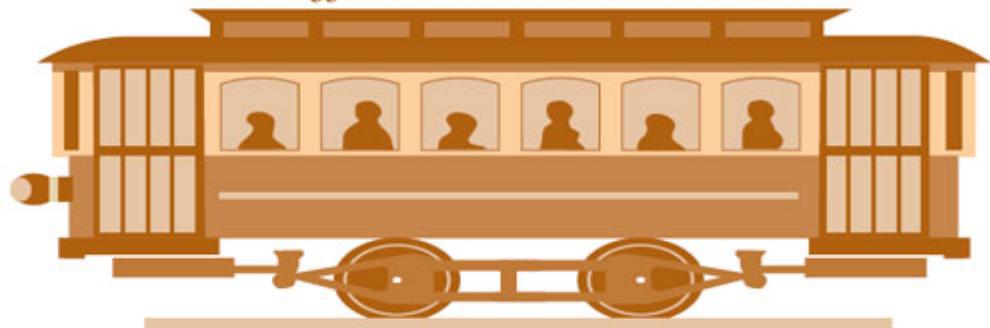


2010 TCA National Convention
Baltimore, MD
June 19—27, 2010



WB&A Chapter - Eastern Division - Train Collectors Association
Established 1964

WB&A Board of Directors

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Director: OPEN
Director: OPEN

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NEW IDEAS

“We need some new ideas”. How many times have we heard these words at work, in our daily lives and in organizations we may belong to? New ideas keep our lives vibrant and interesting, without them our lives can become routine, stale and boring. The officers and board of directors of WB&A would like to appeal to our members for some new ideas. Over the past few years we have introduced several new programs and innovations that we hope have appealed to you, our members; interactive layouts at our meets, hobby-related excursions, Kid's Korner, a web site and even hosting the TCA 2010 National Convention. In addition, there are ongoing efforts such as the newsletter and promoting our hobby in whatever way we can. These are just a few examples. We are only twelve people out of a membership of about 343 people; surely, there must be many good ideas out there fermenting in the fertile minds of our other 300 colleagues. Please share them with us and help keep toy trains the great pastime it has become. Maybe you haven't thought about it that much since you were having too much fun playing with your trains. TCA, Eastern Division, WB&A, etc. has lost many members because it was “too much work and not enough fun”. I have found that before anyone can have any fun, someone must first do some work. So, do some work and help us out with your thoughts, desires and ideas...we need them to make our Club grow and provide more benefits and features to our membership. Drop us a line via e-mail or call me or anyone else on the Board. We would love to hear from you. We're just waiting for those new ideas. *Start thinking!*

Bring your new ideas and share them with the membership at the upcoming Fall Mini-Meet/General Membership Meeting Saturday November 08th, 2008 at the Frances Fuchs Special Center, 11011 Cherry Hill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705; 9 AM—1 PM.

Art Tate, WB&A President

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Treasurer's Report As of August 25, 2008

Here we are at the end of summer and headed for train show season. Fall York is just around the corner and planning for our local meets at Kena Temple in December and the Annapolis Armory in February is underway. Our financial status continues to be good. We have already begun to sell tables for the Kena Temple meet. Contact the meet chairman, Pete Jackson, to reserve one for yourself. The success of our upcoming meets and the health of our treasury hinges on the number of table sales we have for these events. The Chapter's financial activities for 2008 are summarized below. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me at 703-927-9843 or glen.mackinnon@verizon.net. - Glenn

Checkbook Balance January 1, 2008	\$16,373.49	
Significant Activities January 1, 2008 thru August 25, 2008		
	Expenses	Revenue
MD Armory February 08 Meet	\$2,572	\$2,879
Kena Temple December 08	\$2,066	\$175
Annapolis Armory February 09	\$300	\$0
Mini-Meets 08	\$419	\$0
Altoona Trip	\$3,704	\$3,730
Newsletter 08	\$2,160	\$840
Membership Dues 08	\$235	\$5,563
Membership Dues 09		\$18
WB&A Web Site	\$354	\$0
Kids Korner	\$396	\$481
Secretarial Expenses	\$100	\$0
2010 Convention	\$4,000	\$0
Postal Museum Show	\$330	\$0
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$572	\$0
Checkbook Balance August 25, 2008	\$9296.91	
Certificate of Deposit (4.36%)	\$2,093.67	

Vote

The 2009 – 2010 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 28, 2008 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, Mary Jackson, Pete Jackson, Carol McGinnis, & Nancy Tentzeras.

Non-Voting Member in attendance was as follows: David Martino

Guests: Brian Reilly, Eastern Division Secretary

Items that the Board discussed included the following:

- Treasurer Glenn MacKinnon reported that the checking account balance as of May 28th is \$12,025.87 and the CD has a balance of \$2,085.97. We have made a \$4000 disbursement to the 2010 convention.
- Membership Director Carol McGinnis reported that we currently have 330 members; and that 31 members have not renewed from 2007.
- Art mentioned how the Chapter Newsletter has received many accolades from many divisions where they want to model their newsletters off of ours; we should be proud of the chapter's accomplishments.
- The board reviewed topics for the General Membership meeting.
- Nicholas, Glenn, and David were appointed to review and recommend revisions to be made to the WB&A By-Laws.
- The Annapolis Meet will be held February 14th, 2009. Pete Jackson discussed the options for the meet in Virginia, where Kena was the most promising. It was decided to keep Kena as our December venue signing a contract for 5 years for \$2000 on the 2nd Saturday of December.
- Nicholas reported on the success of the trip to Altoona as well as the upcoming planned outing to Roanoke, VA August 30th—31st. There was discussion of options for a holiday chapter outing.
- Mary reported there were 86 kids register this past April York Kids Korner. Need everyone's help in October.
- Dan Danielson volunteered to head up the Nominating committee for the 2009-2010 Elections to fill 3 Board of Director positions and the Eastern Division representative.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM. Next meeting will be August 20, 2008 at the home of Pete and Mary Jackson. The Secretary's Report was accepted as Published.

Respectfully Submitted: Nicholas Tentzeras, Secretary

Historian's Corner

by Carol Redman McGinnis

After spending time going through some TCA quarterlies I felt that it was time to look at some WB&A newsletters. I am fortunate to have a copy of Vol. 1 No. 1, Spring 1972.

WB&A was just seven and a half years old. This was the first of the newsletters that have been published and preserved. I received this copy from Al Beck, from Shillington, Pennsylvania. He's a friend of our own Bob Marshall. He and Bob were talking and Al said that he had a couple of old issues, which he then forwarded to me. Thanks, Al!

In the president's column Al Franceschetti asks "How long has it been since you asked yourself why do I collect toy trains?" His answer is still so true today, that there are "Just as many reasons for collecting as there are collectors."

He goes on to mention that over the past decade we have seen incredible things happen in terms of TCA membership growth, demand, and consequent scarcity of trains and fantastic value increases. He recommends that we, as collectors, be very careful in our dealings with fellow TCA members and non-members alike. If we treat others "like we want to be treated" it would be much more enjoyable.

This is what TCA is all about. The value of membership assures us that there are standards of excellence in buying and selling. There continues to be lessons learned from these words of wisdom. Happy train-ing.



Upcoming Train Shows

Train Show/Meet	Date (s)	Contact
York, PA	Oct 16 - 18	302.674.5797
Beltsville Mini Meet	Nov 08	WB&A Only
Kena Temple	Dec 13	703-455-6154
Annapolis Armory	Feb 14, 09	410.974.0373
York, PA	Apr 23 - 25	302.674.5797



TOP TEN WB&A BENEFETS

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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 "<i>The Trolley</i>". |
| 7 | Access to the newly designed and enhanced chapter web site (www.wbachaptterca.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. |



***The 2009 — 2010 Ballot
is enclosed within this newsletter. Let your voice be heard,
For your ballot to be counted,
it must have your WB&A # on
the outside and be Postmarked
no later than October 24,
2008. Do not enclose your bal-
lot in a envelope.***

***All ballots will be taken unopened to the
General Membership meeting on November 8th, 2008 to be validated and counted.***

After the ballots are counted, the newly elected Board of Directors will be announced by the Secretary, Nicholas Tentzeras. New Board of Directors assume their duties in January 2009.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fall WB&A Chapter Mini Meet/ General Membership Meeting

**Saturday, November 08, 2008
9 AM – 1 PM**

Location: Frances Fuchs Special Center, 11011 Cherry Hill Road Beltsville, MD 20705

There is no attendance charge for WB&A Members and ALL Members are encouraged to attend.

Coffee & Donuts served 9AM, at no cost.

General Membership Meeting – 10:30 AM

Support your Chapter and make your voice heard .

Complimentary Lunch served after the General Membership Meeting .

Put this date on your calendar. See you there!
Meet Chair: Carol McGinnis (410.336.8522)

- Meet the Board of Directors.
- Free of charge table for members.
- You can pay your 2009 WB&A membership dues.
- Pick up your 2009 authentication sticker.
- Come and greet the newly elected Board Members.
- Bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Marines Corps Toys for Tots Campaign.
- Find out what the Chapter has planned for 2009.
- Volunteer to help out at an upcoming WB&A Chapter event.
- Learn more about the upcoming 2010 Baltimore National Convention.

In the Danger of Peril....

On a day that promised to be cold, wind blown, zero visibility, and with a chance of thunderstorms we were delighted to encounter clear, sun drenched scenery, only to be sidetracked by being a part of an historic derailing of the cog railway. WB&A members Dave and Jeanne Sealing, Chuck and Carol McGinnis were among 50 TCA members at the Burlington convention on board the Cog Railway in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire on the afternoon of Sunday, June 29, 2008.

For those who have never been, the cog railway works by having a cog attached beneath an 1800's steam engine that pushes a coach loaded with people up a track positioned on a sloping trestle to the top of Mt. Washington. There are three cog switches on the track that are thrown as trains ascend and descend, each requiring the control of 9 separate moving parts. After spending 20 minutes at the summit, the train comes back down with the engineer braking the engine and a brakeman in the coach braking that car. The two vehicles at this point can, and often do, create a gap between them. There are usually three trains climbing and descending the mountain at any one time.

Coming down on our trip the engine passed safely through the Waumbek switch and with no warning, the right front wheel on the trailing coach derailed. The clunk was obvious, and the train came instantly to a complete stop. Our able brakeman, Alex, assured us that we were safe, and we should remain in the car, and he stepped outside to examine the damage. The crew radioed down to the base station and they sent up another train that commenced to "rescue" us. We were all calm, content, and enthralled.

With the assistance of the crew we climbed down one ladder to the track, across the outside track, then down another ladder to the ground. The crew then shifted to the rescue train, unloaded the equipment for right the stranded coach, and brought us up another ladder and aboard. Those of us who were on the train, stuck at 4200 feet above sea level, on the side of Mt. Washington the highest peak in New Hampshire, with 46 other TCA members, will never forget this adventure.

*Carol R. McGinnis
TCA 95-41066*

Tall Tales, Mainly They Were True... by Boxcar Brian

UNCOMMONLY GOOD SENSE?

My Dad's older brother, Frank Reilly, was also an old timer for the Union Pacific RR. Years after his brother-in-law, Mike Gentleman, Frank Drove the day run on the Challenger from Omaha to Grand Island, stay the night, and bring a freight back to Omaha the next day. He made this run for many years, before and during World War II. At the part for Uncle Frank, when he was honored for 40 years of service to the railroad, an old friend, who he hadn't seen for several years, came up to congratulate him. He asked him, "Frank did you marry that girl?" Frank replied, "No. She didn't like the fact

that I would be gone so much and working such odd hours."

"Frank, did you *ever* marry?" Frank replied, "No, Al, JoAnn was my one and only true love."

To which Al, who had been married several times, replied, "Frank, I always thought you had good sense but now I know you had *uncommonly good sense!*"

As it turned out, Uncle Frank did have another love and hobby... it was race horses! When he'd hit a long shot, Grandma Reilly would invite the family over on Sunday for a Nebraska corn fed roast with all the trimmings and ice cream for dessert. When he lost, which was frequently, the menu was potato soup and hamburgers.

In Loving Memory of

ALFRED P. FRANCESCHETTI, SR.

**1955 Charter Member of
Train Collectors Association
CM5-77**

WB&A Member # 3

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POST-WAR
MODERN**

**LIONEL
AMERICAN
FLYER**



Membership Moments ***by Carol Redman McGinnis***

As of August 25th, we have 343 members, and only 24 from 2007 who have not renewed. You all have gotten the word out and people are joining and renewing. Thanks!

Ways to renew for 2009:

- A notice (page 13) sent in this Newsletter with a return envelope.
- A table at York in October, across from Registration in the Silver Hall.
- A table at the November Mini-Meet in Beltsville, Maryland.
- A table at Kena Temple, in Falls Church in December.

We recently received a drop list from the TCA National Office. These were folks who had not renewed their TCA membership. We take this action very seriously since you must belong to TCA in order to belong to WB&A. We called the four members who had been dropped and they all said that they had intended to renew, so we're back in action with these folks.

You continue to be the backbone of our chapter. Thank you for your continued suggestions and support. We encourage you to keep your dues up to date. Share your newsletters with interested parties, and then use the application to solicit new members. Always keep the Membership Director aware of address, phone number, and/or email changes so that our records are accurate.

ELECT NICHOLAS TENTZERAS WB&A EASTERN DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE

YOU KNOW ME – I have been your WB&A Secretary, Webmaster, and Trip Director for Chapter Outings for the last two plus years. I now ask for your support as I spread my wings on a new endeavor.

I humbly ask for your vote and support as I offer to serve the Chapter in an active leadership role as your Eastern Division Representative. I have the drive, enthusiasm and willingness to get the job done in the best interest of the WB&A Chapter and for the best of Eastern Division.

I will listen to the Chapter Membership and present your ideas to the Eastern Division Board and vote accordingly in the best interest of the ENTIRE WB&A Chapter.

***HERE TO SERVE THE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
FOR THE GROWTH AND ENRICHMENT OF THE
TRAIN HOBBY!***

When you mark your ballot vote
Nicholas Tentzeras



for Eastern Division Representative



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Elections for 2009—2010

Please review the resumes and cast your vote!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (in alphabetical order)

Steve Burket – Oakton, VA – TCA 77-10452

Train Interests: Lionel O and O27, postwar and modern. I am currently redoing my layout.

Current and Past Positions: Although I have not held any positions, I have supported the WB&A chapter unofficially for over 30 years. I have helped set up and tear down at train meets and Kids' Korner at York. I have organized train meets for other clubs in the past, and am co-chairing the Registration Committee for the 2010 Baltimore Convention.

Special Skills: International Trade Analyst for 32 years with the U.S. International Trade Commission. For 27 years, I also managed the agency's TACOMIS Federal Credit Union. I retired in 2005 and currently own a small handyman business.

For 6 years, I set up a train layout for Christmas at the agency where I worked that was visited by Day Care Centers and fellow workers and their families. I was a Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor for the Railroading Merit Badge for a decade.

Chapter Goals: I've enjoyed the club for many years, and think the events are getting better and better. I am interested in doing what I can to expand the hobby of collecting and operating toy trains, and look forward to contributing to the efforts of the club.

Colleen Hall – Linden, VA – TCA 04-58266

Train Interests: "Standard" gauge – anticipating the completion of our 60 x 30 train room and displaying and running our trains. My husband, James and I collect McCoy Trains and enjoy the individuality of the cars and their heritage.

Current Position: 2010 Baltimore Convention Secretary.

Special Skills: paralegal with a well-known law firm specializing in intellectual property law, and trial. My strong points include secretarial, organizational, research along with management of people, billing, training, marketing and communication.

Chapter Goals: To continue the allure of train collecting for our present members and to encourage new members to join so that this wonderful tradition will not die. Part of the alluring needs to come from the WB&A Chapter and I am anxious to work on programs that are presently working well and being part of new ideas for the future.

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.

Tom Salen – Vienna, VA – TCA 03-55628

Resume requested, but not submitted.

George Tsakiris—Germantown, MD—TCA 05-59445

Train Interests: "O" gauge trains primarily. Member of the National Christmas Tree Railroad setting up and maintaining the G gauge display around the Nation's Christmas tree during the holiday season. Collecting post war cars and engines to replicate my first train set, Lionel Northern Pacific GP9 with various military themed cars. Have a strong interest in railroad history and rail fanning.

Current and Past Positions: Active member of the National Capital Trackers (NCT) documenting club assets for insurance and non-profit corporation valuation purposes. Member of a recent NCT team to test and improve DCS signals on modular layouts; results were published on the OGR forum. Board member of his Home Owners Association.

Special Skills: Program Manager of a mid-sized IT firm with experience in managing, organizing, finance, communications, project management, and people skills with an emphasis on process improvements and company service offerings. Provides strong but understated leadership, enthusiasm in all endeavors, and has a passion for trains.

Chapter Goals: Build on the strong foundation that is the WB&A and continue making this an exciting, fun, and rewarding group to be a part of! Continue to expand our rail fanning/historical events and consider new activities for the enrichment of the chapter and its long term future.

**HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR
TRAIN COLLECTOR TODAY?**

EASTERN DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE (in alphabetical order)

Dan Danielson – Gainesville, VA -- TCA 65-1226

Train Interests: Postwar "O" gauge and die cast vehicles; Enjoy building layouts with lots of action and scenery; Currently finishing our basement so that I can get back to running trains. Member National Capital Trackers Modular Railroad. Docent Fairfax Station Railroad Museum.

Current TCA Positions: Past President, WB&A Chapter; Nominating Committee Chairman, WB&A Chapter; Co-Chair 2010 TCA National Convention.

Past TCA Positions: WB&A Chapter Secretary, Treasurer, Meet Chairman, Nominating Committee Chairman; Chairman of TCA National Museum and Education Committee; Registrar for Eastern Division; Nominating Committee Chairman for Eastern Division.

Current Community Activities: Member of leadership team for Celebrate Fairfax. Member GW Model A Club.

Special Skills: Ability to delegate and lead organizations and large groups of people. Successful in working with Boards at TCA Chapter and Division levels. Able to provide an excellent link with Eastern Division in matters concerning the 2010 TCA National Convention and other Division matters. 30+ years in sales and marketing leadership with Procter and Gamble.

Goals: To provide an excellent link between the Chapter and Division as a result of my current and past positions. Enhance the bond between the Chapter and Division by involving the Chapter in more Division activities and committees. I would also like the Chapter to share more of its work in recruiting and retention areas with Eastern in order to encourage Eastern to become more proactive in this area. Lastly, I would like to work with our Chapter and Division to improve By-Laws by making sure that Chapter and Eastern Boards are following all rules and regulations proactively.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS &
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!**

**HOLIDAY CHAPTER OUTING
DECEMBER 20TH, 2008**

*We will visit some of the Holiday Train Layouts in the DC Area with a stop for lunch and/or dinner included.
For more details visit www.wbachaptca.org or contact Nicholas Tentzeras @ 301.515.0234.*

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

Train Interests: "O" Gauge—postwar and modern Lionel, MTH, Weaver and Williams. I continue to work with my wife on fulfilling our dreams of building a layout. The foundation and track are in place as the wiring, scenery and accessorizing are ongoing projects.

Current Positions: WB&A Chapter Secretary, Co-Webmaster, Trip Director, By-Law Revision Committee, Member of the 2010 TCA National Convention Committee, member of Eastern Division Internet Committee, member of York Registration Team.

Past Positions: Nominating Committee Member; Eastern Division Co-Chair of the Computer Committee, Director of Information Technology, Chaired the Outreach effort to the Train Day Event at the Postal Museum (a Smithsonian Museum).

Current Community Activities: President of HOA and I have actively served other boards/councils in various leadership positions.

Special Skills: I have excellent management, writing, communication, presentation, training, organizational and computer skills. Further, I have the drive, enthusiasm and willingness to get the job done in whatever role I serve in. Parliamentarian in-training studying for certification.

Goals: I will work on bridging the gap between the chapter and Eastern Division in the best interest of the membership. Work to further Eastern Division's support of WB&A and our 2010 TCA National convention efforts. Continue to work on outreach efforts to promote the Chapter, and to recruit new members for the Chapter, TCA and the hobby. I am currently studying to become a Parliamentarian which will enhance my ability to write bylaws that are clear and easy to follow. I will be YOUR representative to Eastern Division.

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 (Dan Danielson, Glenn MacKinnon, and Frank Vacek) for their time and effort.

***The First 2010 Convention
Die Cast Truck is Available !!!***

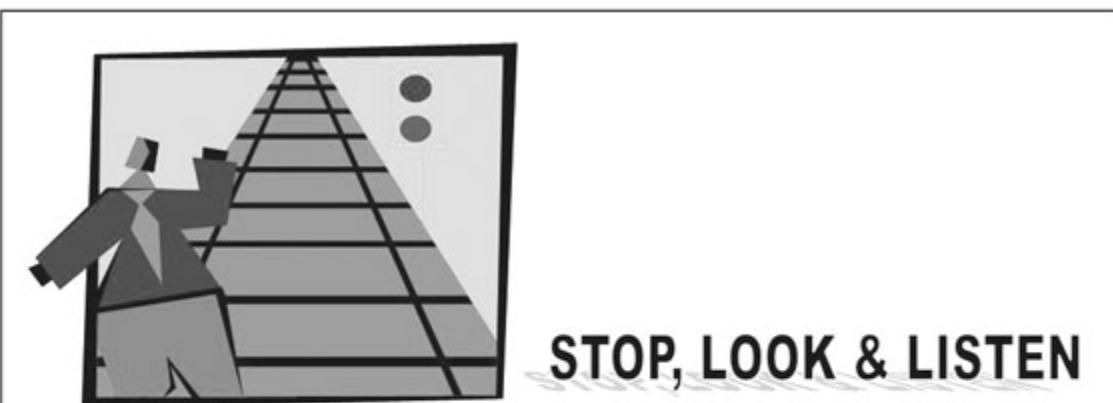


The WB&A Chapter is proud to present its first in a series of die cast vehicles in support of the 2010 TCA National Convention to be held in Baltimore, MD in June of 2010. This vehicle has a limited production run of only 300. Don't wait and miss your opportunity to own one of these fine pieces. There will be an additional three to four pieces produced to make a set of four or five.

The first offering is a 1934 Ford Box Van lettered for Phillips Seafood, a long time company headquartered in Baltimore, MD. The truck is blue with silver lettering on the side of the box portion of the van. In addition, the number 2010 is on each door of the van. The van has opening rear doors, opening cab doors, opening hood doors, fully detailed engine and transmission, side mirrors, correct hubs and wheels for tires, and rear mud flaps. This truck also may be a companion piece to another train item produced for the convention so you won't want to miss this opportunity to own one in addition to supporting the

chapter in its work to present an outstanding convention for our members. You may order the truck by sending a check for \$18.95 plus \$7.00 shipping to: Dan Danielson 13439 Fieldstone Way, Gainesville, VA 20155, 703.743.2152, postwar@comcast.net. Check this out online @ http://www.wbachaptca.org/merchandise/2010_convention_phillips_truck.html.

If you wish to pick up your truck at our mini-meet in November, our Kena Temple meet in December, or our Annapolis meet in February send me, Dan Danielson, a check for \$18.95 and we will deliver the truck to you at the show of your choice.



For those of you who do not know me, I am Colleen Hall and I look forward to stopping, looking and listening to what my fellow WB&A Members have to say. I am asking for your vote and support as I proudly offer my services to serve on the Board of Directors of the WB&A.

My enthusiasm and joy of this great hobby/tradition began when I met my husband, James and over the years I have met many wonderful people who I have the pleasure of speaking with. Now I hope you will allow me the opportunity to work on finding ways to keep this great hobby/tradition alive for those of us already involved and for others who have yet to find their way to our family of train enthusiasts.

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2010 Convention Update Things are Happening!

We had an excellent meeting of Convention committee members on August 16, 2008. Nearly 40 members were in attendance. The meeting was three hours long, but several members stayed until almost 6:30 PM discussing various items concerning the convention.

We are currently in the process of interviewing six companies to manage our complex tour package. John Caron, our tour Committee Chair, has done an outstanding job of pulling together the list of tour companies for us to interview. This process will be completed by the end of August. If you would like to help work on putting together possible tours, please contact John at 571.333.3739 or e-mail him at jvcaron@smartneighborhood.net.

Dan and Eileen Rollyson, our convention assistant Co-Chairs and convention Car committee Chairs, are working with their committee to finalize our selections for conventions cars, banquet car, fundraising car, and another surprise. I think once you see the possibilities they have come up with you will agree that this will be a great group of offerings. If you have any suggestions please contact them at 703.573.8822 or e-mail them at danpearl@verizon.net.

The banquet, under the care of Carol and Chuck McGinnis and Hope and I, continues to come together. We will have some excellent dinner entrees — one of which will include a crab cake—a great live auction, and a wonderful hospitality hour before the banquet. If you would like to help with the banquet please contact Carol at 410.381.0840 or e-mail her at mcginnis74@verizon.net.

Fred Strieby has found some wonderful auction items for the Welcome Party and Banquet. I guarantee that whatever you collect will be at the Welcome Party or Banquet auctions. Bring your bucks to both events. You will not be disappointed. Fred is also putting together an Extreme Train Room exhibit. If you have modern era, post 1970, new and unusual items for this display, please call Fred at 301.596.6646.

Lastly, I would like to wish two of our committee members a speedy recovery after having surgeries — Colleen Hall, our convention Secretary, and Richard Doring. We hope they will be back with us in no time at all. Please keep both of them in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have any time you would like to give to ensuring that this convention will be the best ever, give Hope or I a call at 703.743.2152 or e-mail us at postwar@comcast.net. See you soon.

***Hope and Dan Danielson
2010 Convention Co-Chairs***

***Dan and Eileen Rollyson
2010 Convention Co-Chairs***

2008 Shows

**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 mile 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)



Candidates for Eastern Division-TCA

2009 ~ 2010

VOTE

Hope Danielson, President
Gary Ehrlinger, Vice President
Fred Strieby, Treasurer
Steve Kehn, Director
Frank Vacek, Director



Dan Danielson,
WB&A Chapter Representative
(on WB&A Ballot)

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SHARE YOUR MEMORIES....

Do you have an article or train tip that you would like to share with your fellow WB&A Chapter members? 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 via email to newsletter_editor@wbachaptterca.org or via US mail to Nancy Tentzeras WB&A Newsletter Editor, 12453 Quail Woods Drive, Germantown, MD 20874.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR 2009 TROLLEY

1ST QUARTER 2009: NOVEMBER 25TH, 2008

2ND QUARTER 2009: JANUARY 25TH, 2009

3RD QUARTER 2009: MAY 25TH, 2009

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By Sam Geiser

A serious rear-end collision occurred on the Lackawanna Railroad on July 4th, 1912. An excursion train bound for a holiday at Niagara Falls had to stop because of a stalled freight near Corning, New York. A thin fog was creeping up from a nearby river as a flagman went back a half mile to protect his train. Automatic block signals also operated to protect the halted excursion during its sojourn. About a quarter of an hour after the halt, the rear flagman saw a passenger express comes down on him fast. He waved and shouted but the express tore by at sixty-five m.p.h. In another moment heard it crash into the rear of the standing train. Thirty-nine passengers lost their lives and eighty-six were injured.

The old wooden coach at the rear of the train was totally destroyed. Although the next car was a steel construction, its vestibules and platforms were badly crushed at both ends. In fact, the damage done to this steel car continued well into the seating area. The third car from the rear, the wooden sleeping coach was telescoped two-thirds of its length by the steel car. Both cars then fell on their sides into a culvert. The wooden sleeping coach was so badly smashed up that the wreckage was burned on the site.

What caused the accident? Evidently, the engineer of the rear train did not see the signals which told him to stop. Investigation found the signals in good working order. The guilty engineer had been employed by the Lackawanna for forty-two years; yet he disregarded the signals showing danger ahead. He must not have seen the signals at all. He of course testified that fog obscured the signal, but most witnesses said the fog was too light to cause any obstruction. The Engineer was quickly removed from the company after the investigation concluded that it was not human error.



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Dateline: Silverton Colorado at the end of the line for the Durango and Silverton Railroad. The collectables store that looks like it hasn't been open for years. Dust on the floor an inch deep and lots of great stuff looking for a home. Submitted by Glenn MacKinnon who travelled out west this past summer.

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President's Message
Sam Geiser**

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Happy Trails to all,
Sam Geiser
Eastern Division President



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