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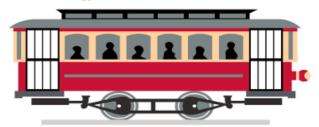
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"The Trolley" The Official WB&A Newsletter



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

President's Report

Welcome to the WB&A TCA Summer 2024
Membership Meeting. After a busy and fun Spring of
Activities, we have a summer rest before our next show in
Springfield Virginia on September 21. A thank you to your
Board of Directors Leadership Team that put on an
Annapolis Sale Show, a Trolley Museum Kids Display show,
and a wonderful 60th Anniversary Luncheon this year. We
also had monthly Start Your Day gatherings every month,
which will continue through the summer.

We have scheduled our Virginia Sale Show for September 21 at the Springfield, Virginia Volunteer Fire Department. This will be the first WB&A Show in Virginia since Covid. I look forward to excellent club participation both with vendors and shoppers. We all have the opportunity and ability to spread the word for this show over the next 90 days to make it a smashing success.

Our leadership is working with Historic Manassas to be represented at Manassas Railway Days in June of 2025 with an information booth, and if possible displays and Vendor Tables. We hope to know more by the end of August.

I hope every member has a relaxing and enjoyable summer, and that you will find that special toy train item or memory when & where you least expect it.

As always thank you to each and every board member and officer, and others have selflessly given their time and resources to make this club a success. I invite each and every member to do what they can do to grow our club in activities and members. Remember this club is your club and we need your help.

John Buxton - President.



TOP TEN WB&A BENEFITS

- 1 Fun and Fellowship with your Train Friends
- Wealth of information available from other collectors, operators and layout builders.
- A wonderful opportunity to participate at the local level in the world's greatest hobby.
- 4 Free admission to local WB&A Train Shows. (Show advertised in local newspapers).
- 5 Free admission at Members Only WB&A Swap Meets.
- 6 Receive quarterly the WB&A Newsletter "The Trolley".
- Do you use Facebook? If so, request to join our Facebook Affinity Group. Contact the Group Moderator
- 8 Share in the excitement of the Toy Train Hobby.
- 9 Serving as a committee member or officer at the local level is very rewarding.
- 10 Buy, Sell, Trade with local train enthusiasts.

WB&A 60th Anniversary Box Car

As of going-to press time, there are 40 of these cars available, either through our web page:

https://square.link/u/vl7sbVe3

Or you can scan the QR code below to go to the purchase site.









Treasurer's Report as of 6/8/2024

By Mike Ackerman

The Chapter's financial activities for Jan. 1, 2024 through Mar. 1, 2024 are summarized below. If you have any other questions or comments feel free to contact me at mjackermn@gmail.com

Check Book Balance – Jan. 1, 2024 \$33,628 Check Book Balance - Jun. 8, 2024 \$31,136

Significant Activities Jan. 1, 2024 thru Jun. 8, 2024

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	Income	Expenses
Train Meets	3120	3361
Membership:		
Dues — 2023 (7)	106	1
Dues prepaid — 2023 (204)	3060	
Dues — 2024 (74)	1120	
Dues prepaid — 2024 (67)	1005	
Dues — 2025 (5)	75	
Dues prepaid — 2025 (1)	15	
Dues — 2026 (1)	15	
Meetings		510
Supplies		
Social Activities	5491	12062
Trolley (1 Issue)		135
Election		-
Board	205	39
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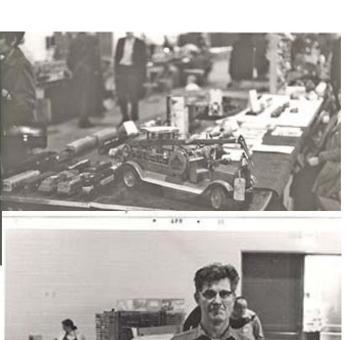
* Note: Revenue and expenses listed as "prepaid" were received or paid before Jan. 1, 2024 and are therefore not accounted for as revenue or expense for 2024 since they are included on the Check Book Balance of January 1, 2024.

Can you help Identify These?

We have had a group of photos that have turned up and we are trying to identify where the train show was held. It is believed that the show was held in Pikesville, MD, and according to the marks on the show photos, they were developed in March and April of 1971. The photos were supposedly taken by Roger Bartelt.









These gentlemen are identified as Larry Battley and Joe Weatherly. Also with these show photos are a series of photos of a man playing with his transformer. Can anyone help us identify the show or any of the subjects in the photos?











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If so, request to join our Facebook Affinity Group. Contact the Group Moderator.



Hope & Dan Danielson

dandhtrains@comcast.net

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Look who just joined WB&A!!!



Upcoming Events

July. 13, 2024	Northern Virginia Model Railroaders Open House
July 20, 2024	Bowie Baysox Game
July 24, 2024	Start Your Day with WB&A, Vienna, VA
Aug. 21, 2024	Start Your Day with WB&A, Timonium, MD
Aug. 17-18, 2024	Greenberg Train Show, Chantilly, VA
Sep. 14,2024	Northern Virginia Model Railroaders Open House
Sep. 21, 2024	Virginia Train Meet, Springfield, VA
Sep. 25, 2024	Start Your Day with WB&A, Fairfax, VA
Oct. 5,2024	Northern Virginia Model Railroaders Open House
Oct. 17-19,2024	TCA Eastern Division York Train Show, Vienna, VA
Oct. 30, 2024	Start Your Day with WB&A, Baltimore Streetcar M.
Nov. 9, 2024	WB&A Mini-Meet & Business Meeting, BSM
Nov. 16,2024	Northern Virginia Model Railroaders Open House
Nov. 20, 2024	Start Your Day with WB&A, Gambrills, MD
Dec. 2 ,2024	(Vienna Holiday Stroll) NVMR

Apr 24-25,2025 TCA Eastern Division York Train Show

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(deutsche_marine@hotmail.com) with your needs and we most likely can help you. (Here is a sample Woody has

restored back to greatness.)



Start Your Day with WB&A At Cal Keeney's Layout

WB&A member Cal Keeney welcomed Club members and their guests to this home on the Eastern Shore to view his extensive O-Gauge train layout and enjoy a day on the beautiful Wye River. For folks who were unable to join us in person, there is an excellent video of Cal's trains on the WB&A website on our "Member Videos" page.





Membership Update

As of June 1, 2024, our membership stands at 214, and at this time 140 members have paid their 2024 dues.

If you have not taken care of your 2024 dues, please do it before the end of the year. Any questions you have about the status of your membership should be directed to Bob Gray, at bgray5002@yahoo.com. A Membership Renewal Form is in this issue of the Trolley or you can may also download one from the WB&A website (www.wba-tca-eastern.org) under the

"Membership." You can now pay your dues "On-Line" at our website. If you need assistance, contact Bob Gray.

As always, you are encouraged you to take part in as many WB&A activities that you can. When possible, volunteer to help with an event or activity. Provide feedback to the WB&A leadership team on Club activities. Go to the WB&A website at least one time week. Write an article for the Trolley newsletter. And finally, in the future, consider serving in a WB&A leadership position.

Biq Boy 4014 Update



Ed Dickens, manager of Union Pacific's heritage operations, glances at the PTC screen mounted in the cab of Big Boy No. 4014. The screen is situated so both engineer and fireman can read it while the locomotive is in operation. The new system, recently installed, will allow operation without a trailing diesel locomotive. Bob Lettenberger



WB&A Kids' Train Show Rocks the Rails

A crescendo of clickity-clacks rocked the National Capital Trolley Museum on May 22 as parents and children arrived at the 2nd Annual WB&A Kids' Train Show. Our club is committed to spreading the joy of model railroading to young people. To accomplish this goal, Club members, NCTM volunteers, and special guests set up a variety of model train layouts that thrilled our visitors, both young and old.



By presenting a wide range of railroading themes as well as a variety sizes of trains, we tried to provide our guests with an overview of the many possibilities that are open to rail hobbyists. Because of our Club's wonderful partnership with the National Trolley Museum, we offered several layouts focusing on trolleys and interurban railroads.



To give you a flavor of the Kids' Train Show, I will run down our roster of exhibits. Starting with our tiniest offering. WB&A Board member Doug Campbell set up his Z-scale layout in an attaché case. This battery-powered display caused both kids and grownups to pause, look twice, and move closer to appreciate all that was contained in such a small space.

Moving up slightly in size, Bob Heine greeted kids as they marveled at the details exhibited in an N-Scale layout depicting an English village circa 1950.



WB&A members Glen Roe and Jon Grasson displayed an interesting comparison in size of various scales that allowed kids to both handle and operate trains. NCTM volunteer Garreet Nicholson exhibited his fascinating HO layout of circus trains.

Stuart Hirsch, another WB&A member, gave youngsters an opportunity to actually operate his Thomas the Tank Ho Scale train. an anthropomorphized fictional tank locomotive in the British Railway Series books by Wilbert Awdry and his son, Christopher, published from 1945. All of the vehicles in The Railway Series were based on prototypical engines; Thomas's basis is the LB&SCR E2 class. Kids love them.



WB&A member, Al Marotta, was joined by his grandson Peter to assemble an extensive American Flyer layout that featured a number of dynamic accessories. Al's 48-square-foot layout was the central attraction in the Trolley Museum's lobby.



Our O-Gauge offerings included WB&A member Michael Ackerman's Thomas the Tank hands-on layout that included a button for the kids to push that activated a very authentic sounding train whistle. Michael also set up a fascinating battery-powered train that the kids could operate.



WB&A Past-President, Tom Salen, set up an eyecatching Bump-and-Go trolley that greeted the folks as they entered the Museum Auditorium. Bill Moss displayed his unique EZ Streets layout for O-gauge cars and trolleys.



A highlight of this year's KIDS' TRAIN SHOW was a phenomenal O-Gauge switching layout that challenged visitors to use logic to quickly assemble groups of train cars. The movements were made at slow speeds under special yard rules. The layout was setup and operated by folks from the Baltimore Streetcar Museum. The WB&A is extremely grateful to the BSCM for their participation.

WB&A President, John Buxton, provided our oldest offering, a Standard Gauge layout that featured the sights and sounds of model railroading from days gone by. Topping off our exhibits, Museum volunteer Sean Quigley operated a G-scale Logging Train on a layout that also displayed Carol McGinnis' hand-painted G-scale trolley.



For the second year, Museum Volunteer, Tony Vo set up his Lego Train, a feature-rich toy train that includes a remote-controlled train with numerous functions. Another NCTM staff member, Tony Colella, demonstrated a LEGO DUPLO TRAIN containing action bricks that bring life to the layout and provide coding experiences, while having fun.



A unique feature of our Kids' Train Shows is a "Quiet Hour" in the morning for children with special needs. This special time hopefully gives our visitors an inviting environment for them to enjoy the sights and sounds of model railroading. We thank Margaret Buxton for her help in providing this element of the show.

We are grateful to Judy Ackerman for photographing this event. She captured the excitement and fascination of our young visitors as they made their way thought the Museum.

Lastly, we thank the staff and volunteers of the National Capital Trolley Museum for allowing us to put on this event. They graciously provided the help needed to pull off our show and provides guests with thrilling trolley rides.



Editor's Note: Les Mathias received this information from a "reliable source." I am posting it here for your

information. Remember, a web site was found prior to the announcement of the creation of the "Lionel Corporation" agreement between Lionel and Mike Wolf and the manufacturing agreement that resulted in brand new "Pre-War II Lionel Trains."

Apr?

Today I received an e-mail from an extremely reliable source of information concerning the sale of Lionel LLC. It is reported that NASCAR Diecast has lost interest in the model train field and intends to limit their activity to the Diecast vehicle market. It is no surprise that the rumored buyer is none other than Mike Wolf. Mike was able to leverage the deal for 51% of the Lionel stock by shrewdly having divested himself of the majority of MTH activities. A person well acquainted with Mike stated that he intends to immediately cease manufacture of all Lionel equipment using Lionel electronic control. e.g. Legacy system. All electronic controls will now be of MTH derivation, e.g. Proto 3. Chinese manufacturers will be replaced by South Korean sources. This part of the transition to control by Mike has already been implemented. The old Lionel systems are said to be compatible to the new system. This information was provided by an individual identified as April F.

The Roast

John Buxton e-mailed me about a new Coffee Shop that has opened up next to what was the main line of the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad. It is actually in what

was the Glen Arm Station. John and fellow WB&A member John Young visited the Coffee Shop and report that it is a "nicely done restoration with a homey atmosphere coffee shop." Photos from The Roast follow.











The Roast Coffee and Cafe 5205 Glen Arm Rd Glen Arm, MD 21057 theroastglenarm.com







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WB&A Historian's Corner

The date was June, 1964. We were all much younger then and it was time to make a mark in TCA history. Three years earlier, in June 1961, the TCA Board of Directors at the Pittsburgh convention (Daniel's Farm location) agreed that "no new divisions should be formed in an area where there is already an existing division." So, while WB&A wanted to become a division, it became the second chapter in TCA at the June 1964 convention in Chicago (Midway House Motel location). This brought home the fact that local participation made for better communication, camaraderie, and down-home fun!



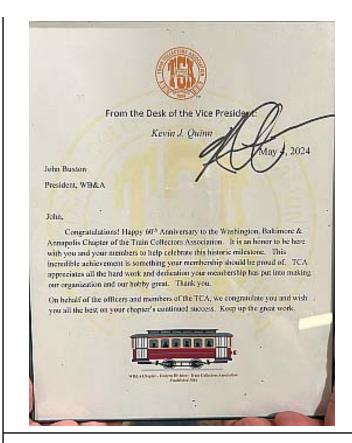
Back in 1900 Washington, Baltimore, and Annapolis Electric Railway incorporated connecting Baltimore to Annapolis and to Washington DC. It served the area for many years. Operation continued, in some fashion, until 1935 running trollies between its three namesake cities. In the years since, parts of the original corridor have been converted to roads, light-rail lines and rail-trails.

This namesake of the WB&A Chapter of Eastern Division of TCA was a powerful influence in the business and politics of mid-century Maryland and Washington DC, and certainly stretched its influence into Delaware and Northern Virginia carrying goods and people throughout the area. And so, the trolley (The Trolley is our Chapter Newsletter) played a significant role in the development on this area.



The 6464 boxcar was developed to commemorate our 60th Anniversary. We found that there was not an existing 6464-1964, which was perfect for our purposes. The roof and end color of the boxcar were chosen as green, based on the color of the historic trollies. We included the motto from the railway "EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR".

There were only 108 boxcars made. These were handed out to WB&A members when they came to our 60th Anniversary Luncheon held at the Annapolis Elks Lodge, in Annapolis, Maryland. We have 40 left.



Northern Virginia Model Railroaders 2024 Open House Schedule Saturday, July 13

Saturday, September 14

Saturday, October 5

Saturday, November 16

Monday, December 2

Saturday, December 14

In the Historic Vienna Depot 231 Dominion Road NE Vienna, VA 22180

Lauris Irby





Please send any train-related articles, stories, and/or print-ready photos for consideration in any upcoming publication of "The Trolley" or on the Chapter Web Site. Send via e-mail to:

pullenp@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR Oct.-Dec. 2024 TROLLEY Sep. 10, 2024

Toy Train Show & Sale

Open to the Public Presented by WB&A Chapter - TCA

Saturday, September 21, 2024



9:00 AM To 2:00 PM

8:00 AM for WB&A members.

Admission: \$5

FREE for WB&A members, & Children under 12; And Firemen/Military/Guard/Reserve or Scouts in uniform when accompanied by adult

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Greater Springfield Vol Fire Dept 7011 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA



Directions: I-495 towards Virginia. Take Springfield exit onto Old Keene Mill Rd. Right onto Bland Rd. Right onto Amherst Ave (over bridge). Amherst becomes Backlick Rd after passing American Legion Post 176. Firehouse is on the left approx 1 mile. Coming from west on Franconia-Springfield Parkway, exit at Backlick Rd. GSVFD is directly at the end of the off ramp. Coming from east on Franconia-Springfield Parkway, exit at Backlick Rd and turn right.

Free parking in lot next to the Firehouse.

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For Information contact: Ron Edwards (703) 440-5823 / ronedwards2@hotmail.com or Dave Eadle (703) 451-4149 / dbeadle@vertzon.net

NEXT WB&A Train Show: WB&A Arbutus Firehall Train Meet; Arbutus, MD – 14 December 2024. For information, contact: Carol McGinnis at (410) 336-8522 or John Buxton at 410-952-7356

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Come join us for the WR&A Train Show in Virginia

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WB&A ARBUTUS FIREHALL TRAIN MEET

Saturday, December 14, 2024 The only show in Arbutus!

LOCATION - ARBUTUS FIREHALL, 5200 Southwestern Blvd, Arbutus, MD 21227

Featuring vendors, trains of all scales, accessories, books and more!

PLENTY OF FREE PARKING

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Vendor set up begins at or before 7 AM

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WB&A ARBUTUS Saturday, December 14, 2024

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Questions? Call Carol McGinnis at 410-336-8522 or John Buxton at 410-952-7356 See Page 13 to register for the show!

> WB&A Month by Month Calendar Updated: May 14, 2024 ALL DATES are SUBJECT TO CHANGE

(*WB&A events)



*Saturday, July 20, 2024 BOWIE BAYSOX GAME 5:30 PM. 4101 Crain Hwy Bowie MD 20716 Reservations due by June 1. Tickets free for WB&A, \$15 for others. Registration required. Contact Bill Moss at trainman027@yahoo.com

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 START YOUR DAY with WB&A 10-Noon, Panera Bread, 136 Maple Ave, Vienna, VA

August 17-18, 2024 Greenberg Train Show, Chantilly, VA

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*Wednesday, September 25, 2024 START YOUR DAY w/ WB&A 10 AM - Noon Silver Diner, 12251 Fair Lakes Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22033

*Wednesday, October 30, 2024 START YOUR DAY with WB&A 10 AM, Baltimore Streetcar Museum, 1901 Falls Rd, Baltimore, MD 21211

*November 9 AM WB&A Fall Mini-Meet & General Business Meeting, Baltimore Streetcar Museum, 1901 Falls Rd, Baltimore, MD 21211 WATCH for the DATE.

*Wednesday, November 20, 2024 START YOUR DAY w/ WB&A. Grumps Café, 2299 John Hopkins Rd, Gambrills, MD 21054

December 7-8, 2024 Greenberg Train Show, Timonium, MD

*Saturday, December 14, 2024 WB&A Arbutus Firehall Train Meet, 5200 SW Blvd, Arbutus, MD 21227 9 AM -1 PM (WB&A admitted at 8 AM) 5' tables. Contact Chuck McGinnis for details at mcginnis74@verizon.net.

*Wednesday, December 18, 2024 START YOUR DAY w/ WB&A. Union Station D.C., 50 Massachusetts Ave, NE Washington DC 20002

