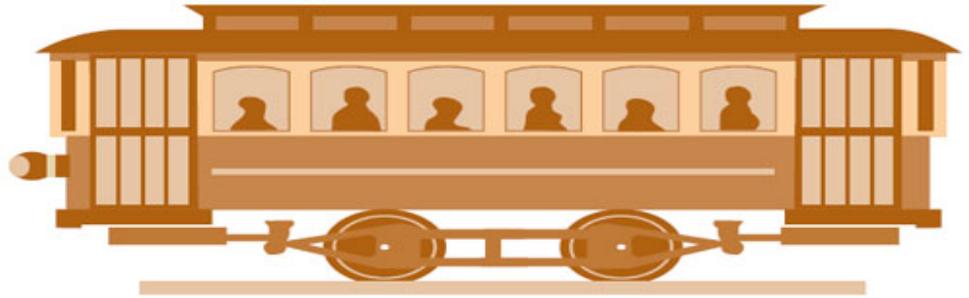


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**OUR CHANGING HOBBY!**

I have been a TCA member since 1997, which is not that very long by some standards but even so, I have seen many changes in our Hobby. Some of them have been beneficial such as electronics while some have been surprising and alarming as is the declining membership of TCA and an aging membership with no apparent influx of young people to replace the “old guard”. Has change been good for our Hobby or detrimental? It has been said that if you do not embrace change you will be left behind by it. I think that is very accurate when applied to the model train hobby and the organizations we have built around it.

We have witnessed some significant changes at TCA and Eastern Division (York Meet) that have precipitated disagreement and conflict at those levels. It is natural to resist change by those who have helped make an organization great and want to preserve an era that saw model train collecting and operating reach new heights of appreciation. There are many who worked very hard to elevate our Hobby to the status it enjoys today and see no reason to do things any differently. In light of some negative trends stated above, some change is necessary and inevitable if our Hobby is to prosper and remain as vital as it has been in the last 50 years.

There have been heated exchanges over how this change should be handled and indeed, if that change is even needed. Distrust, resentment and separate camps, with their own agenda, has been the result of all this contention. Our Hobby cannot grow and prosper if we are divided. All our executive committees and Boards are comprised of good people who have worked very hard and want only the best for our membership, collectors and the model train hobby in general. We cannot do this with bitter rivalries and separate agendas that benefit a small group. I urge all members of TCA and its divisions to set aside this destructive activity and work together to solve the problems we all share. Let us focus on our wonderful Hobby and bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. If you share this opinion let your Club officials know that you want them to work for the advancement and benefit of our great Hobby and to stop the petty bickering. **LET’S ALL GET BACK TO PLAYING TRAINS!**

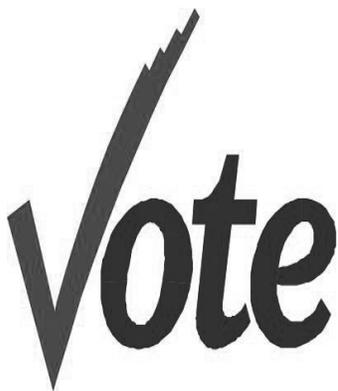
Art Tate, President



**Treasurer's Report  
As of August 31, 2007**

Summer is drawing to a close and with the exception of the preparation for the Potomac Eagle trip in September, there hasn't been much financial activity. I do want to report that our bank account was hit by identity thieves that used our check card account number that I use for ATM deposits to make two purchases at merchandise stores in Europe. I discovered the charges when I opened our bank account statement in early August. I immediately contacted the bank and our money was reimbursed to the account. Bank personnel told me that by checking my account statement immediately upon receipt and notifying the bank I prevented any further illegal activity directed against our account. Had I waited several days to check the bank statement, it's likely our account would have been emptied. This is a good lesson for all of us. Carefully check all your bank account, credit card and other financial statements you receive immediately upon receipt. On a lighter note, my new MTH Coors Light Beer train got its first workout on the National Capital Tracker's modular layout at the Dulles Expo Center train show last weekend. It was a great hit with the crowd and operated flawlessly! I look forward to seeing all of you at York and the Chapter's shows at the Annapolis Armory and Kena Temple this fall. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me at 703-927-9843 or [glen.mackinnon@verizon.net](mailto:glen.mackinnon@verizon.net). - Glenn

Checkbook Balance January 1, 2007			\$13,846.45
Significant Activities January 1, 2007 thru August 31, 2007			
	Expenses		Revenue
MD Armory 07 Meet	\$2,034		\$3,035
Newsletter 07	\$1,423		\$1,065
Club Shirts	\$0		\$240
Membership Dues 07	\$268		\$5,657
WB&A Web Site	\$354		\$0
Kids Korner	\$279		\$547
Mini Meet June 07	\$554		\$0
TCA 2007 Directory Ad	\$170		\$0
MD Armory Nov 07 Meet	\$300		\$0
Kena Temple 07	\$0		\$25
Potomac Eagle Trip	\$400		\$2,005
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$291		\$0
Checkbook Balance August 31, 2007			\$16938.76
Certificate of Deposit w/Eastern Savings Bank			\$ 2004.37



The 2007 –2008 ballot is enclosed in this newsletter. Each candidate has submitted a resume listing their qualifications, goals and objectives for the chapter. Please read each one carefully and vote for continued Chapter growth and success.

**Secretary's Report  
for May 09, 2007  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Meeting** was called to order by Stan Dobrzycki at 6:45 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:** Stan Dobrzycki, Glenn MacKinnon, Nicholas Tentzeras, Dan Danielson, Mary Jackson, Fred Krochmal, Dan Martino, Carol McGinnis, & Nancy Tentzeras. **Also present:** Hope Danielson, Diane Dobrzycki, & Pete Jackson

**Items that the Board discussed included the following:**

- Treasurer Glenn MacKinnon reported that the checking account balance as of May 09, 2007 is \$16,909.43 and the CD has a balance of \$1,996.98.
- Membership Director Carol McGinnis reported there are 42 new member/renewals since February and we have 307 members as of May 09. We have collected \$5,381.00 in 2007 dues to date.
- There was discussion about upcoming election and the nomination process determining that a nominating committee was to be in place by the mini-meet in June.
- Nicholas reported on possible upcoming chapter outing. The board agreed on the Potomac Eagle for 9/15/07 for a 1/2 day trip, with each member to pay their way.
- There was discussion of possibilities for future meets as we don't have a confirmed date for an Annapolis meet in November. Stanley presented the possibility of Arcadia Fire Department.
- Dan highlighted the specifics of the upcoming mini-meet on June 3<sup>rd</sup>; a postcard will be sent out as a reminder.
- Dan reported on the Success of the April York meet.
- Hope reported on the Eastern BOD and membership meeting which were held during the York meet in April.
- The next Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on August 1st, 2007 at the home of Dan and Hope Danielson.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as Published.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Nicholas Tentzeras, Secretary WB&A Chapter

**“Get on Board” for the  
WB&A “Toy Train Show & Sale”**

**November 10, 2007**

**Show opens at 9:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM**

**Admission: \$5.00**

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

**Now at the Annapolis Armory!!**

**18 Willow Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

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**THE SHOW WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR THREE DAYS IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS**

**Directions: Going U.S. 50 East toward Annapolis, take Parole Exit (#23), left onto West Street for ¼ mile, left on Hudson Street, and into the Armory on Willow St. Going US 50 West, take Parole Exit, bear left (away from Jennifer Rd), left on West St. and follow the directions above.**

**All vendors selling repro parts, etc. must have a TCA Certificate of Compliance and display it.  
Sorry, No refunds.**

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Send Reservations to: All Tables: \$25.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Tate Admission: \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
600 Broadneck Road Non-WB&A Helper (s): \$5.00 Each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Annapolis, MD 21409 Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of WB&A Members Attending (Free Admission) \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact:** Art by phone at 410-766-9100 or by email at [annapolis\\_meet@wbachaptertca.org](mailto:annapolis_meet@wbachaptertca.org)

Make check payable to **WB&A Chapter and mail reservation, by October 31, 2007**, to guarantee a table. Must be a TCA Member to have a table. Enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope to receive badges. Tables not occupied by 9:30 AM November 10, 2007 may be resold. No refunds.

**NOTE: Set-up starting at 7:30 AM., Saturday, November 10, 2007**

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

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

*Historian's Corner*  
*Not So Long Ago?*  
*by Carol Redman McGinnis*

There has always been a lot of discussion at membership and board meetings about the location of meets. Our current meets are in December at Kena Temple in Fairfax, and in February at the Annapolis Armory in Annapolis. Our mini-meets are at the Masonic Lodge in Falls Church, Virginia, where we've been for many years, and Frances Fuchs school in Beltsville, Maryland. It should be interesting to note that in the historical records is the following information of where some meets were held:

- 8/28/1964 1<sup>st</sup> Meet-Community Hall, Westview Shopping Center, Baltimore, MD
- 3/65 2<sup>nd</sup> Meet-Grapevine Restaurant, Hartford Road, Baltimore, MD
- 7/65 Edmondson Village Hall, Baltimore, MD
- March/August Pikesville Armory, Pikesville, MD From 1968-1979
- March/Sept Timonium Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD From 1979-1995
- March/Sept Tall Cedars, Putty Hill Avenue, Baltimore, MD From 1997-2001
- March/Sept Oregon Ridge
- Mini-Meet Community Center, Falls Church, VA
- Mini-Meet Damascus High School, MD
- Mini-Meet Benjamin Banneker Jr. High, Burtonsville, MD
- Mini-Meet Rockville Sr. High School, Rockville, MD
- Mini-Meet Community Center, Laurel, MD

**Membership Moments**

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP as of September 01, 2007 - 324**  
 Membership continues to climb. We have welcomed 44 new members since the beginning of the year and continue to accept new applicants. 2007 renewals have been closed and we are beginning to accept 2008 membership renewals. Renewal forms are included within this newsletter along with an envelope to mail it back. You will also have the opportunity to renew your membership at the upcoming York meet in October as well as the upcoming WB&A meets.

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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. (Shows advertised in local newspapers.)
5	Free admission & table at WB& A Mini-Meets.
6	Receive quarterly the WB&A Newsletter "The Trolley".
7	Access to the newly designed and enhanced chapter web site (www.wbachaptertca.org)
8	A chance to get involved in planning the 2010 TCA National Convention in Baltimore.
9	Serving as a committee member or officer at the local level is very rewarding.
10	Buy, sell, trade with local train enthusiasts.



*2008 — 2009 Ballot is enclosed within this newsletter. Let your voice be heard, therefore, for your ballot to be counted, it must be Postmarked no later than October 19, 2007. Do not enclose your ballot in an envelope.*

*All ballots will be taken unopened to the General Membership meeting on November 3rd, 2007 to be validated and counted by the election committee.*

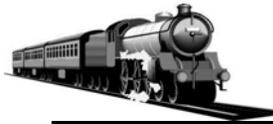
*After the ballots are counted, the newly elected Officers and Board of Directors will be announced. New officers assume their duties in January 2008.*



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**Upcoming Train Shows**

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Beltsville Mini Meet	Nov 03	WB&A Only
Annapolis Armory	Nov 10	703.731.4073
WB&A Kena, VA	Dec 8	703-731-4073



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**Sam's Train Wrecks  
by Sam Geiser**

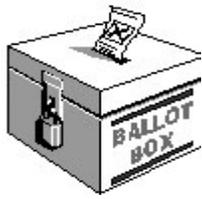
Until the 1850's when the telegraph came into use scheduling of trains was based on timetables. There was no way to communicate from one train to another or from one station to another. A train was on its own until it arrived at its destination, where it could get further orders. The success of the timetable in rail operations was dependent entirely on the men who ran the trains. Delays did occur because of fog, heavy rain or snow, frequent breakdown and engineers or conductors who failed to follow orders.

Compounding the problems of using a timetable and making operations dangerous was the lack of standard time. Before 1883 trains were run in a crazy pattern of dozens of times based on several local sun times. Where it was noon in Chicago, it was 11:27 AM in Omaha; 11:50 in St. Louis, 12:09 PM in Louisville, 12:17 in Toledo and 12:30 in Pittsburgh. There were twenty seven local times in Illinois and 38 in Wisconsin. It is no wonder that serious accident resulted from a train failure to follow timetable orders with absence of a unity of time. Head on and rear end collisions during the early days were at a time when almost all railroads consisted of a single track.

To highlight the dangers of working for or riding the railroads during this period of time, Travelers Life & Accident Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn. Advertised:

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The Travelers has paid towards a Million Dollars to the families of railroad men killed or disabled by accident.



**Nominating Committee Mission Statement**

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of selecting qualified Chapter members to run for selected offices to the WB&A Chapter for the next two years. It has selected qualified candidates who have demonstrated leadership abilities and a commitment that will be an asset to the Chapter for the future. These members have actively supported the Chapter by volunteering their time and resources, attending the meets, bringing in new members and expressing a desire to serve. Their goal as a committee is that each member who has volunteered to serve on the board will prove to do their best in making our organization the Number 1 Chapter of TCA in the United States.

*Thanks to the nominating committee (Stan Dobrzycki, Nicholas Tentzeras, and Pete Jackson) for their time and effort putting a slate of qualified candidates for the election.*

**Please review the resumes and cast your vote!**

**PRESIDENT**

**Art Tate** – Annapolis, MD – TCA #98-47853

**Train Interests:** “O” gauge – actively enjoys running Lionel, MTH and others on his 27x10’ layout.

**Current and Past Positions:** current President of WB&A for past two years, past WB&A Vice President, Treasurer, President of the Baltimore Rotary Club, President of the Executive Association of Baltimore and Forensic Chairman of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

**Special Skills:** owner of his own temporary employment business (National Employer’s concepts), familiar with accounting and financial reporting and versed in insurance and legal needs of businesses which include management, communications, training, presentations, leadership, and marketing skills.

**Chapter Goals:** Provide more services, benefits and rewards for members which will hopefully increase interest and membership in WB&A Chapter. These features will include more that simply focus on toy trains, i.e. excursions, historical societies, preservation, etc. Sponsor train meets that will attract more of the general public, especially families with young children that will promote interest in our hobby. Make WB&A Chapter an organization that is FUN, INTERESTING, and a club that people associate with future as well as the past. We must do this to keep our wonderful hobby vital and relevant to today’s young people.

**VICE PRESIDENT**

**Stanley Dobrzycki** – Rosedale, MD – TCA#80-15691

**Train Interests:** I have been collecting Lionel “O” gauge trains for fifty years after purchasing my first train myself at the age of 12.

**Current & Past Position:** current Vice President of WB&A for past two years, York Meet Safety & Security Chairman, York Registration committee, Bailiff for the State of Maryland, District Court of Maryland Civil Division and retired Baltimore City Police Officer. I am very active in the WB&A Chapter & Eastern Division assisting as needed.

**Special Skills:** Very knowledgeable about Lionel Post War.

**Chapter Goals:** My WB&A goals include recruiting younger members into the organization and continuing to promote the hobby of toy train collecting by sharing my collecting knowledge and love of the hobby. In addition, widen the area of Toy Train Shows beyond Annapolis and Virginia to include a show in Baltimore County to get more members north of Baltimore City to the Pennsylvania border since the chapter is called Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis TCA.

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## TREASURER

**Glenn MacKinnon** – Springfield, VA – TCA#03-55715

**Train Interests:** Member of the National Capital Trackers, collect Lionel Post-War Military and Space Trains and Accessories and have built and operate an L shaped 24ftx16ft O Gauge layout in his basement.

**Current and Past Position:** current Treasurer of WB&A for past three years, developed new financial report format while implementing new procedures for streamlining and certifying funds transactions dealing with train meet receipts and membership dues, Member and Chairman, Rules and Regulations Committee, Eastern Division, TCA, 2004-2007, Supervised Eastern Division Bylaws Rewrite and established first ever policy book for the Division, Court Appointed Special Advocate, 2004-2007, Family Court appointed Representative providing support to abused and neglected children in Fairfax County, Northern Virginia Literacy Council Volunteer, 2002-2003, English tutor, Licensed Agent and Registered Representative for First Command Financial Planning, 1998-2002, Managed a clientele of over 400 families with a wide variety of financial goals, Active duty military service 1972-1998, Served in numerous stateside and overseas command and management positions until retirement in 1998, Established a Video home movie restoration, editing and production company "Turbine Productions" in 2007. Recently assumed responsibility for WB&A meet advertising.

**Special Skills:** Over 37 years experience in diverse leadership and staff positions. Proven training, research, analytical, writing, presentation, and project management skills. Directed high visibility and high dollar value programs. TCA and WB&A member since 2003.

**Chapter Goals:** Continue to provide the best possible accounting management processes to the position of WB&A Treasurer to ensure 100% accuracy and member visibility of the Chapter's financial activities.

## SECRETARY

**Nicholas Tentzeras** – Germantown, MD – TCA#04-57680

**Train Interests:** "O" Gauge – postwar and modern Lionel, MTH, and Williams. I remain in the dream and planning stages for building a layout.

**Current & Past Position:** current Secretary for the WB&A Chapter since being appointed in January 2006, Co-Webmaster of WB&A Chapter Web Site, Co-Chair of the Computer Committee, and Director, Information Technology, as well as a member of the Internet Committee for Eastern Division, member of York Registration Team, Vice-President for Home Owner's Association, serve other boards/councils in various leadership positions.

**Special Skills:** I have excellent management, writing, communication, presentation, training, and organizational skills; further, I have the drive, enthusiasm and willingness to get the job done in whatever role I serve in. Currently, use technology to better record and archive the secretary's reports.

**Chapter Goals:** To work harder to share our hobby and Chapter in ways that will fascinate children to see the wonders of trains. As a person that enjoys working with others I willingly offer my services to play an active leadership role in further implementing the extensive use of technology to increase the Chapter offerings to our membership. I plan to especially work hard to recruit younger members and to encourage their participation in our chapter and at meets. Further, I want to help make WB&A a more active Chapter by offering more excursions/trips to our members. Plan to improve the chapter website by adding an online membership directory to the Chapter's website, which is only available to members in addition to offering Chapter member's the opportunity to showcase their layouts on the Chapter's website.



## *2010 Convention Update*

***MOTTO: THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX;  
NO IDEA IS TOO CRAZY OR SILLY™***

The 2010 Baltimore Convention Committee Members met on July 28, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Dan and Hope Danielson. The plans for the convention are progressing nicely as we are still ahead of the curve, with the hotels locked in place, plans for the trading pits are under way, exciting activities are being planned, a dinner cruise, a trip to Annapolis, a trip to the Air & Space Museum at Dulles, charter membership reception, activities for the ladies, .

and possibly we may even take in a ball game at Camden Yards. However, we are pursuing other venues for the Welcoming Party as the B&O Museum did not honor their agreement with us.

As you can see, the 2010 Convention is off and running and provides us all with a challenge. But it's nothing that we cannot handle and take pride in when it's all said and done. It is hoped that the years following our Convention, we will be used as the guide to all others. We will meet again in mid-January when our convention cars will be buttoned up. Please join one of the many committees as we will need all the help that we can get.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
in alphabetical order**

**Mary Jackson – Springfield, VA – TCA# 03-55939**

**Train Interests:** Collects “O” gauge along with husband, Pete.

**Current Positions:** Supervises at Kids Korner York, manage ticket sales at all WB&A train shows, York Registration Committee, and Director of Homeowners Association.

**Special Skills:** Computer, organizational & a get it done attitude!!!

**Chapter Goals:** I feel a need to get a little more involved with this train business instead of just playing around with the choo-choo’s. I would like to help out wherever, however and whenever I can.

**Pete Jackson – Springfield, VA – TCA# 98-46562**

**Train Interests:** My love of model trains began way back in 1946 when my Dad presented me with a Lionel train set #1405 with A1666 loco tender and 3 cars. After a long hiatus I rediscovered the joy of operating trains in 1996.

**Current Positions:** Currently I am involved in the Kids Korner at York twice a year setting up, repairing and taking down all the rideons such as Mighty Casey and Thomas the Tank, also taking on the responsibility of being involved in the Kids Klub at the 2010 Convention in Baltimore.

**Special Skills:** I love to repair and refurbish older "O" scale model trains.

**Chapter Goals:** My goals in the WB&A are to increase membership as well as retaining the members that we have - both young old alike and to do what I can to make the 2010 convention a success.

**Fred Krochmal – Vienna, VA – TCA# 85-22109**

**Train Interests:** Pre and Postwar Lionel, American Flyer and European trains. Also collect transportation memorabilia – i.e. lanterns, timetables, etc.

**Current and Past Position:** WB&A Director for the past four years. I have also served on boards for the National Railroad History Associations and the Herndon Rotary Club. Member of the VA Train collectors Association.

**Special Skills:** Family Dentistry in Herndon, VA

**Chapter Goals:** I’m interested in keeping alive and well the hobby that has provided me and my wife (Phyllis) a lot of enjoyment and most important new friends. I want the WB&A chapter to continue the recent success of the meets and the membership.

**Carol McGinnis – Columbia, MD – TCA# 95-41066**

**Train Interests:** I have been with TCA since its inception and was one of the original "family" members. I officially joined the association in 1995, and joined the WB&A chapter in about 2003. I enjoy the friendships that TCA has provided to me and to my family. My collection is eclectic, ranging from McCoy, to Lionel, to Ives and MTH. I like items that have a Pennsylvania logo, in particular Pittsburgh and its surroundings, but if I see something that I like I add it to my collection. I also have an extensive set of TCA quarterlies.

**Current and Past Position:** current Membership Director for WB&A, past advertising director, worked with Nancy Swan and am now the Historian for the Chapter, meet chairman for November Mini-Meet, member of the Education and Museum Committee for the National Toy Train Museum.

**Special Skills:** Special Education teacher working with pre-school children in Prince George's County Public Schools, adept at organizational skills and good with people

**Chapter Goals:** Working to assure that the chapter and the association meet the needs of you, the membership.

**2007 - 2008 Shows**

**Sunday September 30, 2007**  
**Saturday December 15, 2007**  
**Sunday March 09, 2008**  
**Sunday September 28, 2008**  
**Saturday December 20, 2008**

We follow TCA Standards  
at Our Meets.

**Arbutus Train and Toy Show**

Location: Arbutus Volunteer Firehall ~ 1/4 mille off Beltway ~ 12A Southwestern Blvd.

Doors Open 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM ~ Dealers Setup 7:00 AM

All Table's \$15.00 ~ includes one Admission ~ Tables at the door ~ \$18.00 if available

Table Fees must be in 30 days before the show date.

Admission \$4.00 ~ Children under 12 FREE with an Adult

For information contact Frank or Sunny Vacek ~ 410.465.3782 (Evenings 6 - 9 PM)



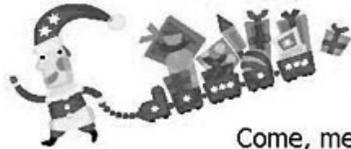
**Fall WB&A Chapter Mini Meet / Train Collectors Association**  
**Saturday, November 3, 2007**  
**9 AM – 1 PM**



***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 afterwards



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Directions: **From the North** (Baltimore, Delaware, Pennsylvania)

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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

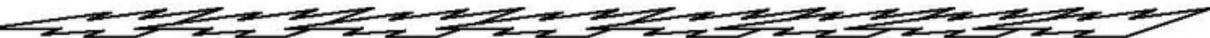
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**From Rt. 1 North** in Maryland - Before the Beltway (Rt. 495) turn left to Cherry Hill Rd  
Go 2 and 1/2 miles to school on the right.



**Put this date on your calendar. Hope to see you there! Meet Chair: Carol McGinnis**  
Questions??? Call 410-336-8522

**Stan's Trolley Tidbits  
The Baltimore Street Car**

In March of 1876, the Baltimore and Hamden operated the first motorized street car, which was the first company in Baltimore to disregard horses and mules. The street car line ran from Charles and Huntington (which is now 25th St) to Roland Ave and 36th St. in Hamden.

It wasn't until 1881 when Professor Leo Draft became interested in running a street car by electric motor which he demonstrated at Coney Island. Draft arrived in Baltimore four years later, on August 15, 1885, when the electric motor went into operation.

There were many attempts to improve the street car. A street car was built by J.G. Brill which was powered by 14 storage batteries which ran at 7 1/2 mph to a maximum of 12 mph.



The Baltimore Traction Co. had a third rail however, it was short lived. The climate in Baltimore was not suited for a third rail and people were afraid of it.

At first they wanted to build an over head system because it would be cheaper but like today's politicians they wanted a cable car system like the one in San Francisco. This adventure turned out to be very expensive. In March of 1890 work began on the cable car system. Large holes had to be dug for the cables and a large building had to be built for this system. The first cable car arrived in October 1890 with the inaugural run on May 16, 1891. People were very anxious to try this new type of transportation. Some stayed up all night to make sure they would get to try it. Sixty thousand people used it in the first 24 hours at five cents a person.  
to be continued.



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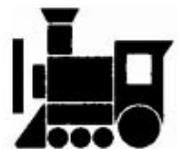
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**Eastern Division TCA  
President's Message  
by Sam Geiser**

The Eastern Division York, PA meet will soon be here and along with WB&A's wonderful support we will be having another outstanding and exciting adventure tracking down our new and old dreams. Trains, treasures and unique items from the past, as well as new ideas of today, will all be gathered during our October 2007 get together. Seeing old friends, making new ones, learning about our hobby and enjoying the fun of participating in our great past time has now become our own private world of enchantment. All of our calendars have been marked for the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of October to share our stories, hear new tales, a few lies and our successes and near misses during the meet.

WB&A has proven itself to be very successful increasing its membership and finding new talent in support of their wonderful chapter. By joining together with our family and friends, sharing their knowledge and experiences we will continue to keep our hobby alive and well for many years to come. My personal thanks to President Art Tate, the Board of Directors and all those individuals who have tirelessly given of their time and talents to make WB&A the **premier** Chapter of TCA it has become. Thank you WB&A for your success.

**WB&A is Kids Korner at York.** Nan Kronz and Mary Jackson have been serving as our **only** on site monitors keeping our young, future engineers entertained and safe. In order to keep Kids Korner open we need volunteers to give these wonderful ladies a break. I'm asking you to call Nan (410-757-8845) and tell her you will volunteer some of your time to keep WB&A's Kids Korner "Open for Business" now and in the future



WB&A Chapter sponsors Kids Korner York and we **NEED** your help. Stop by the Korner (in the Lobby between the Blue & Silver Halls) and volunteer for 30 minutes (or so) to give Nan Kronz and Mary Jackson a break from time to time. You'll will enjoy watching our future engineers and leave with a smile on your face and a warm spot in your heart for Kids Korner York.

**VOLUNTEER**

**Fall York Meet is Just Around the Corner  
October 18th—20th 2007**

***A time to renew great friendships,  
memories and have a lot of fun,  
all in the name of trains.***

***Mark your calendars for the  
Scheduled Events planned during  
the York Meet***

***Wednesday October 17th, 2007  
National Toy Train Museum  
Open House  
30th Anniversary Celebration  
10:00 AM — 5:00 PM***

***Friday October 19th, 2007  
Ice Cream Social  
7:00—8:00 PM***

***Saturday October 20th, 2007  
Coffee and Donuts  
7:30—8:30 AM  
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ing during this time.)***

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 Stop by and see our layout

*National Capital Trackers  
Play Trains with the Marines  
August 11th and 12, 2007  
By Clem Clement*

I came to play trains with the National Capital Trackers at the USMC Museum.

I came to share this wonderful hobby with the Marines.

I came to enjoy the USMC Museum.

I came to have winter (fun) in the summer.

I came to teach those who so willingly and proudly defend us about trains and the hobby.

I came away with the gift of the Marine experience — *The power of Semper Fi*. To be in the presence of “The few, the Proud, The Marines; who take up OLD GLORY and intentionally move into harms way for all of us; was an exhilarating experience for this old Airman.

The Museum’s collection of weapons of war is awesome, but the photos of our brother and sisters out there, strikes at the core of American values. A dusty, dirty (and smelly I’m sure) Marine holding an injured child and knowing that a few minutes before and after, war was occurring around that precious child... The displays transport you to the battlefields, like the captured cold of Marines defending positions in Korea, the heat and dampness and stench of Vietnam or the ringing of drill instructor’s words as he/she “encourages” recruits to carry on during basic training.

The super high speed photograph of today capturing action faster than the human eye can see, so a round from a huge gun can be seen early in flight, so almost can the pains of war be felt that are depicted in pictures on the museum walls. I, who have Vietnam experience, gravitated to those displays. The smells, the heat, the noise, I’m proud to have served but I wilted remembering those we left behind.

This is a great museum!!! Beautiful in its architecture, awesome in its story telling, something for all ages that will leave you inspired and short on words to properly describe the experience. I wanted to sign up right then and there.

I struggle with our “train” contribution to this reverent Marine scene. One moment I believed we added an exciting new dimension to the museum’s meaning by displaying and running military trains with combat equipment loads. The next moment I felt so insignificant among the remembrances of our hero Marines. Ain’t this a great country or what?

We had a large layout on one side of the rotunda near the Korean era helicopter. As soon as a visitor entered the rotunda they could hear the trains, whistles and Thom’s farm critters. What great sounds that were a magnetic draw to the layout area. We were located in front of the 3 story steel

“flight tower” so guests had several views of the layout from above. We could also be seen from the circular walkways on the second floor. We were a key attraction in the heat of the summer and all who attended the Museum that weekend came by to see the National Capital Trackers in action.



The layout is like a coke bottle that is not shaped like a coke maybe more like a Chianti bottle. 20x40 ft rectangle with a 15x40 rectangle against it containing operating loops, a number of sidings and a yard. One outside track that goes all the way around, 2 inside loops that cross over where the 2 rectangles join. Multiple trains run on each loop unless we are running older consists that don’t have individual controls. I ran prewar O gauge. A 259 and 529/529/530 cars repainted in Blue Comet livery; a home-done trolley, a 259 converted into a camelback and a sweet Marklin steamer of the 30’s.

For two days, the trackers and their families had the opportunity to talk to Marines and their families. We visited with reservists who just were finishing two weeks of training sessions in preparation to go back into battlefields and some who had just returned and were getting reacquainted with their families. They held a change of command ceremony near us and it was a thrill to watch their new commander assume the reins of command. We talked with parents watching their children, now proud young Marines, getting ready to take up the burden of defending and protecting us. We talked with Marines remembering their childhood play or taking the time to play with their own youngsters. Teaching their children about their Marine history, their jobs and callings yet, making time for fun by playing trains with their children, their friends and strangers. Recalling the joys of youth made for a special day for all of us. The eyes of the kids tell all we are making them happy; we are teaching, sharing and learning together. We

*National Capital Trackers  
Play Trains with the Marines  
continued*

were humbled in the presence of a duty Marine greeter wearing a Purple Heart from Falluja action.



I love train meets and the fun of being with other collectors learning about this hobby but I also love the opportunity to

share this hobby with the community. We invited many to attend York. Some of my happiest memories have been at events like this one or interacting with those who come to enjoy the trains at the National Christmas Tree. Like when my train room was a field trip for my son's elementary school class. I know many of you are participating in equally wonderful events throughout the country. I hope some of you will share your experiences.

**ELECT  
NICHOLAS TENTZERAS  
WB&A SECRETARY**

I humbly ask for your vote and support as I willingly offer my services to serve the Chapter in an active leadership role as Secretary.

I have the drive, enthusiasm and willingness to get the job done; when you mark your ballot vote Nicholas Tentzeras for Secretary.



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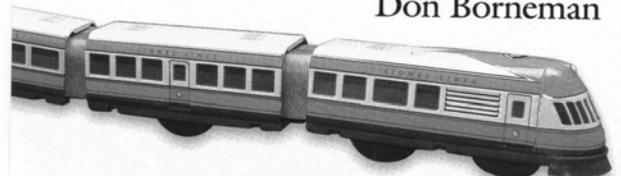
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***WB&A Chapter's Day of Fun and Fellowship Aboard the Potomac Eagle  
September 15, 2007***



WB&A members boarded the Bus bright and early heading toward Romney, WV in anticipation of a day of fun and fellowship amongst fellow train enthusiasts for a 3 HOUR TRAIN RIDE aboard the Potomac Eagle. Will they return from this 3 HOUR TRAIN RIDE in three hours or will it turn in to a hit television series. If so is George Clooney available to play Art Tate, .....

And now for the rest of the story. Attendees were treated to a continental breakfast aboard the bus on the way to Romney. Since we all seemed to forget to bring any Train DVDs or tapes, there were a few who took a morning snooze the rest of the bus

trip; watch out as there were roaming cameras. Did you get caught taking a catnap early in the morning? The weather turned out to be perfect as it was sunny and cool; we couldn't have asked for a better day, weather wise. For those who were able to join on the train excursion had a wonderful time as we all talked, laughed, shared stories, searched for eagle sightings and roamed through all the gift shops aboard the Potomac Eagle in search of train treasures to take home. The Lunch served in the First Class car was excellent and you definitely didn't go hungry; there even was a surprise Birthday Celebration for the Chapter Secretary, Nicholas Tentzeras with cake that was shared among everyone. We highly recommend this trip for those who were unable to join the chapter this time; you were definitely missed and hope to see you on future chapter outings.

*A personal testimonial from Blair Dodds: Dianne and I thoroughly enjoyed the trip. We thank you for the efforts that made it possible. If you are taking a poll of possible attendees for the next trip, please be assured that Dianne and I will be attending. In summary, you and your staff are doing an absolutely outstanding job .*

We would like to thank Phil Graves for allowing everyone to meet and park at the Sharon Masonic Lodge in McLean; as this location was very convenient.

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**WB&A 2008 Membership**  
Renewals and New Applicants  
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# Toy Train Show & Sale

Presented by WB&A TCA

Open to the Public

**Saturday, December 8, 2007**

9:00 AM To 3:30 PM (8:00 AM for TCA members)

Admission: \$5 (FREE for TCA WB&A members, Military/Guard/Reserves/Coast Guard & Children Under 12 or Scouts in uniform when accompanied by adult)



**Shriners' Kena Temple**  
**9001 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22031**

*Directions: I-95 to 495 west. Go west on Rt. 50 and move to the left lane by the fourth light. At the sixth traffic light turn left (Barkley Drive), instantly make a right onto the service road just past the Mantua sign to the stop sign and turn left into the parking lot.*

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- 50/50 Raffle
- Pictures with Santa
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**Table Holders Contact:** Garrett by phone at 703-821-2332 or email [kena\\_meet@wbachaptertca.org](mailto:kena_meet@wbachaptertca.org)  
Make check payable to **WB&A Chapter** and **mail reservation, by November 21, 2007** to guarantee a table. Must be a TCA Member to have a table. Enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope to receive badges. Tables not occupied by 9:30 AM may be resold. All vendor selling repro parts, etc must have a TCA Certificate of Compliance and display it. Sorry, No refunds.

**NOTE: Set-up starting at 7:00 AM., Saturday, December 8, 2007**

**Detach Here**

Send Reservations to:	All Tables: \$25.00 each	\$ _____
Garrett Goldstein	Admission: \$5.00	\$ _____
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I agree to abide by all rules of the Association, including those of its Divisions, Chapters, and Committees that may be in place from time to time. Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Nancy Tentzeras  
WB&A Newsletter Editor  
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***Register early for the WB&A Kena Temple Train Show, December 8, 2007***

- **Setup Saturday at 7:00 am**
- **TCA Members admitted 8:00 am Saturday, December 8, 2007**
- **WB&A Members admitted FREE**
- **Open to Public at 9:00 am and closes at 3:00 (Admission \$5.00)**
- **All vendors selling repro parts, etc. must have a TCA Certificate of Compliance and display it. Sorry, No refunds.**

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