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The WB&A President's Message By Art Tate

It has been six months since I have had the privilege of becoming President of WB&A and it has been a busy six months. We had our first Annapolis meet and found it a great success. The first Eastern Division meet of the year at York has come and gone. I hope you all got to attend another fantastic meet conducted by our friends at Eastern.

To top things off we had our first mini-meet of the year on June 4th at the Masonic Lodge in Falls Church. Our thanks go out to Phil Graves who arranges for us to meet there every year. A big THANK YOU to Dan Danielson, mini-meet Chairman, his wife Hope, Faith & Steve Kehn and their daughter Samantha along with Dan and Eileen Rollyson who all cooked and prepared a delicious barbecue lunch for all who attended. Janet McKinnon also was in there helping.

I also became acquainted with some members of the Club I had not met before. They shared their ideas, gave us some new insight into how our members feel about WB&A, and what they would like to see from our Club and Board of Directors. One of the persistent problems we have had over the past few years is retaining members. Some fresh thoughts were volunteered and suggestions made by the membership that will be given serious consideration at our Board of Director's meeting on July 18th.

As we enter the summer season there is work to be done as usual. WB&A must replace three Board members whose terms have expired and must also replace our great friend, Brian Reilly, who has served as Eastern Division representative for five years and done an outstanding job. Thank you for a job well done Brian, you will be sorely missed. Good luck to Brian as he pursues the Vice-Presidency of Eastern Division.

WB&A is now accepting applications for the above positions and I encourage all members to become involved and consider running for your Board. Voting for the new Board will take place on November 4th at our location at the Frances Fuchs Special Center in Beltsville. Plan to attend and help guide your Board into the future.

Have a good and safe summer! See you in November.

Art

Sam's Train Wrecks
By Sam Geiser,
Eastern Division Vice President

American railroad operations during the first quarter century were considered by the American public to be a relatively safe means of travel. This false sense of security spilled over into the railroads themselves who continued to use safety standards from the early period that let them think they were still immune from disaster. Specifically, they continued to use light, flimsy cars rather than adopt more substantial coaches.

Improvement in equipment did not keep pace with increased speeds, traffic, train weights and train lengths. We went from engines like the small primitive 'Steamboat' style of the 1830's, then the 'John Bull,' and later the massive 'General Style' of the 1890s.



"The General," 1890-1891

By 1890, 6,335 people were killed and over 35,000 were injured on American railroads. Prior to 1850, only forty years earlier, there is no record of any rail fatality from a major train wreck of any kind.

Treasurers Report
By Glenn MacKinnon

We continue to have a healthy check book balance as we approach the half way point in 2006. At the May 2006 Board of Directors meeting, we decided to reduce the price on our existing inventory of Chapter shirts to \$20.00 regardless of size. We have shirts available in most sizes. If you don't already have one, now is the time to purchase one or more. If you already have one, it may be time to for a replacement. You can contact me to check on availability. We will be opening a second checking account this month with \$4000 dedicated to the

preparations for the 2010 TCA Convention in Baltimore. If you have any questions or comments you can contact me at 703-927-9843 or glen.mackinnon@verizon.net.

Check Book Balance – January 1, 2006 \$15,552.59
 Check Book Balance – June 12, 2006 \$16,591.76
 Significant Activities January 1, 2006 thru June 3, 2006

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
MD Armory 06	2275.00	3025.00
Newsletter 06	514.00	1166.00
Club Shirts	698.00	261.00
Membership Dues 06	8.00	3340.00
WB&A Web Site	303.00	0.00
WB&A Booth at York 06	51.00	0.00
Kids Korner	107.00	100.00
Mini Meet June 06	334.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	321.00	0.00



2010 Convention Update
by Dan Danielson

Things continue to come together for WB&A Chapter as host of the 2010 National TCA Convention.

Gary Ehrlinger and I met with the Director of the B&O RR Museum and Atlantic Caterers to finalize our plans for the Welcome Party. Looks like we'll have a grand event!

We'll be meeting with the folks who operate dinner cruises in the Inner Harbor in the next month or so to see what kind of trip or trips we can arrange. We will have the entire boat for two trips if we get enough reservations. The boat holds 400-450 people. Dan, Eileen, Hope and I will take this cruise to check it out. More to come.

Watch for an announcement on Beeps and Peeps. I think this will be an exciting fundraising event that will be unique and affordable for everyone.

I think I see a truckload of crabs in crab pots on the horizon. I better go check out all this stuff!

Join the excitement! Volunteer for a committee or project. Lots of neat stuff to do!

Dan Danielson
 2010 Convention Co-Chairman

Falls Church Mini-Meet, June 4, 2006
by Bob Drake



The Spring Meet is held at the Masonic Temple on Little Falls Road, Falls Church, VA. Garrett and Sonya are enjoying the beautiful weather.



Clem always brings one of his Olde Timey toys. In the bed of his 1939 vintage Ford pickup is the Lionel Lion sleeping on the tool box guarding the Lionel Train boxes.



Inside the Temple there is much activity in the Trading Pits while FREE coffee and doughnuts are being served. Members buy when they are full of doughnuts!



Around 10:30 Art Tate called the General Membership Meeting to order and we gathered around the room to get up to date on WB&A Chapter, Eastern Division,

and TCA National issues. After the Committee Reports, Clem Clement, Eastern Division President (and National Vice President Nominee) gave a short eulogy for Bob Tufts, one of our members who passed away at the Spring York. Bob was "Mr. American Flyer" and is missed by his many TCA members, friends, and business associates.

Art continued the meeting with a focus on how we can improve the Chapter to attract and retain new and old members. Members offered their insights and suggestions to include Rail Excursions subsidized by the Chapter, discounted Orioles tickets, WB&A shirt sales and the like.

One excellent idea was to apply member dues in the current year to the following year. This would mean that a new member would receive that which is left in the current year that he or she signed up free of charge and the dues would be applied to the following year. This would give the new member more time to appreciate the value of membership and not drop out when they find out they owe another year so soon after they joined.

The meeting was a lot of fun and had many good outcomes. Art adjourned the meeting around 11:30 and it was back to the Trading Pits.



Meanwhile, out back Dan Danielson, Immediate Past-President of WB&A, cooked the hamburgers and hotdogs for the FREE lunch!



Yes, there is such a thing as a FREE Lunch! Look at that beautiful spread! No shortage of members when the chow bell rings!

The Spring Mini-Meet was a great success and those who did not attend should plan come to the one in the Fall—Free doughnuts and coffee, Free trading tables, and a Free lunch!

The Fall Mini-Meet will be held at Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center at 11011 Cherry Hill Road in Beltsville, MD on Saturday November 4, 2006.

See you there!!



WB&A Eastern Division Director Reports By Brian Reilly

Eastern Division Board Meeting, 4/18/06

By any set of criteria, the April York Meet was one of the best ever in the view of TCA members and guests. With few exceptions, table holders and attendees were complimentary about the management of the meet, the extra time to visit halls and displays and the fellowship provided by our social activities.

The Eastern Division's (ED's) Board reached a benchmark in dealing with substantive issues and needed decisions as opposed to clarifying and reconciling lingering problems from the past. Our new Board in January, 2007, will have a much improved foundation on which to build and move forward.

For example, ED is on sure footing financially, updated bylaws are in place, and our standing committees are active with chairpersons reporting progress. The Nomination Committee for this fall's election is in place. A listing of ED Officers, Board members, Hall Captains and volunteers has been developed for ready reference that indicates "who does what and when" to make York Meets a success. The Rules and Regulations Committee presented several well-defined policy statements for providing guidance to future Boards in managing the York Meet.

Policy statements covering the use of cameras, photography, cell phones, pets, strollers and baby carriages, height of displays in Member Halls, contractual documents, and the filling of vacant at large Director positions were presented, discussed and approved. These are the initial steps in developing a Division Procedural Manual for current use and future reference.

Two new committees were appointed for Volunteer Participation and Disposal of Lost and Found items. Positive reports were approved from Committees on Membership, Website Development, Internet, Kids Korner, Awards, and Social Activities.

The Board voted to support WB&A's TCA 2010 Convention Committee by providing the necessary transportation between hotels and scheduled events to members and guests at the Convention.

Clem Clement was nominated and Sarah Reed Lavinus renominated for the positions of Vice-President and Secretary, respectively, in the upcoming fall election of TCA National Officers.

The issue of the use of cell phones under the American Disability Act has been clarified and the Division found in compliance with ADA regulations. A more detailed Disaster Emergency Plan for our semi-annual meets needs to be developed. The current plan, utilized at the York Fairgrounds, is inadequate to meet 21st Century potential emergencies for our members and guests.

The Board will likely continue to meet on Tuesdays due to the high volume of work on its agenda and to allow more time for those who have additional responsibilities relative to the meet. These meetings are open to all members who wish to attend.

Eastern Division General Membership Meeting, 4/22/06

Several topics surfaced following reports by officers and committee chairs. 2010 Convention plans have been formalized and activities are underway to implement them. Your representative on the Board presented the same report that you received via email that highlighted our activities since the last York Meet.

President Clem offered to assist our members in Upstate New York in developing a chapter. An offer was also made to loan our display booth for setup by ED members at the LOTS Club Convention in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., July 11-15.

Your Board will look into providing a bus to furnish convenient transportation for members and visitors wishing to visit the TCA's National Toy Train Museum in Strasburg while attending the York Meet.

Issues arose concerning table holders closing down early in the Orange Hall, Thursday morning setup versus Wednesday evening; and complaints over escalating hotel room rates during York Week. Some of these issues may be solvable, some not; rest assured your Board will take them under consideration and try its best resolve them where possible.

Brian



York—By the Numbers By Clem Clement

To put the York Meets in perspective, I thought it might be helpful to look at the numbers and here they are:

14,094 individuals registered for the Meet. In October 2005, we registered 14,107 folks. The April Meet registration is normally about 1,500 less people than the October Meet attendance.

9,242 individuals registered were TCA members. This means that 30% of the entire TCA membership attended the April 2006 York Meet..

3,325 of the total registrants were spouses/significant others.

1,225 of the total registrants were children.

833 members registered at the door. (Included in the 14,094 above)

1,386 members were over 65 years young.

302 guests

173 RV's parked on the fairgrounds. (Another real York Meet bargain at \$35 for 4 days.)

1,768 tables at one table per member in the Member Halls (Blue, Red, White and Silver).

285 booths/tables in the dealer Halls (Orange, Purple and Brown Halls)

How about them numbers!



Eastern Division-TCA2005-06 Annual Report to the National TCA Board of Directors by Clem Clement, Eastern Division President

For the last eighteen months, members of the Eastern Division Board of Directors have worked very hard to improve our York Meets. York Meets are what the Division is all about...and it was time to make some much-needed changes. The newly elected Board of Directors was willing to consider "change" as other than a four letter word. The first meeting on January 22, 2005 proved that. Since then we have reviewed every facet of the Division's activities and York Meets, and have modernized and improved most everything that needed help. We met with much resistance to change, i.e., an elected Board member resigned; a threatened law suit; and many other challenges along the way. None of us expected the road to improvement to be so bumpy

The first challenge was to follow existing Bylaws and appoint standing committee chairs. Previously, there were no standing committee appointments. We began Bylaws compliance in 2005 with the appointment of the following chairs: Bill Spanarelli, Membership Chairman; Glenn MacKinnon, Rules and Regulations Chairman; Dan Danielson continued as Nominating Committee Chairman until new Bylaws took effect and Past President Bill Spanarelli assumed that responsibility; and Jim Kronz, Finance Committee Chairman. I also appointed temporary committee Chairs: Debbie Geiser, Awards and Decorations, Internet, and Social committees Chairlady. Sam Geiser and I served as co-chairs of the Long Range Planning Committee. The hard working committee leaders and members deserve great credit for the improvements to Eastern Division.

Glenn MacKinnon and Debbie Geiser took on the task of revising our long-outdated Bylaws. Our Parliamentarian, Jim Williams, spent many long hours, as well, working tirelessly on updating Bylaws. Revised Bylaws were presented to and approved by members of the Board in October 2005. Subsequently, copies of the updated Bylaws, along with the existing ones for comparison, were mailed to all TCA members residing within the geographic boundaries of Eastern Division for approval. The membership approved the new Bylaws by a large margin. Eastern Division now has updated (modern) Bylaws to govern us.

As we updated the Bylaws, we recognized that Eastern Division needed a set of policies, similar to those of National TCA. Again, Glenn and his team started from scratch. We approved the first policy statements at our Board meeting this past April. We now have several policies in place for guidance. Each new policy required significant work to research, craft the language, and move through the approval cycle. More policies will be added in the future. We are very proud of this initiative.

After much discussion and consultation, we voted to open the York Meets at 12:00 noon on Thursday. Many members had asked for this change over the years. We could not open earlier on Thursday because of the logistics of setting up 3000 tables in six halls. We have now completed two 3-day Meets, and we believe they were a great success.

We reopened the Black Hall for modular club operating train layouts. The first group, the National Capital Trackers, set a very high standard with their huge O gauge layout. We will continue this concept with modular clubs from around the country. It requires a ton of work and logistics to do a layout at the York Meet. Therefore, rotating groups will spread the work, and provide a variety of layouts for all to enjoy.

Our Finance committee created a budget for our Division and York Meets. We have never had one before. (Seems everything is a "start from scratch" effort.) We can now better plan our initiatives, and more fully understand the business end of the York Meet.

York Expo Center (the fairgrounds) enclosed the old stage area, and created a new hall, the Brown Hall. We immediately added it to our rental agreement, and have used it twice as a third Dealer Hall.

We believe all the changes we have implemented have followed a process that matches the concepts of democracy. We hold many meetings to vote on subjects presented. We make every effort to answer all letters and emails we receive from our members. We listen to all concerns, complaints, and suggestions. We do know our York Meets are better for our efforts. As we enter the next election cycle, Eastern Division is poised in good stead for the changes and challenges that face us, and we will continue to provide the best York Meets ever.

Eastern Division is so very proud to conduct the York Meets for each and every one of you.

Already we are hard at work preparing for the October 2006 York Meet. We now have a pre-registration program underway that lets dealers' register during the current York Meet for their next York Meet space(s). This is proving to be very helpful for our planning, and the dealers, as well.

The October 2006 York Meet is just around the corner. Mark your calendars—October 19, 20, 21, 2006—and start your planning now. See ya at York in October!!

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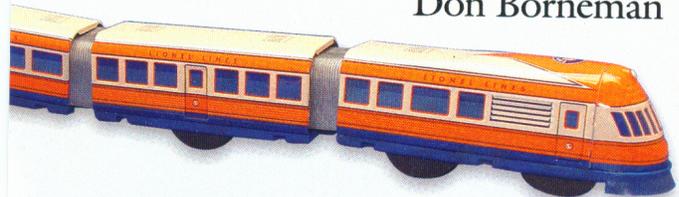
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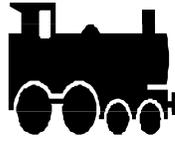
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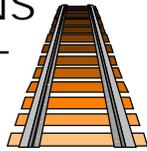
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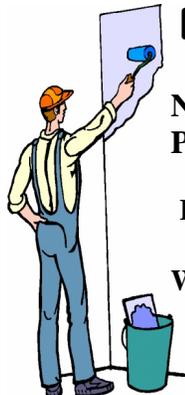
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We Follow Train Collector Association Standards at Our Meets





Eastern Division-TCA Snowplows through the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour By Clem Clement

Eastern Division-TCA was invited to participate in the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, VA (Washington, DC Metropolitan area) February 11 and 12, 2006. Manufacturers and dealers were present from all across the USA. The World's Greatest Hobby on Tour is designed to involve new families and individuals in the toy train hobby...rather than cater to those already enjoying the hobby.

On short notice, Howard Serig made the necessary arrangements for Eastern Division's complimentary 10' x 30' space in a prime location. Members of the Eastern Division Board of Directors quickly approved the concept to build an operating layout with lots of buttons for kids (of all ages!) to push, to demonstrate and encourage kids to use DCS and TMCC, and to educate visitors about our hobby using story boards and good 'ole face-to-face, one-on-one conversation...all under a logo banner shouting "TCA... Fun for the Whole Family."

Dan Danielson and Steve Kehn built a super 5' x 8' three-level operating layout—fully landscaped with buildings, trees, people, and other accessories. The first level showcased Standard and O gauge trains; the second, HO and S; and the third, N and a loop of wooden Thomas the Tank Engine trains. The layout was topped off with Snoopy and the Red Baron flying their airplanes in circles. There were lots of buttons for little fingers to push, including operating the crossing signal, lighting the buildings, blowing whistles, and swinging the boy in a tire swing.

Matthew Kehn (age 7) and 5-year old Anthony Masara (age 5), both TCA Kids Club Members, demonstrated operating the trains with remote control, showed visitors—young and old alike—how to use DCS and TMCC. Kids were thrilled to use the remotes; parents were skeptical. The boys also handed out Thomas the Tank Engine stickers to all the kids. Our layout was very popular due to all the interactive buttons and remote control aspects.

We included a display of unusual "Trains of Yesteryear" loaned by Clem Clement. Visitors posed many questions about the trains, and Clem was never at a loss for words to talk about them!

Using a very stylish and professional backdrop with a logo banner declaring "Eastern Division-TCA... Home of the World's Largest Train Show," we told the story of the Eastern Division York Meet through

a decorative cut-out train designed by Hope Danielson. From a podium, we invited visitors to be our guests at the April 2006 York Meet, and provided postcards when they expressed an interest in attending.

Under a WB&A Chapter logo banner, a story board announced the 2010 National TCA Convention, and included information and brochures about the convention being planned for 2010 in Baltimore, MD. We also showed "I Love Toy Trains" videos provided by Tom McComas.

Shortly after the doors opened on Saturday, light—but steady—snow began to fall. However, that did not keep visitors away. We had been told to expect 25,000 attendees, but became a bit concerned as the snow continued to fall. It snowed throughout the night, but Sunday morning broke clear and sunny, and more visitors came to the show. All in all, attendance was estimated at 20,000 Moms, Dads, and Kids! Great attendance for having 10+ inches of snow on the ground!

The World's Greatest Hobby on Tour is a most interesting and informative event...literally touring the country promoting the hobby of toy trains. Advertising was plentiful and very well done. In addition to the many manufacturers, dealers, and Eastern Division-TCA, there were several fun attractions for the kids and their families. There was a "100 Thomas the Tank Engines" play area...yards and yards of carpeting with lots of trains and accessories, and kids everywhere! There was a neat ride-on train for kids and adults circling around the back of the hall.

Feedback on Eastern Division's participation in this event has been very positive. This endeavor was pulled together in a matter of weeks by a small group of dedicated Eastern Division-TCA members who believe marketing TCA to the public is a must to insure future growth of the organization. Our budget was limited, and we ran over a bit, but we believe it was well worth the effort. During the event, we signed up several new TCA members who had been planning to join. We even re-upped a former member six years in arrears.

The Eastern Division and WB&A Chapter exhibits were on display at the April 2006 Eastern Division-TCA York Train Meet. We hope you had an opportunity to see them.

Clem

**WB&A Chapter Board of Directors
Secretary's Report for the May 09, 2006
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Art Tate at 7:00 PM. The Secretary verified that we had a quorum present and any votes taken at this meeting are binding.

Voting Members in attendance were as follows:

Art Tate, Glenn MacKinnon, Nicholas Tentzeras, Dan Danielson, Bob Heine, Fred Krochmal and Carol McGinnis. **Also present**, Sam Geiser, Brian Reilly, and Nancy Tentzeras.

Items that the Board discussed included the following:

- o Treasurer Glenn MacKinnon reported that the checking account balance as of May 09, 2006 is \$16,566.18.
- o Bob Heine reported that 235 members have renewed for 2006 so far; and 20 new members have joined since Fall 2005.
- o Nicholas and Nancy Tentzeras presented the new website design highlighting new features. Members are asked to complete the online website redesign survey at <http://www.wbchaptertca.org>. (or .com).
- o The amended motion for the WB&A Treasurer to allocate \$ 4,000.00 for start up funds to the 2010 Convention Treasurer was approved.
- o The Fall Mini-Meet will be held at Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center at 11011 Cherry Hill Road in Beltsville at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 4th.
- o Dan Danielson wrote a letter to the Eastern Division Board of Directors requesting that they allocate \$25,000.00 in start up funds to cover two big 2010 Convention events. The Eastern Division approved the funds.
- o The 2006 Spring York Meet had about 14,094 attendees, which is much higher than previous Spring Meets. It fell thirteen attendees short of eclipsing the October 2005 Fall York Meet. Fall York Meets have always had higher attendance.
- o The upcoming General Membership Meeting is scheduled for June 04th in Falls Church, VA. The meet will start at 9:00 AM, the meeting at 10:30AM.
- o The next WB&A Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM July 18th at the home of Glenn and Janet MacKinnon.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as Published.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Recent News on K-Line
Letter from the Lionel CEO**

Dear Friends,

I must confess that I so enjoyed the speculation and armchair lawyering about the future of K-Line that I almost hate bringing it to an end. But, as one of my former mothers-in-law used to say, "Appoint a day and it will come." After a lot of legal wrangling, the K-Line transaction has finally been concluded. As of last week, right before York, Lionel took control of all K-Line assets, including its inventory, intellectual property, tooling, and trademarks.

Lionel's deal is with Sanda Kan, K-Line's principal manufacturer and creditor, who, in turn, worked out its own deal with K-Line's bankers before we could move forward. Under the terms of our arrangement, Lionel will control and run the K-Line brand, in all respects, and will have the exclusive right to buy it outright sometime in the near future.

Our first step was to take possession of the existing K-Line inventory and move it from its former headquarters in North Carolina. As of today, that's just about done. Our next challenge is to sort through K-Line's books and records to make sure that everyone who pre-paid for products receives them. This will take some time, as most of what's owed to individuals and clubs is not in existing inventory and will have to be manufactured.

As I've said before, Lionel is committed to making good on unfulfilled orders. I anticipate that it will take us at least 60 days to sort out what is owed to whom. During that time, I cannot stress strongly enough how much we will need your patience and cooperation. As hard as it may be to control the urge to call us throughout this transition, I would really appreciate it if you will give us a couple of months to figure things out.

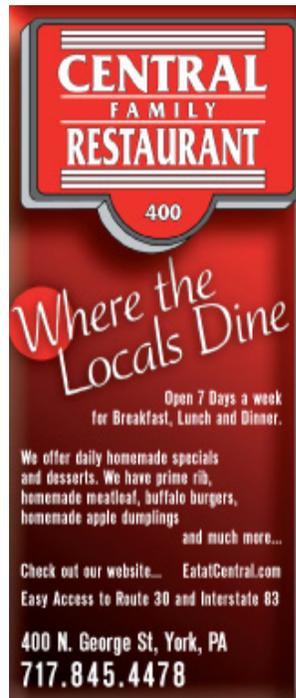
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Finally, I'd just like to say thanks to all of the people who worked so long and hard to get this deal done.

Best Regards,

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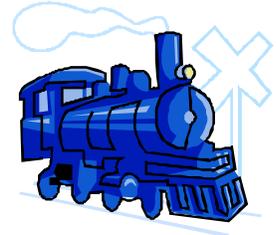
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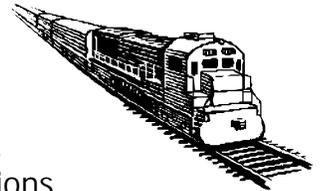
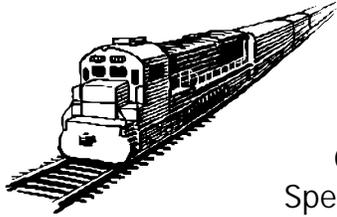
Fall WB&A Chapter Mini Meet / Train Collectors Association

Saturday, November 4, 2006
9 AM – 1 PM



All roads lead to the meet!

Location: Frances Fuchs Special Center, 11011 Cherry Hill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705
WB&A Members welcome without charge Coffee & Donuts served 9AM, at no cost
General Membership Meeting – 10:30 AM Complimentary Lunch served after meeting



Meet the Board of Directors.

Free of charge table for members.

Pick up your 2006 authentication sticker.

Come and greet the newly elected Board Members.

Special viewing of videos of previous TCA National Conventions.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Marines Toys For Tots Campaign.

You can still pay your 2006 WB&A membership dues (or renew for 2007)

Find out about more details about the upcoming 2010 Baltimore National Convention

Directions:

From the North (Baltimore, Delaware, Pennsylvania)

From Rt. 95 South in Maryland take Exit 29 – Powder Mill Road towards Calverton
This is Rt.212 - Go 1 and 3/4 miles to Cherry Hill Road and Turn left onto Cherry Hill.
Follow 1/2 mile to school on the left.

From Rt. 29 South in Maryland, Take Cherry Hill Road – right hand exit
Turn left at the light on the bridge onto Cherry Hill Road.
Go 3 miles through crossroad at Powder Mill Road, and follow 1/2 mile to school on left

From Rt. 1 South in Maryland - Cross over the Beltway (Rt. 495)
Take the next right onto Cherry Hill Road and Go 2 and 1/2 miles to school on the right

From the South (Richmond, Annapolis, Washington DC)

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Put this date on your calendar. Hope to see you there!

Meet Chair: Carol McGinnis—Call 410-336-8522 for Questions

Please note all the free, no charge, complimentary stuff for members

“Pen Tips”

Suggestions by Members of the Plasticville Collectors Association (PCA)

A tip of the hat and PCA pens go to Richard Woelkers and George Caravas for their Pen Tips printed below. Both address the problem of how to hold loose plastic buildings together:

In your article in Volume 4 Aug 2005 #3 on to glue or not to glue Plasticville buildings together I have found that using “All Stick” reusable adhesive which can be found at Office Depot to hold buildings together works pretty well. Putting a small amount on the corners of the building (on the inside!) will hold the walls together. This can also be used to hold small pieces in place on your layout. The product is intended for affixing papers and pictures to walls, etc. without creating holes as would the use of conventional methods. By Richard Woelkers

Your basic low temp hot melt glue gun has always worked for me for keeping the loose buildings parts together. The glue flows easily, holds securely and peels off easily. The glue will not burn fingers or projects. It sets up quickly making it ideal for multiple pieces. By George Caravas

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What Do I Get for My WB&A Dues?

-)= Two Train Shows per Year
 -)= Free Admission
 -)= Train Doctor
 -)= Train Related Seminars
 -)= 50/50 Raffle
 -)= TCA Only Trading for 1 Hour
 -)= Public Trading for 5 Hours
 -)= Door Prizes
 -)= Parts Dealers
 -)= Layouts & Fun for Kids
 -)= Santa at the Kena Temple Meet
-)= Two Mini-Meets per Year
 -)= Free Admission
 -)= Free Coffee & Doughnuts
 -)= Free Lunch
 -)= Free Trading Table
 -)= Train Races
 -)= Business Meeting
 -)= Fun with Your Train Friends
-)= Quarterly Newsletter
-)= Opportunity to Participate in Eastern Division and WB&A Activities and Management



Upcoming Train Shows

Train Show/Meet	Date(s)	Contact
Richmond, VA	Jul 22-23	760-376-2682
Timonium, MD	Jul 29-30	630-279-4048
Chesterfield Cty, VA	Aug 5	804-746-0659
Chantilly, VA	Aug 26-27	630-279-4048
Arbutus, MD	Sep 24	410-465-3782
York, PA	Oct 19-21	703-222-2982
Chesterfield Cty, VA	Nov 4	804-746-0659
Winchester, VA	Nov 11	549-662-2728
Fredericksburg, VA	Nov 18-19	540-286-3714
Clearview, VA	Nov 25	304-229-1930
Virginia Beach, VA	Dec 2-3	630-279-4048
WB&A Kena, VA	Dec 9	703-731-4073
Fredericksburg, VA	Dec 9-10	540-854-7062
Earleigh Heights, MD	Dec 10	410-228-7710
Arbutus, MD	Dec 16	410-465-3782
Mechanicsville, VA	Dec 16-17	630-279-4048
Chantilly, VA	Dec 30-31	630-279-4048
Timonium, MD	Jan 6-7	630-279-4048



New Publication Out

“Lionel, America’s Favorite Toy Trains,” by Gerry and Janet Souter, published by MBI Publishing Company, Osceola, WI. \$19.95, 156 pages, 10 X 10 format, paperback.

Reviews on the book have been positive although there are a few typographical errors such as the one regarding the 3656 Cattle Car, which states “It was pricey for \$1,947 but sold well.” The author probably meant the year 1947.

The book can be purchased from MBI on line at motor-books.com or by phone at 800-826-6600. Their mailing address is MBI Publishing Company, 729 Prospect Avenue, Osceola,

Synopsized from “The Villager,” PCA Newsletter, May 2006, Vol. 5 No. 2.

Make Sure You Have Input to the WB&A Website!!

We are redesigning the WB&A website and we ask that you participate in our online survey and help us design the site for you. Please visit: <http://www.wbchaptertca.org>

Bob Drake
4404 Dartmoor Lane
Alexandria, VA 22310

Register early for the WB&A Kena Temple Train Show. December 9, 2006

- Setup Friday, December 8, 2006, at 2:00 pm or Saturday at 7:00 am
- TCA Members admitted 8:00 am Saturday, December 9, 2006
- WB&A Members admitted FREE
- Open to Public at 9:00 am and closes at 2:30 (Admission \$5.00)

Directions: From I495 Beltway in Virginia, Take US 50 West. Move into left lane by the fourth light. At the 6th light, turn left onto Barkley Drive and take an immediate right at the Mantua sign. Go down to stop sign and turn left into the parking lot. Dealer load-in is at far end of lot.

1st Table (WB&A Free Admission): \$25.00 \$ _____
Admission: Non-WB&A: \$ 5.00 \$ _____
Admission: Non-WB&A Helper: \$ 5.00 ea \$ _____
Extra Tables: \$ 30.00 ea \$ _____
Total Due (Check to "WB&A"): \$ _____

Send a check and a stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Garrett Goldstein
7314 Friden Drive
Falls Church, VA 22043

Name: _____ TCA# _____ WB&A# _____
Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
Day Tele: _____ Eve Tele: _____ E-Mail: _____
Name of Helper(s): _____