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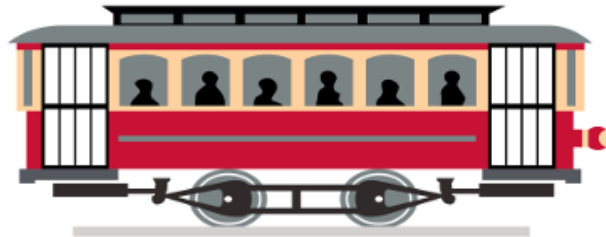
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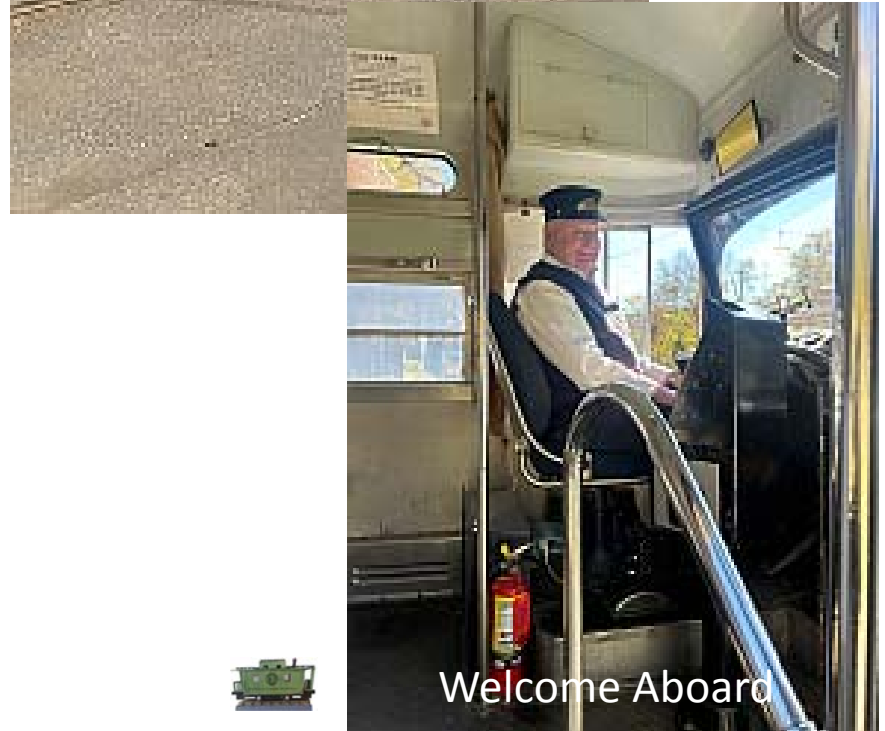
## "The Trolley" The Official WB&A Newsletter



WB&A Chapter - Eastern Division - Train Collectors Association  
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## TOP TEN WB&A BENEFITS

- 1 Fun and Fellowship with your Train Friends
- 2 Wealth of information available from other collectors, operators and layout builders.
- 3 A wonderful opportunity to participate at the local level in the world's greatest hobby.
- 4 Free admission to local WB&A Train Shows. (Show advertised in local newspapers).
- 5 Free admission at Members Only WB&A Swap Meets.
- 6 Receive quarterly the WB&A Newsletter "The Trolley".
- 7 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.



## Treasurer's Report as of 11/1/2024

By Mike Ackerman

The Chapter's financial activities for Jan. 1, 2024 through Nov. 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 — Nov. 1, 2024               \$28,566

Significant Activities Jan. 1, 2024 thru Nov. 1, 2024

|                           | Income | Expenses |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|
| <b>Train Meets</b>        |        |          |
| Annapolis — (201)         | 2800   | 1794     |
| Virginia — (78)           | 1478   | 2367     |
| Arbutus                   | 411    | 588      |
| <b>Membership:</b>        |        |          |
| Dues — 2023 (7)           | 107    | 1        |
| Dues prepaid — 2023 (204) |        |          |
| Dues — 2024 (102)         | 1548   | 9        |
| Dues prepaid — 2024 (67)  |        |          |
| Dues — 2025 (19)          | 270    |          |
| Dues prepaid — 2025 (1)   |        |          |
| Dues — 2026 (1)           | 15     |          |
| <b>Meetings</b>           |        |          |
| Spring 2024               |        | 510      |
| Fall 2024                 |        | -        |
| Supplies                  |        | 68       |
| <b>Social Activities</b>  |        |          |
| Banquet Luncheon (77)     | 4277   | 5238     |
| 60th Anniversary Box Car  | 1958   | 6092     |
| Kids' Train Show at NCTM  |        | 795      |
| Baysox Outing (5)         |        | 65       |
| Trolley—2024 (4 Issues)   |        | 550      |
| Election—2024             |        | -        |
| <b>Board</b>              | 405    | 254      |

\* 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.

## WB&A Board of Directors Minutes

August 21, 2024, 12:00 Noon

Grumps Café

2299 John Hopkins Rd

Gambrills, MD 21054

Meeting Start Time: 12:00 noon

Meeting End Time: 1:00 pm

### In Attendance

Present: John Buxton, Bob Gray, Chuck McGinnis, Ron Edwards (by phone), Bob Heine, David Eadie, Michael Ackerman, Tom Salen, Charles Doring, John Gomoljak. Guests: Carol McGinnis, Jack Fisher, Stuart Hirsch

**I. Call to Order/Certification of Quorum** - A quorum being determined, the meeting was called to order by John Buxton, WB&A President.

**II. President's Welcome Comments** – President John Buxton welcomed the Board members and guests.

### III. Reports

**A. President's Report** - President, John Buxton, explained that main the purpose of this special meeting of the WB&A Board of Directors was get an update on planning for September WB&A Train Meet to be held in Springfield, Virginia on September 21, 2024. In addition, we must begin the Election of Officers process for 2024.

**B. Approval of Minutes** from Previous BOD Meeting – Bob Gray distributed copies of the minutes

from our previous Board meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

**C. Treasurer's Report** – Michael Ackerman distributed a copy of the Treasurer's Report and answered questions regarding the report.

**D. Membership Report** – Bob Gray reported that the WB&A membership stands at 221. He reported that of that number all but 65 have paid their 2024 dues.

**E. Social Committee Report** – Carol McGinnis reviewed the current WB&A Calendar of Events.

**F. Eastern Division TCA Report** – WB&A Representative to the Eastern Division of TCA Bob Heine, reported that for the 1st time the Eastern Division ON WEDNESDAY at 4:00pm will have a (one) bus tour of TWO great model train layouts and that will include a dinner. The roundtrip will be for roughly 5 1/2 hours (and the TOUR sign up will be "first come, first served").

#### IV. Ongoing Board Business

**A. Springfield Show Update** – Event Chairperson, Ron Edwards reported that most of the tables for the event are spoken for with only 4 eight-foot tables left and 6 six-foot tables left. Food truck set up for 9:00 am and a sno-cone Drink truck from 10- 1 . Train repair person will be coming and an o-gauge test track will be available. Set up time is 6 am with opening at 8 am. Advertising is going forward in local newspaper. 5 tables allocated for layouts. Dave Eadie reported of the status of table payments. Tom Salen will set up an O-27 small layout. If the Richmond club comes to the event we won't need the small layouts. Bob Gray noted that we had ads in the TCA Headquarters magazines.

**B. WB&A Fall Mini-Meet & General Business Meeting Update** – John Buxton noted that the we must begin the Election process. The 2024 Election Committee will include Bob Gray, Dave Eadie, and John Buxton. The Baltimore Streetcar Museum has been reserved for November 9, 2024. Trolley rides will be available. WB&A may have a sign made for display on the Museum's Trolley's. John will get an estimate for the cost of this banner.

**C. Manassas Railway Festival Update** – John Buxton will meet with the organizers on having an advertising presence at the Christmas (December) show and possibly a small operating layout and advertising table at the Spring (June) show. We will need staffing for this event.

**D. Arbutus Meet Update** – Chuck McGinnis reported on table rentals. He also noted that there was no advertising on the WB&A Facebook Page. Bob Gray noted that there has been information about the Arbutus Show on the WB&A website for the past three months.

**E. Annapolis Show Update** – Event chair, John Gomoljak reported that we have a signed contract with the Elks Club for the event and he has hired the Elks to set up the tables for the Annapolis show and we will not, as it stands now, be able to get in the building until Sunday the day of the show, February 23,2025. The only help that will be needed will be at the door collecting the entrance fee and helping people that may have questions and handling

the door prices. We will be handing out flyers for the Annapolis show starting in September. John said that flyers for the Annapolis show will be available at the Springfield and Arbutus Shows. We will look for volunteers to man a WB&A table at the October Timonium Show.

**F. Trolley Update** – Copy for the upcoming issue is due by September 1.

**G. Website Update** – Bob Gray reported that we had 4500 hits in last 12 months and in the last 30-days we had 343 hits.

#### V. New Business

A. John Buxton requested reimbursement for refreshments at the previous WB&A Start Your Day. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for reimbursement of \$52.00 to John Buxton will collect money for refreshments from attendees at future Weber's event.

B. Carol McGinnis asked if we want her to send a postcard advertising events to people without email addresses. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for \$30.00 to cover this mailing.

C. Bob Gray distributed a WB&A Membership List to Board members and asked members to review the list and provide updates or corrections.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next BOD meeting will be held on September 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Michael Ackerman's home.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn at 12:00 noon.

Minutes submitted by: Bob Gray, WB&A Secretary  
Minutes approved on September 14, 2024



### WB&A Board Meetings on ZOOM in 2025

All WB&A members will be able to attend Board meetings this year via ZOOM.

The dates for the four meetings will be announced on the WB&A Calendar of Events and information for joining meetings will be sent to members in an email and will be posted on the WB&A website prior to each event.

Meetings follow a published agenda that includes announcements, officers' reports, old business, new business and member comments. The Board is dedicated to membership participation and welcomes your thoughts and suggestions related to current and future club activities.



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 Apr.-Jun. 2025 TROLLEY  
Mar. 10, 2025**





## **WB&A Membership Update** *by Bob Gray*

As of December 1, 2024, our membership stands at 220, and at this time 173 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.

### **WB&A Kids' Show 2025**

Bob Gray

The 3rd Annual WB&A Kids' Train Show will be held on May 17, 2025 at the National Capital Trolley Museum in Silver Spring, Maryland. Our goal is to spread the joy of model railroading to young people in the hope that they will become future collectors, modelers, operators, and rail fans -- And oh yes, members of TCA and the WB&A,

To accomplish this goal, Club members, NCTM volunteers, and special guests set up a variety of model train layouts that fascinate our visitors, both young and old.

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



What, you may ask, do the kids like most about our Kids' Train Show?

They like to see trains moving, hear whistles blowing, bells ringing, and lights flashing. They like to see things they recognize like Thomas the Tank engine, the Polar Express, LEGO trains and maybe even Mickey Mouse operating a hand-car. They like to push buttons that make things happen. They like tiny things. They like really big things. They like to explain to their parents how things work.

A truly unique feature of the Kids' Train Show is a dedicated hour of visitation for kids with special needs designed to provide a time of comfort for children to view the show exhibits.

You are invited to be part of this event. We need folks that will set-up and operate small layouts that will fit on round or rectangular folding tables. Our goal is to have representatives of as many sizes of model trains as possible: tiny "Z-scale" up to "Standard Gauge."

We really need some small layouts featuring streetcars and trolleys. After all, we are at the National Capital Trolley Museum.

Please consider taking part in this worthwhile endeavor. The WB&A makes no money from this show. It is our investment in the future of the hobby we enjoy so much. More information regarding participation will be coming after the holidays.



### **Upcoming Events**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Jan. 14, 2025    | BoD Zoom Meeting #1, 7:00-8:00                              |
| Jan. 22, 2025    | Start Your Day, Panera Bread, Vienna, VA                    |
| Feb. 1-2, 2025   | The Great Scale Model Train Show, Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD |
| Feb. 13, 2025    | South County Senior Center, Edgewater MD                    |
| Feb. 23, 2025    | WB&A Annapolis Train Show                                   |
| Mar. 26, 2025    | Start Your Day, Silver Diner, Fairfax, VA                   |
| Apr. 8, 2025     | BoD Zoom Meeting #2, 7:00-8:00                              |
| Apr 21-23, 2025  | York Pre-Show, York, PA                                     |
| Apr. 24-26, 2025 | York Eastern Div. Train Show                                |
| May 17, 2025     | WB&A/NCTM Kids' Show 1313 Bonifant Rd, Silver Spring,       |
| May 21, 2025     | Start Your Day, Panera Bread, Vienna, VA                    |
| Jun. 18, 2025    | Start Your Day, Weber's Cider Mill, Parkville, MD           |
| Jul. 23, 2025    | Start Your Day, Silver Diner, Fairfax, VA                   |
| Aug. 12, 2025    | BoD Zoom Meeting #3, 7:00-8:00                              |
| Aug. 20, 2025    | Start Your Day, Rockville, MD                               |



## **Look who just joined WB&A!!!**

Ken Miller

James O'May



## November 07 in toy train history:

### Jody Thomas Redman (2024)

Reprinted from the TTML (Toy Train Mailing List)

Josephine Thomas was born in Knox, Pennsylvania one hundred years ago on November 7, 1924. After graduating from Knox High School, she moved to Pittsburgh, where she attended Duffs Business School. Jody then went to work as a secretary at Allis Chalmers. There, she met the dashing Louis J. Redman, recently discharged from the United States Army Air Force. They were married in 1949.



the Redmans in 1975

As we all know, Lou was instrumental in founding the Train Collectors Association in 1954. Almost immediately, his wife became the club's unsung work force, helping to create many of TCA's processes and practices. It was Jody who worked hard behind the scenes to print the fledgling association's newsletters, trading lists, and Train Collectors Quarterly. Four times a year, she and Lou would bring groups into their home as they cranked mimeographs, collated pages, and put together mailings for the organization. Over the years she increased the capacity in the simple mimeograph to a hand-cranked multilith and then to an electric multilith! She also entertained TCA members and other friends during the holidays when their home was opened for their annual train layout.



at the 30th TCA National Convention (1984), with Lou wearing his trademark "Mr. TCA" suit and tie

Toy trains are a family affair. Spouses are never at a loss for suitable gift ideas at Christmas and birthdays! The



1994

Daughter Carol (McGinnis) served as national president of the Train Collectors Association (2012-2013) and edited E-Train, TCA's online magazine, from 2016-2024.

Carol wrote:

"Mom was the woman behind the man. (As a woman and her daughter I can say that!) She worked hard so that Lou's hopes and dreams would come true. She typed, printed, and collated. She cooked, entertained, and cleaned up. She gave up her first floor rooms for layouts each Christmas, and her basement for train shelves, and her attic for storage."

Judging from this photo taken during the 1999 holiday season, Jody also surrendered most of the space in her display case which was bought to house the 1979 Gold/Silver standard gauge Anniversary set created by George Sirius, and various other special items in their collection!



Carol continued:

"(Mom) enjoyed the travel and meeting other people. She enjoyed being able to take her family all throughout this country every summer. She enjoyed riding by train, and by road. She loved her family and loved Dad. So I guess in her own way she loved TCA. She saw, and foresaw, the benefits of being a TCA member and a TCA spouse."

Jody held no elected position in TCA. She did not even officially join the club until after Lou passed away. She applied for and received the TCA Membership number "03-55985". She was voted an Honorary Member in 2003. She was the next to the last living Honorary Member, outlived only by Betty Kimball (1912-2010)





## **Greenberg's Guide to Lionel Trains, O Gauge, Volume 3: 1937-1942**

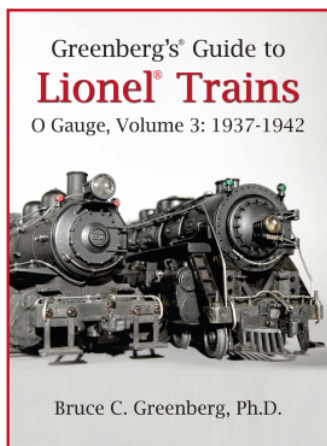
By Jim Koontz 99-49001

What an achievement. Dr. Greenberg has spent the last 12 years creating four elaborate volumes covering Lionel prewar "O" and Standard gauge trains through all years of production. He has spent thousands of hours working with hundreds of collectors to produce tens of thousands of pictures. Volume 3, the final O-Gauge volume is now available. I recommend you purchase it. If you do not have Volumes 1 and 2 as well as his 2014 Guide to Standard and 2 & 7/8 Gauges, I recommend you obtain all four. You will enjoy our hobby more and make more informed purchases. These are going to be the permanent core reference books for all current and future collectors. Don't be the person scrounging for them on-line when they are all sold. As with the previous books, the pages of Volume 3 are visually attractive and compelling reading. The amount of detail is impressive.

Chapters 1 and 2 explain why Lionel changed their products from toy-like to realistic in appearance and operation and how advances in casting technology and the introduction of polymers for injection molding made it possible. Jim Kinder's list of items made from polymers is interesting. Many detailed pictures of couplers, underside stampings, motors, pickup plates, trucks, and sealing tapes answer so many questions of how, why and when. The discussions and accompanying pictures of the Ives and Lionel reverse units and the amazing whistle are the best I have seen.

Chapters 3 -7 review Lionel's use of their multiple new realistic engines in passenger and freight cataloged and promotional sets. Dave McEntarfer, Jim Kinder and Bruce Young list of sets with detailed contents in Chapters 3 - 7 are immensely helpful. These sets demonstrate how Lionel used their colorful toy-like cars with the new realistic engines. Dr. Greenberg shows how features were combined or omitted to make sets available at all price points to meet the demands of the local hobby shops as well as the national retailers. The report on the 1940 905-B outfit that was sold without cars or track is an extreme example of pricing efficiency.

Chapter 8 describes the large and elaborate Hudsons and how Lionel overcame early casting issues to produce some of their finest locomotives. Christopher DiCianna's history of the evolution of the zinc alloy, Zamak, made by New Jersey Zinc Inc. from 1922 into the 1960s reveals the constant struggle to combat Zinc-Pest and produce products with fine detail. Zinc-Pest probably damaged the majority of the 1937 production of Hudsons. Many fine



freight sets with 700 series engines are pictured. In 1941 Lionel finally replaced the Hiawatha based Rail Chief cars with the all-new Manhattan coaches specifically for the 700 series.

"Switchers made easy" could be the title of Chapter 9. If you have ever tried to sort out the seemingly endless number of switchers and their outfits, you will appreciate Rob English's fine charts solving that problem.

The promotional streamliner made attractive low-priced outfits nicely pictured in Chapter 10. These quite popular sets are generally available today.

Chapters 11, 12 and 13 start with the smaller 4 and 8 wheel freights. These cars are often overlooked because of their size and low value. They are, however, quite attractive and can be an inexpensive way to ease into collecting. The larger 800 and 2800 freights are my personal favorites because I inherited many as a child and played with them for years. Extensive pictures and detailed charts present them well. The pictures and description of the merchandise car got my immediate attention. Wow.

Chapter 14 expands some on the Chapter 8 descriptions of scale, scale detailed, and semi-scale freight cars.

Chapters 15, 16 and 17 cover the popular and colorful passenger cars used in endless sets. This is, again, an example of mostly inexpensive and available items that are a great way to start a collection. The charts are helpful.

The rest of the book features the many lithographed cars that were sold from 1931-1942. There is a good discussion of Ives and the transition to Lionel-Ives and finally the dropping of the Ives name. A once proud name was eliminated from the manufacture of toy trains.

These informative books are enjoyable to peruse from cover to cover as I have done or to look up an item of current interest. Just looking at the pictures is fun. I recommend you spend enough time to understand how they interconnect. With a little effort, they will be your most useful resource on Lionel's wonderful prewar trains.

Volume 3 is available from Greenberg's website: [brinkmannpub.com](http://brinkmannpub.com) or by phone at 571-723-2333. The book is \$110 plus \$7 shipping. Volume 3 is also available on the WB&A Web Page.



### **Contribute to the Trolley Newsletter**

Please consider contributing an article to the WB&A's excellent newsletter, The Trolley. Members would love to hear about what you are doing train-wise. Just jot down a few paragraphs and include some pictures. Tell about what you are doing with your layout or a recent ride you took on a vintage train. Maybe you have been to a good train exhibit in another city. Tell us about it. What have you been looking for that you can't find. Maybe another Club member can give you a tip. Just ask. The membership likes to read articles by other members. Send your article to Bob Gray at [bgray5002@yahoo.com](mailto:bgray5002@yahoo.com)

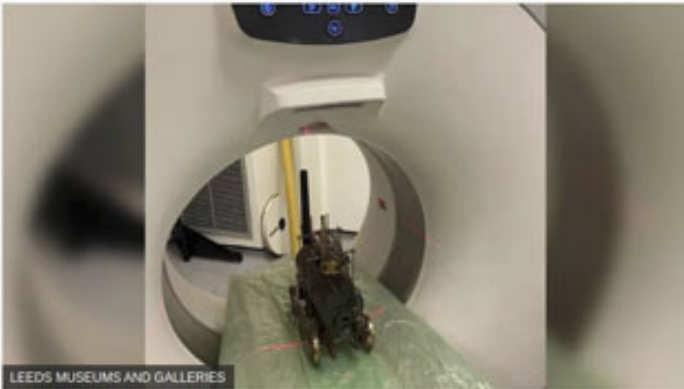




The following article is borrowed from BBC News. The author is Alex Moss. Jonathan Peiffer noticed it and posted the url to the TCA's TTML. Jonathan said "I found this an interesting read. Just when I thought I had some collectible old trains, this working steam locomotive model from 1811 made me pause." I agree fully!

### Scan reveals inner workings of oldest model loco

A model locomotive being put through a CT scanner.  
 Author, Alex Moss, BBC News  
 Image source, Leeds Museums and Galleries



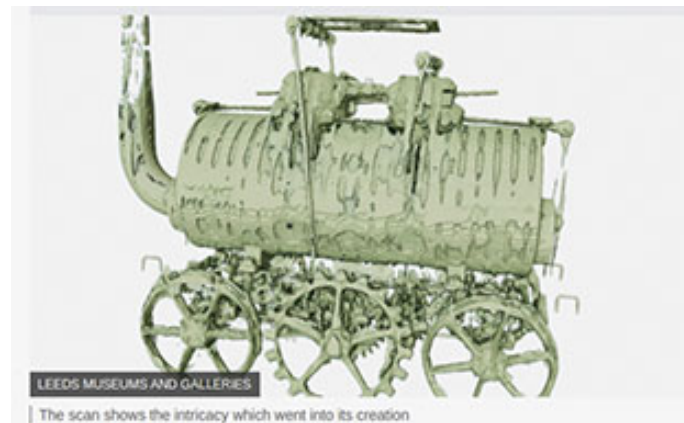
The once fully working locomotive replica was used to woo potential investors.

A 3D scan of the world's oldest model locomotive has revealed its hidden inner workings for the first time in more than 200 years.

Using a CT X-Ray, experts have been able to get a glimpse of the impressive engineering design of the mini prototype of a pioneering early steam locomotive.

The images show how the once working model replicated the revolutionary mechanics of its full-sized counterparts, which revolutionised the railway industry.

John McGoldrick, Leeds Museums and Galleries' curator of industrial history, said "short of cutting it open" experts would have never got to examine its inner workings in such a way.



The scan shows the intricacy which went into its creation

The model was made for the engineer Matthew Murray in 1811 and used as a sales tool to demonstrate the viability of the design to potential investors.

His efforts were successful, with each full-sized engine selling for £350.

Full-sized Murray designs, such as the famous Salamanca, became the very first commercially viable steam locomotives.

They revolutionised the transportation of coal in Leeds, enabling a small and relatively lightweight engine to haul more than 20 times its own weight, powered by steam from a cast iron boiler with a single flue.



LEEDS MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

The images are set to feature in a future exhibition at the Leeds Industrial Museum



LEEDS MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

The images will give visitors a better insight into its workings

In order to gain a greater understanding of Murray's designs, museum staff worked with a railway historian and experts from the University of Leeds in order to carry out a technical and mechanical survey of the model.

Before the scan, experts had relied on written designs and sketches to get an understanding of its intricate make-up.

Although scanning metal objects can create distortions in the resulting images, Mr McGoldrick said they were able to see the locomotive's main structures including the pistons, flue and boiler.

"It's a strange scene to see this little model going on a CT scanner - the kind of thing used for human bodies - but it's a great way of seeing right through the locomotive from a number of different angles so we can understand properly how it was constructed.

"We're able to see how this was a viable working model. It wasn't just a toy for kind of sitting there looking pretty on a mantle piece."







LEEDS MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES  
John McGoldrick said the model was very important because the full-size locomotives were no longer in existence

A detailed historical account of the model together with an assessment of its design and components will now be produced and feature in a future exhibit at Leeds Industrial Museum.

Councillor Salma Arif, executive member for adult social care, active lifestyles and culture, said: "The status Leeds has as a centre for engineering excellence over the centuries is incredible, and this extraordinary model really encapsulates that spirit invention and ingenuity."



### **The Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Northern Virginia Toy Train Show**

The Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis (WB&A) Chapter of the Train Collectors Association Eastern Division revived its Northern Virginia toy train show after a six-year hiatus on September 21, 2024. The WB&A's first toy train show since 2018 was held at the Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department in Springfield, Virginia and by all measures, it was an overwhelmingly successful restart of this show. The WB&A filled the hall with 22 vendors who covered 46 tables with collectables and "can't live without" temptations. Three of the WB&A members brought their personal mini-layout to the show. The young engineers were thrilled to ring the bell and blow the whistle on the trains running on Tom Salen's Lionel inspired track. The kids were mesmerized as they watched Bob Gray's N-gauge Thomas the Train



roll through the English countryside and village. John Buxton, WB&A President with his 100-year-old Standard gauge loop of track and trains was a real draw as the crowd marveled at this classic antique in operation. A big hit with the 5-year and younger kids' group was the floor carpet layout of wooden trains. The kids assembled, disassembled and rebuilt new versions of the layout continually throughout the show. A number of older kids (parents) were also seen on their hands and knees enjoying train play.



The WB&A show was generously supported by the Lionel Car Collectors Association (LCCA) with donations of four fantastic door prizes and club billboard insert giveaways. Bill Moss, Al Moore and Ron Edwards manned the LCCA information table throughout the show and spoke with dozens of model railroad hobbyist and acquainted them with the benefits and advantages of being LCCA members. WB&A members who are not LCCA members should certainly consider joining this group. And the next time you see them at York, by all means speak to them and let them know how much the WB&A appreciated their support of our show.

As the curtain came down on the show, the word circulating on the hall floor was, "We are looking forward to next year's show." With such an enjoyable event where treasures were sought and found, friendships rekindled or newly formed, and train stories were spread with great enthusiasm, the WB&A will certainly keep the show rolling. The leadership is now laying plans for the next show – 20 September 2025. Put it on your calendars. ALL ABOARD!!





## **All Aboard!!!! The Annapolis Train Show is About to Roll**

Greetings members! The WB&A is wrapping up planning for this year's spectacular event to be held on Sunday February 23, 2025. There is a lot of energy and excitement behind the 2025 Annapolis Show and we are delighted to bring this news to you first. Past table holders have already begun placing reservations, community members have already begun inquiring about the show, and the Elks are eager to have us back. It is all shaping up to be another wonderful event for the WB&A Chapter and the Annapolis community at large.



As we have done in the past, we will be opening the doors for an exclusive buying opportunity for our membership at 9:00 AM the morning of the show. This way, our valued members get first dibs on all the merchandise and deals the table holders have to offer. The show opens for the public at 10:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM. Please plan ahead and join us for the return of the Annapolis Show.

The event will be held at the Annapolis Elks Lodge, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater MD 21037. Admission: \$5.00 - Children Under 12, military, WB&A members & Boy Scouts in uniform & accompanied by an adult admitted free.

### **Fun at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum**



On November 9, 2024, the WB&A held its semi-annual General Business Meeting and Mini-Meet at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum. Members gathered for the opportunity to ride some fantastic streetcars and to meet with the Club's leadership team. In addition, members were invited to set bring model rail items for sale and trade. Below are some pictures from the event.





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## WB&A Board of Directors for 2025

The WB&A welcomes Wayne Fletcher and Dan Rollyson to the 2025 leadership team. Their years of experience and extensive knowledge of model railroading will be critical as WB&A continues its efforts to provide fun and interesting events, high-quality publications, and responsive services to our membership. Also, Bob Heine was elected to serve another term as TCA-Eastern Division Representative.

Leading the Board of Directors for the second year of his term in office, President John Buxton is a veritable font of good ideas. The Board has to sprint to keep up with him and that's not easy for guys our age. Seriously, John keeps us on our toes with his "Why not?" instead of a "We can't" philosophy.

Looking toward the future, we invite all members to consider serving on the 2026 WB&A Board. In the coming year, we will be filling a number of positions on the Board.

According to our Bylaws, the Board of Directors manage the Club's activities, determine all policies, elect members and generally supervise the affairs of the Corporation. These functions are addressed at four (4) Board meetings held in the evening of the second Thursday of January, April, August, and November. We now hold these meeting via ZOOM so that members do not have to travel to attend.

As you have noticed, the Club is doing more for the membership than ever before and we are always looking for new things we might do to enhance our model railroading experiences.

In the coming months, we will begin planning our 2026 services and activities. On tap are Train Shows, Trolley Newsletters, WB&A Website, our Kids' Train Show at the National Capital Trolley Museum, and our monthly Start Your Day with WB&A get-togethers.

Your knowledge and experience would be greatly appreciated as we, as a Board, strive to enrich the railroading hobby.

Please think about placing your name on the ballot for a WB&A Board position.

Below is information about our 2025 Board of Directors. Contact us if you have questions, concerns, or just to share something of interest to our membership.

| Position            | Name             | Email                     |
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Mail to **Bob Gray, 1201 Topaz Court, Odenton, MD 21113**

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If you have any questions contact Bob Gray at [bgray5002@yahoo.com](mailto:bgray5002@yahoo.com).

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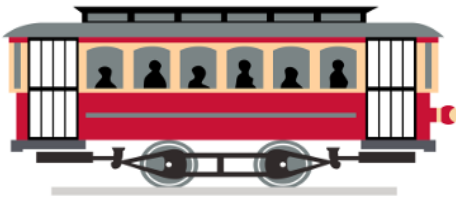
Train Interest (What do you collect?)

Do you have a layout? Yes No

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_





## Annapolis Train Show

**February 23, 2025**

Annapolis Elks Lodge  
2 Pythian Drive  
Edgewater, MD

10:00 AM To 3:00 PM

Members Exclusive access 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 am.

Contact John Gomoljak for tables at  
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### \*WB&A Month by Month Calendar *Updated December 5, 2025*



- \* WB&A BOD Meeting #1, Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 7:00 - 8:00 pm Via ZOOM (Contact Bob Gray for details) [Bgray5002@yahoo.com](mailto:Bgray5002@yahoo.com). 301-367-7447
- \* Wednesday, January 22, 2025 START YOUR DAY w/ WB&A. 10 AM – Noon Panera Bread, [136 Maple Ave, Vienna, VA 22180](https://www.panerabread.com/locations/va/136-maple-ave-vienna)
- Thursday, February 13, 2025 10 AM South County Senior Center, 27 Stepneys Ln, Edgewater, MD 21037 Contact Bob Gray for more details.
- \* Wednesday, February 21, 2025 START YOUR DAY w/ WB&A. 10 AM – Noon West Friendship Fire Department, 12535 Old Frederick Rd, Sykesville, MD 21784
- \* Sunday, February 23, 2025 WB&A Annapolis Elks Club Train Show, 2 Pythian Dr, Edgewater, MD 21037 Contact John Gomoljak for tables at [gojack1946@yahoo.com](mailto:gojack1946@yahoo.com)
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- \* Wednesday, March 26, 2025 START YOUR DAY w/ WB&A 10 AM – Noon Silver Diner, 12251 Fair Lakes Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22033
- \* WB&A BOD Meeting #2, Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7:00 - 8:00 pm Via ZOOM (Contact Bob Gray for details) [Bgray5002@yahoo.com](mailto:Bgray5002@yahoo.com). 301-367-7447
- \* Wednesday, April 23, 2025 START YOUR DAY w/ WB&A 10 AM – Noon, 198 Restaurant, 15540 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866
- Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday April 21-22-23, 2025 YORK PRE-SHOW, 334 Carlisle Ave, York, PA 17404 York Purple Hall, Contact Russell Youens 804-368-7898 ([jryouens@verizon.net](mailto:jryouens@verizon.net))
- Thursday-Friday-Saturday April 24-25-26, 2025 YORK TRAIN SHOW, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA 17404 (Eastern)
  - Thursday Noon - 5 PM Member Halls Noon - 6:30 PM Vendor Halls
  - Friday 9 AM - 5 PM Member Halls 9 AM - 6:30 PM Vendor Halls
  - Saturday 9 AM – 2 PM Member Halls 9 AM - 3 PM Vendor Halls

