trains Mailing List.

June 29, 2023 -

Here's a video that will warm the hearts of steam aficionados everywhere. 25 miles north of Omaha on the former C&NW, BNSF #4264 breaks down, and a westbound 145-car Union Pacific freight train stalls on the steep grade at Blair, Nebraska. Fortunately, the Home Run Express is nearby on the first leg of its homeward journey. Big Boy #4014 has been on public display at Omaha during the NCAA collegiate World Series. She is ready and able to help. Plenty of railfans are on hand to record every moment of these proceedings.



UP #4014 slowly approaches the stalled train.



A crewman muscles 4014's front coupler into position and opens the knuckle.



4014 slowly moves into position to make contact.

Air hoses are connected and the train line is pumped up. 4014 and the stalled freight train must be "consisted" before automatic train control will allow them to proceed.



As 4014 starts to push the 145 car train, the power being applied to the work is demonstrated by the black smoke coming out of the stack.



Under way! 4014 is not only shoving a 145-car freight train and its two diesels (one of which is disabled), but is also pulling her own 7-car passenger train.

Watch the video!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



My youngest brother, Andy, captured this view of 611's firing up on Memorial Day at the Strasburg Railroad. He is a former Southern Steam employee, and got access to 611's cab from friends who are still employed by NS.





The attached article is from lancasteronline.com. The article was written by Staff Writer Christina Van Waasbergen, and the main photos are by Staff Photographer Suzette Wenger.

## 'I can be Walt Disney': Meet the new owner of Strasburg's Choo Choo Barn



Gary Russell, left, recently purchased the Choo Choo Barn from the long-time co-owner, Linda Groff, center, on Thursday, July 20, 2023. Groff and her daughter, Kristi Largoza, right, then general manager, looked to sell the business after Tom Groff passed away in 2019. Their wish was to find a buyer who was adept at making repairs and improvements and could continue the legacy that was started by Tom's parent's, George and Florence Groff. Staff Photographer Suzette Wenger

It all started with a chance meeting at a model train auction.

Linda Groff, then owner of the Choo Choo Barn, Strasburg's famous model train layout, was at a February auction at the Horst Auction Center in Ephrata to buy merchandise for the Barn's accompanying hobby store.

It was there that she met model train enthusiast Gary Russell. Their meeting couldn't have come at a more opportune time. Since her husband Tom Groff's death in 2019 at age 69, Linda Groff and her daughter, Kristi Largoza, had been struggling to maintain the layout, and they were searching for someone who could carry on Tom's legacy.

Tom had built the Choo Choo Barn, which opened in 1961, into a multi-generational must-see in a town that is a magnet for railroading fans as the home of the historic Strasburg Rail Road, which brings in as many as 250,000 passengers annually, making it a top draw in the county's \$2.9 billion tourism sector.

Groff noticed Russell kept outbidding her, so she went over and struck up a conversation with him. The topic of the Choo Choo Barn sale came up, and she gave him one of Largoza's business cards, not expecting anything to actually come of it.

Hours later, however, Russell sent Largoza an email:

"Interested in info for the business. Saw you at the auction today. Gary Russell."

He met with them at the Choo Choo Barn, 226 Gap Road, less than two weeks later, where he impressed them with his knowledge of electronics, a key skill for the owner of a 1,700 square foot model train layout with 22 running trains and more than 150 animated displays. They let him look **underneath the layout, expecting him to be intimidated by the tangles of wires. But to him it was no big deal.**



'He put his all into it':  
creator of the miniature  
world at Choo Choo Barn  
lives on through his art

### Local News

"It's crazy under there when it's not what you do," Largoza said. "But I could tell that's what he does."

Two months later, in late April of this year, the Choo Choo Barn, a labor of love for three generations of the Groff family, had a new owner.

### A family legacy

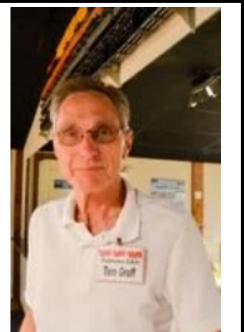
What would become the Choo Choo Barn started back in 1945, when Tom Groff's father, George Groff, returned from World War II and purchased a model train set as a present for his eldest son, 2-year-old Gary Groff. George Groff kept expanding the layout, which eventually moved to the basement of the family's home. Word began circulating about the setup, and that drew school and church groups to come to see it in action.

In 1961, two years after Strasburg Rail Road was revived as a tourist attraction, George Groff opened the Choo Choo Barn — at that point actually located in a little red barn — where he charged 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults to see the layout.

Tom and Linda Groff took over the Choo Choo Barn in 1979, and Tom used his artistic abilities to triple its size. He'd spend hours at night working on it, adding around four or five new animated scenes each year.

### Local News

Remembering Tom Groff: A 2017 interview with the Choo Choo Barn owner



"My husband's philosophy was he wanted younger generations to appreciate the artistry of model railroading," Linda Groff said. "That way you bring the

whole family in. Dad's not just there running the trains. The whole family can help build layouts."

The Choo Choo Barn drew almost 47,000 visitors last year. Much of the layout depicts iconic Lancaster County sites, like Dutch Wonderland and the Strasburg Rail Road. The layout is famous for its level of detail — the miniature Turkey Hill Market even has up-to-date gas prices.

#### Search for a new owner

After Tom Groff died in 2019, his wife and daughter tried their best to maintain the Choo Choo Barn. But neither of them could do what Tom did.

"It was his baby," Largoza said. "He was the one who put all of the time into the layout."

When a key employee told them he was leaving in September of last year, they knew they'd have to find a new owner to keep it going.

"There was absolutely, under God's shining sun, no way that we could let this be torn apart," Linda Groff said.

They put an advertisement for a new owner on a model train forum, hoping they'd get at least one person to say yes. They ended up getting almost 20 offers.

"(We had) people who were like, 'I will figure this out just so that it doesn't close,'" Largoza said. "It was emotionally overwhelming to know that that many people care that it continue."

But they knew they needed to find someone who could do more than just keep the Choo Choo Barn open. They needed someone who was knowledgeable about electronics who could maintain the layout and add to it. They needed someone who could carry on Tom's legacy.

#### The new Tom

Russell grew up in Limerick Township in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, where his father worked as a senior nuclear operator at the Limerick Generating Station. It was Russell's father who first got Russell interested in electronics. He would watch as his father repaired household appliances in his home workshop.

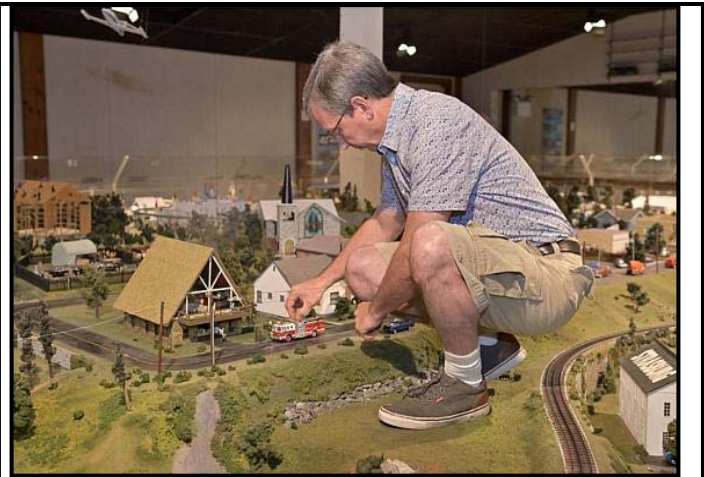
Russell's father had a model train layout that he would bring down from the attic during Christmas. When he was 12 years old, Russell asked his father to keep the layout down year-round so he could work on it.

As he got older, Russell continued to work with electronics. In high school, he went to a vocational technical school and studied data processing before going on to the DeVry Institute of Technology in Woodbridge Township, New Jersey.

Now 55, Russell has four children and one grandchild, with another on the way. He lives in Stevens with his wife and two sons, and he owns a pool installation and repair company called Aqua-Docs. As hobbies, he enjoys collecting model trains as well as collecting and repairing pinball machines and other arcade games.

"One of the things I like the most (about working with electronics) is the learning," Russell said. "Technology is always changing. You can fix a problem using many different types of solutions. You just need to use your imagination."

Russell described owning the Choo Choo Barn as "a fantastic retirement."



Gary Russell, who recently purchased the Choo Choo Barn from the long-time co-owner, Linda Groff, works to install a 9 volt battery in the {re engine on the train platform on Thursday, July 20, 2023. Groff and her daughter, Kristi Largoza, former general manager, looked to sell the business after Tom Groff passed away in 2019. Their wish was to find a buyer who was adept at making repairs and improvements and could continue the legacy that was started by Tom's parent's, George and Florence Groff. Staff Photographer Suzette Wenger

"Most people's definition of retirement is that they're going to stop working, and they're going to sit at home and watch TV for the rest of their lives," Russell said. "My definition of retirement is I want to do something that I love."

In the Choo Choo Barn, Russell has found that something.

"I can be Walt Disney," he said. "I can try different things. I can be creative. I can put something together that doesn't exist."

Russell purchased the Choo Choo Barn in late April for an undisclosed amount. The sale did not include the real estate. The Groffs previously owned the Shops at Traintown, the shopping center where the Choo Choo Barn is located, but Linda Groff sold it in November 2021 for \$1.6 million. It was subsequently purchased in April by Ryan and Janae Dagen for \$2.2 million. The Dagens own Speckled Hen coffee shop and Bespoke Brewing in Strasburg, and they're making plans to open a Bespoke Brewing brewpub in the space in the shopping center previously occupied by Isaac's Restaurant.

Since purchasing the Choo Choo Barn, Russell has been hard at work. The first thing he did was set about completing the repairs that had been piling up since Tom's death.

Now he's working on adding new animated scenes. He asks visitors if there's anything they'd like to see added to the layout. One mother wrote a letter saying her daughter would like them to add a hospital.

Russell's biggest struggle has been deciding if he



should update the layout with modern technology.

"Now we have computers and other types of electronic components that we can use that would make it better, make it more seamless, make it so you can just do so much more with it," Russell said. "But the struggle is, do we want to really modernize the layout to get it to that level? Or do we want to keep the layout the way that it is now because that's the way it was designed?"



Thomas C. Groff  
Choo Choo Barn  
Owner

Russell plans to get the staff together to decide the direction the Choo Choo Barn should go in. A lot of the major renovations are going to happen next January when the Choo Choo Barn closes for a few weeks after Christmas.

"We know it's going to get better," Russell said. "It's going to be a lot more awesome than it is now. But I don't know exactly the road I'm going to take to get to that point yet."



## The Rockhill Trolley Museum

**Bob Gray**

As part of a whirlwind week visiting railroad-related sites in the Keystone State, Kathie and Bob Gray spent a wonderful afternoon at the Rockhill Trolley Museum located in Rockhill, Pennsylvania. Located a little over one-hour drive north of Hagerstown, MD. As an added bonus for making the drive, Rockhill is also the home of the East Broad Top Railroad.

Started in 1960, the Rockhill Trolley Museum collects, restores, and operates electric streetcars, or trolleys. The Museum uses the term museum very loosely. Instead of being somewhere with fancy signage and well-tended artifacts behind glass, it is instead a living history museum. Here, you can see trolleys in all states of restoration and ride some of the more well-preserved items in their collection.

For myself, the highlight of our Rockhill Trolley Museum was the interpretative presentation of our museum guide J. C. Gerhard, pictured with WB&A member Bob Gray. Mr. Gerhard "knows his stuff," in addition to telling the story of the enterprise, he is the Operations Department Head of the Museum. His insights into the history of the museum revealed the heroic efforts of the folks responsible for



Pennsylvania's oldest operating trolley museum.

We began our visit with a ride through the Huntington County countryside on a rare curved-side trolley built in 1924 by the J. G. Brill Company. Oddly, this car has been in service at the Rockhill Museum for more years than it was in service on the streets of York, PA. York Railways stopped all streetcar operations on February 4, 1939, and car #163 was sold to be used as a summer home along Conewago Creek north of York. The body of car #163 survived there until 1972, when Hurricane Agnes completely flooded the car, knocking it off its foundation. The owners no longer wanted the car and donated the body to the museum.



The trolley line in use today for the Rockhill Trolley Museum's excursions was built as a railroad line for the Rock Hill Iron Furnace, which operated from the 1860s through 1908. The remains of the furnace lay along the museum's tracks. It's hard to believe that at one time the Rockhill was the home of hundreds of iron workers and railroad workers. Between 1876 and 1893, the Rockhill Iron and Coal Company was a completely self-sufficient pig iron company, making pig iron for sale on the open market.

By the way, should you wish to ride the trolley again, tickets are good for unlimited rides during regular operating days, so we hopped back on and experience the excitement of riding the trolley all over again!

From an idea and concept of a few trolley aficionados in 1960, the Rockhill Trolley Museum has gone from one to over 20 trolleys, with 50% of them in operable condition. The first car acquired by Rockhill Trolley Museum was car #311. This car is a double truck "Birney Safety Car" built by Wason Manufacturing Co. of Springfield, MA. It was part of an order of cars for the city of Bangor, Maine, where it operated as number 14. It was





sold to the Johnstown Traction Co. and went there in 1941. It served that city well, running until the end of service in 1960. Car #311 was the last Birney type car to be operated in any United States city on a regular schedule.

As Pennsylvania's oldest operating trolley museum, the Rockhill Trolley Museum checks all the boxes for serious rail fans. Following our trolley ride, we headed for the Car Barns where Mr. Gerhard's fascinating commentary on the Museum's high-speed interurban cars, a Philadelphia PCC, and fascinating maintenance-of-way cars like a huge snowplow and a 106-year-old snow sweeper.



The museum is open from May through October and for special holiday events. For the latter—including Easter, Pumpkin Festival in October, and Christmas in Coal Country—the museum partners with the East Broad Top Railroad, which is across the street. While the two organizations are not formally affiliated and do not cross-honor tickets, the railroad sells tickets for the combined events with the trolley museum, and the two organizations share volunteers and labor expertise.

An excursion by the WB&A to Rockhill sounds like a lot of fun to me. If it appeals to you too, contact me (Bob Gray at bgray5002@yahoo.com) and I will bring it up to our Social Committee.

Addendum: I mentioned that our visit to the Rockhill Trolley Museum was part of our week-long Pennsylvania Rail Adventure that included visits to East Broad Top Railroad also in Rockhill, the Lehigh Goerge Scenic Railroad in Jim Thorpe, PA, Don and Mary Jane Carver's Model Train Shop in Gettysburg, the AACA Transportation Museum in Hershey and the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, the National Toy Train Museum, and the Choo Choo Barn, all in Strasburg. Our headquarters for the week was a lovely cabin in the woods in Wrightsville, PA. along the shores of the beautiful Susquehanna River.

Finally, a special thanks to WB&A member Doug Campbell for tips on places to visit in PA and especially for leading us to the wonderful Hickory Bridge Farm Restaurant in Orrtanna, PA.



## Candidates for Offices

Listed in Alphabetic order

### Michael Ackerman, Treasurer

I retired as a Biomedical Engineer at NIH. Above the bookcases in my office was the entire Jim Beam railroad bottle series. Some of the bottles have never been opened. My closest colleagues knew where to go if there was ever a lock-down.

I am a train operator, not a collector. I received my first Lionel train set in 1953. I still have it. My current multi-level layout resides in a 20 foot by 20 foot room. It's design is straight out of the 1950s, plenty of trains and only a little scenery. It is mostly original Lionel from 1946 to 1966 but I am adding modern Lionel and K-Line pieces as long as they are not reissues or variations of items made during Lionel's post-war era. Because I like to operate my trains, I favor operating cars and accessories. If something stops working, I fix it. My layout runs under conventional and TMCC control. I have added Arduino computers for track control and to enhance the TMCC control system.

Six years ago, I was elected to the WB&A Board. Two years later, I was elected Treasurer. As Treasurer I made recommendations to the Board that kept the WB&A in a good financial condition while still providing member activities during the COVID years. I simplified and computerized the club's financial system. I am introducing the use of credit cards for admission to our train meets.

Resume for the Office of President WB&A TCA Club  
John Buxton, Age 73, Phone 410-952-7356,  
jbrookbuxton@gmail.com

### Objectives

To transition seamlessly as President to continue the Leadership of our current President Tom Salen.  
To share my passion for all things Railroad with WB&A and others.

### Work Career Experience

Noxel / P&G / JANE / Estee Lauder / Mally Beauty  
1972 - 2016

Over a period of 46 years I worked in Operation, Purchasing, Contract Manufacturing, Transportation, and Director Operations Management. I retired in 2016 as COO of Mally Beauty.

### Volunteer Experience

Railroad Passenger Cars: Railroad Car Leasing 1970 - 1990  
Over a period of 20 years I served as a Director, Treasurer, and President of an Historic Railroad Car Preservation Society. This organization restored and leased Passenger Cars to Mainline Railroads for Excursions and Commuter Trains.

Baltimore Streetcar Museum: 1966 - 1976  
Restoration of Equipment and Right of Way  
WB&A TCA: Active member in TCA since 1996  
2016 - 2020 Board of Directors  
Organization of Numerous Train Shows  
2020 - 2024 Vice President - Organization of Train Shows,

Lead Board Meetings when Necessary

**Church Vestry:**

Several 3 Year Terms. Served in Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Church Planning, Prayer Ministry  
Education: School Name, Location, Degree  
Towson State University MB Economics, Johns Hopkins MBA

Communication

Toastmasters, Skilled in Electronic Media

***Douglas W. Campbell, Board of Directors***

My name is Doug Campbell, and I joined TCA in 1987, having been born in 1950, growing up with my father's love for Lionel and HO trains. We always had a layout at the Christmas season!

While young I was fascinated with miniature trucks and buses, miniature buildings, and continued that fascination for collecting up until present day, whereas my current toy collection includes some 10,000 miniature trucks and buses, and other vehicles of all kinds, in all scales! I have written a few hundred (volunteer) articles on toy vehicles for various hobby publications, including a monthly article in the monthly journal of The Capitol Miniature Auto Collectors Club Journal, since 1968! From 1988-1998 I was the Editor and creator of the 20-30 page monthly journal of The Winross Collectors Club of America, Inc., that in those years went out to over 4000 members world-wide. I still write a 3-4 page article in each now bi-monthly issue, with membership now being only about 100 members! (I am currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Winross Collectors Club of America, Inc.) I wrote the toy Divco truck articles for the Divco Club of America for over 15 years, when I was also a club Director. I have also written many articles for the professional style magazine- Toy Trucker & Contractor out of North Dakota. I currently collect and display mostly N gauge MARKLIN trains, and have some O-scale trains and buildings also. My wife, Joan, and I have been active volunteer builders, hosts, and operators at the Highlandtown Train Garden (Baltimore, MD) for the past 10 years or so.

Since 2001 I have been a volunteer Docent at America's Transportation Experience "Museum (formally called A.A.C.A. Museum, Inc.) in Hershey, Pa., and am a volunteer Docent at the Baltimore Basilica.

I grew up here in Baltimore, Md., and graduated from Loyola Blakefield (high school), and from 1968-73 was in college in Philadelphia, Pa. at The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science, where I graduated with a B.Sc. In Pharmacy, and was a licensed Pharmacist for 45 years until recent retirement.

Since 1975 I have been married to my wife Joan, and we have no children, residing in Baltimore County. I am a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and we are weekly parishioners at the Catholic Pastorate of Our Lady of Hope (Dundalk, MD), and St. Luke's (Edgemere, MD).

I am a member of such organizations as TCA, WB&A,

Capitol Miniature Auto Collectors Club, Baltimore Antique Bottle Club (am on Board of Directors), Hummelstown (Pa.) Historical Society (life member), Macungie (Pa.) Historical Society (life member), New Holland (Pa.) Area Historical Society, Seashore Trolley Museum (Maine), New England Moxie Congress (life member), Museum of Bus Transportation (Pa.) (life member), Antique Toy Collectors of America, Antique Advertising Association of America, American Truck Historical Society, amongst others!

I enjoy my hobby adventures, and would be proud to serve on the WB&A Board of Directors.

***Charles Doring, Board of Directors***

Dr. Doring is a native of Garrett Park, Md. and a 1987 graduate of University of Maryland School of Dentistry. After graduation, Dr. Doring completed a general dental practice residency at Georgetown University Hospital. He currently is a partner in the dental practice of North Bethesda Dental Associates in Rockville, Md. Dr. Doring has a special interest in treating the medically and cognitively challenged patient and is a member of the medical staff at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington. Dr. Doring is a past-president of the Maryland Academy of General Dentistry. He is also a member of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry Dean's Faculty in the Department of General Dentistry. Responsibilities include teaching courses on Dental Ethics, A D4 Geriatric Dentistry Externship, Proper Prescription Writing, and Job Interviewing Skills.

Dr. Doring is also the chairperson of the Legislative Affairs Committee of the Maryland State Dental Association. He is a past-president of the Southern Maryland Dental Society, a member Maryland State Dental Association Board of Trustees, and a delegate to the ADA House of Delegates. Dr. Doring was appointed to represent the Maryland State Dental Association to the Maryland Oral Health Care Task Force legislatively charges with finding barriers to obtaining dental care and coming up with solutions to eliminate such barriers. Dr. Doring has a Mastership Award from the Academy of General Dentistry as well as Fellowship in the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentist. Dr. Doring has presented at many local and national dental and medical meetings.

I have been a TCA member since 2002 and WB&A member shortly after that. My Grandfather had a large HO layout in NE Washington, DC. As kids we played with Lionel O gauge. I grew up in Garrett Park, MD, a stop along the B&O Metropolitan line on the way to Harpers Ferry & beyond. My parents Elizabeth & Richard use to appraise toys for local action houses and Dad had an extensive collection of European model trains. I collect Lionel Standard and O gauge trains with a layout in progress. I am a member of the B&O Railroad Historical Society located near Sykesville, MD.

***David Eadie***

***Board of Directors***

Prior positions: Eastern Division Representative for WB&A



Chapter (2017 – 2022)  
 WB&A Board Member, 2013 – 2016; 2023  
 Membership Chairman, 2012 -2016  
 Co-meet Chairman, Vienna Train Show 2013-2018  
 Co-meet Chairman, Annapolis Train Show 2014 -2017  
 Organized N&W J611 Excursion 2016

Train Interest: "O" Gauge, primarily Post-war (conventional and command) but also some Pre-war Tinplate (original and reproduction). Recently obtained a few Standard Gauge items to participate in club activities. I got started collecting with a few pieces from the 1930's my father passed down to me early on. My first postwar was the Virginian 2328. Each Xmas we received a postwar freight car till there was enough to build my first 'semi-permanent' 8x8 layout. Re-entered the hobby in the mid 1990's acquiring both Lionel and MTH conventional and command engines.

Since 2003, have been an active member of the WB&A Chapter, participating annually in the Vienna and Annapolis Train Shows. As membership chairman, I have helped maintain our current membership level at 300 members. I have coordinated the York show WB&A Membership table in the Silver Hall. From 2017 – 2022 as your WB&A Representative to the Eastern Division board, my primary responsibility has been to assist in organizing the two semi-annual York Meets. I have been an active member of the National Capitol Trackers "O" Gauge modular club for the past 20 years currently holding the position as Membership chair.

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

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

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

**RON EDWARDS**  
**Candidate, At-Large**  
**Personal Background**

I graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1970 with a BS degree in Industrial Management. I was immediately offered the opportunity to join the US Army.

Considering my options, I sought out the closest US Air Force recruiter and would spend the next twenty-nine years eight months in the USAF, retiring in October 2000 at the rank of Colonel. After retiring from the Air Force, I resumed working for the government as a defense contractor with various companies supporting US Air Force and US Navy weapon systems program. In 2014, I retired from Technology Services Corporation with the goal of "building my dream layout, playing with my trains and then everything else." Well "Everything else" seems to have taken a majority of my retirement time, so I am still building my dream layout. But I do play with my trains on my lesser layout.

**WB&A Chapter / TCA Activity**

As I began to build my layout, I came in contact with Dan Danielson at a Dulles train show and he invited me to be his guest at York. At my first York visit in 2006, I became a member of TCA and have supported the Associated in numerous ways since. Somewhere along the line, I stopped at the WB&A table at a York show and struck up a conversation with Dave Edie who convince me to join the WB&A Chapter. My weak memory says it was around 2016. For the first couple years, I attended meetings, bought lottery tickets (actually one a train once) and went to WB&A sponsored train shows. Dave would later recruit me to be an At-Large member, but having just assumed the Presidency of the association that owned and maintained an historic one-room schoolhouse in Springfield, VA, I demurred but offered to help out where I could. It did not take long to find myself on Carol McGinnis' WB&A Social committee. As a committee member, I have helped with the Committee's efforts to keep the Chapter active for its membership. Saying that I knew of a couple of nearby scenic train trips was all it took to "put me in charge" and I would organize the 2022 trip to ride the Durbin Rocket scenic train in Durbin, WV. When the Social Committee began to discuss coming up with a Chapter shirt with logo, I found out about a Land's End Business service that allows organizations to **establish a** "store." I pursued this initiative and recreated the WB&A Trolley logo graphic and established the WB&A Chapter store on the Land's End website that is open today. As Store administrator, I created the instruction found on the WB&A website that enables the membership to purchase the Chapter shirt of their choice with both our logo and monogrammed with the purchaser's name. I have also helped research locations in Northern Virginia that may in the future support Chapter meetings and possible train shows.

**Other Railroading Associations**

Currently, I am an active member supporting the Central of Georgia Railway Historical Society, the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Historical Railroad Society and the Nevada Northern Railway Museum.

**Bob Gray, Board of Directors**

Bob Gray is a retired educator, having been a teacher for 46 years at levels from junior high school through graduate school. After a stint at the Maryland State Department of Education, Bob served as Director of the

Maryland Center for Career and Technology Education  
Located at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. More recently, Bob has been a Patient Volunteer with Hospice of the Chesapeake.

Having received his first Lionel Train Set in 1952, Bob has had a life-long interest in railroading. After a diversion into slot-car racing, he returned to trains with the arrival of his two sons. Bob and his wife Kathie love to ride trains. They have crossed the U. S. and Canada as well as enjoying rides on numerous scenic railroads. Bob credits his good friend Bill Moss for introducing him to the WB&A. The friendships made over the years have been the best part of becoming involved with the Club.

Bob has served as Club Secretary for several years, manages the WB&A website. and currently is filling in as Membership Chair.

Serving the WB&A membership is Bob's number one goal followed closely by promoting our hobby to young people.



### **TCA EASTERN DIVISION REPORT**

Bob Heine

**YORK:** The Eastern Division will have a Tuesday "Welcome Party" at 5:30pm on October 17th. Stop by for some food, good company and some wine & soft drinks.

The semi-annual Eastern Division membership meeting will be held @ 8:00am at the York, PA Fairgrounds; in the "Orange Hall" on Saturday, October 21st. Please feel free to attend.

The "Kids Korner" will be returning again this October (2023) for our youngest attendees and their parents at the York, PA Fairgrounds. The many children really enjoyed our hands-on Kids Korner back in April and it returns again this autumn.

A reminder to all, come early!: For the first time ever our TCA Division is having a YORK Fairgrounds "Pre-Show" toy train sales event on October 16th, 17th and even until mid-day Wednesday, the 18th. The public is totally welcomed to attend as well as TCA members & their guests. There will be no admission fee and the sales tables for these days PRIOR to the official Fairgrounds meet will be exclusively in the "Purple Hall". Please attend and make this "Pre-Show" debut a success for our many dealers/table-holders. Again, this is a sales show open to everyone including non-TCA members. Spread the word !



East Broad Top #10

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joined WB&A!!!***



### ***Upcoming Events***

Oct. 11, 2023	Start Your Day w/WB&A-Arlington, VA
Oct. 14, 2023	NVMR Open House, Vienna, VA *
Oct. 14-15, 2023	Great Scale Model Railroad Show, Timonium
Oct. 16-18, 2023	York Pre-Show, York Fairgrounds
Oct. 19-21, 2023	Eastern Division York Train Show
Nov. 11, 2023	WB&A Fall Mini-Meet, Baltimore Streetcar Museum
Nov. 13, 2023	Start Your Day with WB&A, Gambrills, MD
Nov. 18, 2023	NVMR Open House, Vienna, VA *
Nov. 27, 2023	NVMR Holiday Stroll
Dec. 6, 2023	Start Your Afternoon with WB&A, Solomons, MD
Dec. 16, 2023	WB&A Arbutus Firehall Train Meet, Arbutus, MD
Dec. 16, 2023	NVMR Open House, Vienna, VA *
Feb. 3-4, 2024	Great Scale Model Railroad Show, Timonium, MD
Feb. 25, 2024	WB&A Annapolis Elks Club Show, Edgewater, MD
May 4, 2024	60th Anniversary WB&A Luncheon, Edgewater MD
* Check out <a href="http://www.nvmr.org">http://www.nvmr.org</a> for info	

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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FOR Jan.-Mar. 2024 TROLLEY  
Dec. 10, 2023**



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# Eastern Division TCA Pre-Show Oct 16-18

Set-Up Mon 7am  
**Mon** 10-4  
**Tues** 8-4  
**Wed** 8-12

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York Fairgrounds  
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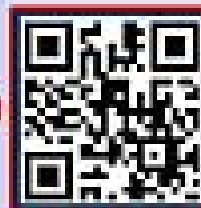
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Registration*



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**Russell Youens, 110 Slash Drive, Ashland, VA 23005**  
[ryouens@verizon.net](mailto:ryouens@verizon.net) 804-368-7898

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Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Train Interest (What do you collect?) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a layout?      Yes      No

Do you plan to attend a WB&A event this year?      Yes      No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_







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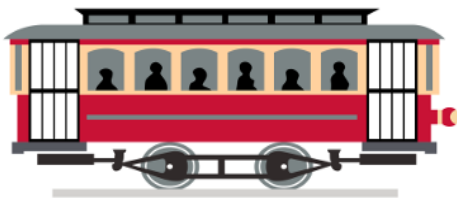
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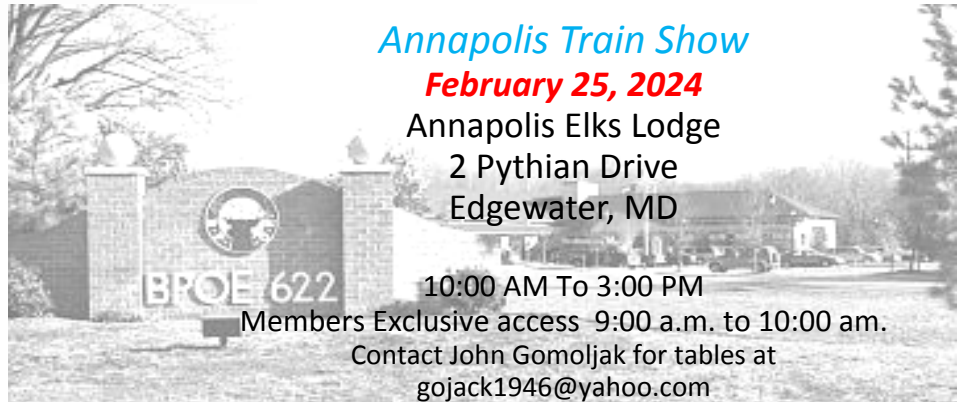
## WB&A Arbutus Firehall Train Meet

**Saturday, December 16, 2023**

Arbutus Firehall  
5200 SW Blvd,  
Arbutus, MD 21227

9 AM – 1 PM  
(WB&A admitted at 8 AM)  
New table configuration. 5' tables.  
Contact Chuck McGinnis for tables at  
mcginnis74@verizon.net.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



## Annapolis Train Show

**February 25, 2024**

Annapolis Elks Lodge  
2 Pythian Drive  
Edgewater, MD

10:00 AM To 3:00 PM  
Members Exclusive access 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 am.  
Contact John Gomoljak for tables at  
gojack1946@yahoo.com

**WB&A Month by Month Calendar** UpDate: July 23, 2023  
ALL DATES are SUBJECT TO CHANGE

(\*WB&A events)



\*Wednesday, October 11, 2023 **START YOUR DAY w/ WB&A** 10 AM – Noon Ruthie's All Day Restaurant, 3411  
5\* Street S, Arlington, VA 22204

Sat/Sun October 14 & 15, 2023 **Great Scale Model Railroad and Collectors Show**, Timonium Fairgrounds  
M, T, W: October 16, 17, 18 2023 **YORK PRE-SHOW**, 334 Carlisle Ave, York, PA 17404 York Purple Hall, 100 tables.  
Open to all sellers and all gauges. Tables \$50. Contact Russell Youens 804-368-7898 ([ryouens@verizon.net](mailto:ryouens@verizon.net))

Th, Fri, Sat: October 19, 20, 21, 2023 **YORK TRAIN SHOW**, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA 17404 (hosted by Eastern)  

Thursday	Noon - 5 PM	Member Halls	Noon - 6:30 PM	Vendor Halls
Friday	9 AM - 5 PM	Member Halls	9 AM - 6:30 PM	Vendor Halls
Saturday	9 AM - 2 PM	Member Halls	9 AM - 3 PM	Vendor Halls

\*Wednesday November 11, 2023 **WB&A Fall Mini-Meet and Business Meeting**. 9 AM (meeting starts at 10 AM)  
Baltimore Streetcar Museum, 1901 Falls Rd, Baltimore, MD 21211

\*Wednesday, November 13, 2023 **START YOUR DAY w/ WB&A**. Grumps Café, 2299 John Hopkins Rd, Gambrills,  
MD 21054

\*Wednesday, December 6, 2023 **START YOUR AFTERNOON WITH WB&A**: Visit Annmarie Gardens Christmas  
Layout, 13470 Dowell Rd, Solomons, MD 20688 then go to lunch at BOOMERANG'S RESTAURANT, 13820  
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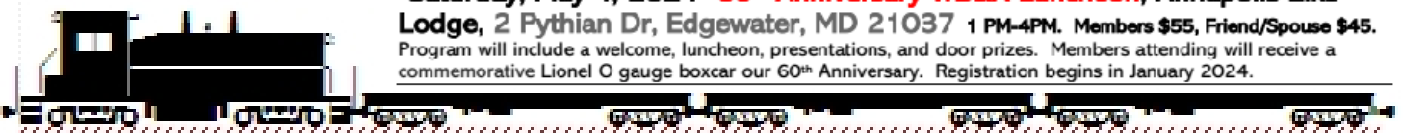
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**{ 2024 }**

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Contact John Gomoljak for tables at [gojack1946@yahoo.com](mailto:gojack1946@yahoo.com)

\*Saturday, May 4, 2024 **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary WB&A Luncheon**, Annapolis Elks  
Lodge, 2 Pythian Dr, Edgewater, MD 21037 1 PM-4PM. Members \$55, Friend/Spouse \$45.  
Program will include a welcome, luncheon, presentations, and door prizes. Members attending will receive a  
commemorative Lionel O gauge boxcar our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Registration begins in January 2024.



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