

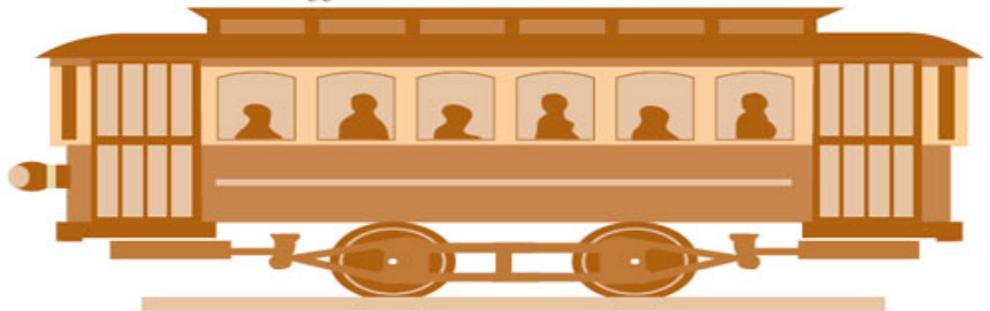
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From the President's Desk....

THINGS I HAVE LEARNED... PEOPLE I HAVE MET

Can you believe it? This is my last message after four years of serving as WB&A's President. It has been a privilege and an honor and I hope I have served you well. I have tried to leave WB&A better than I found it, but only our members can be the judge of that.

This parting letter will speak to the many great people I have met through WB&A. You learn a lot about human nature when making new acquaintances and especially when working with a diverse group. I have worked with some wonderful people along the way, some have become good friends, and others became esteemed colleagues. All have helped bring our chapter to a position of prominence in TCA. I leave knowing that I have built some lifelong relationships that will undoubtedly stand the test of time, through thick and thin. If you overlook this facet of our club, you'll deprive yourself of some great fun, camaraderie and experiences that I will treasure for the rest of my life. Getting involved, running for office or a board position entails a little work, but from my perspective, it was well worth it. I challenge our membership to get more involved with the chapter. Experience all that the WB&A has to offer.

I have also learned a great many things from my years in the chapter that will aid me in my professional and personal life. Everyone likes to have fun but I have found that before anyone can have some fun, someone must do some work. I have seen folks say things that they wished they hadn't and watched friendships turn sour just because someone couldn't say, "I'm sorry." I have learned that attitude and enthusiasm is energizing to an organization just as apathy and lethargy can destroy it. I have seen the smiles of appreciation and gratitude on a friend's face when chapter members pitched in and did something a fellow member could not do for himself. I have seen those in power become arrogant and fail and those they mistreated rise in their place to benefit our hobby and the 30,000 members of TCA.

I must thank the good people I have served with as president. There

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**Treasurer's Report
As of August 25, 2009**

The only major activity since my last report was an additional \$3000 provided to the 2010 TCA Convention Committee in Baltimore sponsored by our WB&A Chapter. This brings our total convention contribution to \$11,000. Announcements for our upcoming Kena Temple Meet have been placed with five magazines; Classic Toy Trains, O Gauge Railroading, Model Railroad News, Model Railroader and Model Railroad Craftsman. The meet info will also appear in the TCA Headquarter News. Additionally, new service provided by TCA Headquarters will let us send an Email blast message with our meet announcement attached to TCA members with Email in any zip codes we request. We will be targeting zip codes in the Northern VA and DC Metro area for our Kena Meet in December. Summer is nearly over and it's about time to park the lawn mower and get our toy trains operating and our train collections dusted off and ready for display in the coming months! I look forward to seeing everyone at the York Meet this fall.

The Chapter's financial activities 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, 2009	\$11,874.56	
Significant Activities January 1, 2009 thru August 25, 2009		
	Expenses	Revenue
MD Armory February 09 Meet	\$2,900	\$3,424
Kena Temple December 09 Meet	\$50	\$0
Mini Meets	\$377	\$0
Newsletter 09	\$1,770	\$795
Membership Dues 09	\$120	\$5,534
WB&A Web Site	\$439	\$0
Kids Korner	\$117	\$500
2010 Convention	\$3,000	\$0
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$155	\$0
Checkbook Balance August 25, 2009	\$11,089.64	
Certificate of Deposit (4.36%)	\$2,202.69	

\$10 BEFORE 2010

We ask each chapter member to donate \$10 to the TCA National Appeal. For more info, see <http://www.tcamembers.org/newsandevents/2008appeal.pdf>

**From the Desk of Jane Boyce
Director of Development—TCA**

Dear Art,

Today I received the latest edition of "The Trolley" and I just had to take a minute to comment on your front page article entitled, "WB&A and TCA".

First and foremost — thank, thank, thank you! Secondly — Bravo! I must tell you, Art that you really did make my day. I was so very interested to read about your history and experience with TCA over the years and how your appreciation of the organization has grown. I suspect that many, if not most, of our members have had a similar experience. Sadly, however many folks have perhaps forgotten or take for granted all that they have gained from their association with TCA.

Art, I found your appeal to your membership nothing short of magnificent. It was beautifully written and written from the heart. Most importantly, it is written from TCA member to TCA member — something I cannot do as the Director of Development. Appeals made from peer to peer are always the most meaningful.

It is also so nice to hear that someone out there truly understands our situation, is appreciative of what the TCA has done for them, and is willing to help. You are correct — if every TCA member would give just \$10.00, we'd be in great shape financially. Your "\$10 Before 2010" campaign on page 5 is clearly a step in the right direction. Thanks for putting it together! A special note of thanks to Nicholas & Nancy Tentzeras for spearheading this effort.

My role as the Director of Development for TCA is sometimes quite discouraging at best. But, today, you have inspired me to continue my efforts with renewed vigor. Thank you, my friend, for your sincerity, your dedication to TCA and your support. And thank you for being a member of the Train Collectors Association. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Jane M. Boyce
Director of Development

NOTE: Jane has proudly informed us that as a result of the initiation of the "\$10 Before 2010", donations have been steadily coming in. Thanks to all who have participated. Your support, dedication, and generosity is greatly appreciated. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



Sam's Train Wrecks
By Sam Geiser

Continuing the story of the Forest Hills Disaster was that the train was a Boston-bound local going over the Dedham Branch of the Boston & Providence on a sunny Monday morning on March 14th. There were about 300 people in the nine cars, mostly school children and commuters. About six miles from Boston the railway crosses Busey Bridge over a street near Forest Hills Station. As this commuter train crossed Busey Bridge, the train fell like a cannon ball. The shock was so sudden and forceful that while the body of the fourth car fell, its roof, torn cleanly off, kept going straight ahead and landed on the embankment beyond the bridge. Another car turned over and fell on its roof, collapsing the sides like paper. Toward the rear of the train the cars fared little better. The splendid shape and symmetry of the moving train was replaced by a shapeless tangle of girders, trucks, rails, trusses, and smashed timbers. Inextricably tangled in the chaos were torn and bleeding bodies. For an instant there was silence, but as the victims collected their senses, there arose a most pitiable chorus of groans, shrieks, appeals and commands. There was the usual hair-breadth escape. Two young men were pinned among the pile of inflammable debris. Just over their heads the car stove full of glowing coals hung menacingly. But the doors kept shut, and the bolts held firmly until they could be freed from the danger.

Though Busey Bridge was iron, it was poorly designed and of insufficient strength for the load it had to carry. Some time before the tragedy local residents had discovered loose nuts and bolts lying beneath it. Bridge designer Edmund Hewins was later exposed as a fraud. Also, the railroad had never bothered to inspect the fatal bridge.



The 2010 – 2011 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.



TOP TEN WB&A BENEFETS

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.

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are so many who contributed so much that I just don't have space to name them here. My Gratitude to my executive board and board of directors cannot be overstated. Without them little would have been accomplished. I must also cite the members of the various committees who made things happen. They labored tirelessly and anonymously behind the scenes to make our meets and our chapter something special. In a few months there will be a new president and new board members. I ask that you support them as you have me. Keep up the good work and I'll be around to help whenever I can.

Thank you, everyone.
Art Tate, WB&A President (2006 –2009)

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ART TATE FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION THAT HE HAS GIVEN WB&A THE PAST 4 YEARS HE HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE CHAPTER.

Historian's Corner
by Carol Redman McGinnis

The national TCA is asking you to review and approve a new set of bylaws. In examining the insight given to the last bylaw revision, consider these comments: On July 2, 1973 a letter from TCA President James S. Wiley reflected on the recently past national meeting in Dearborn, Michigan. The general membership and the Board of Directors discussed the proposed new bylaws to "best meet the needs of our more than 5000 members." For some of us that was a long ago era. Please read the new bylaws carefully, and vote.

TCA is again at a crossroad. Thirty-six years later we have over 29,000 members. The logistics of handling the organization, coupled with new government regulations, mandate that we once again change. The current bylaws constrain the National Business Office and the Board of Directors by restricting what they can do to streamline and ease the methods of processing, production, and publication of membership directory, the national newsletter, and exchange lists.

Much of the wording in the old bylaws reflects policy which will be included in the new policy and procedures. Committees needed for the effective functioning of the national organization have been included. TCA will change their fiscal year to July through June 30. This means that the Officers currently serving will continue through June 30th to assure a smooth transition and a continued effort to update the policy and procedure book.

The bylaw committee is to be commended. They put aside their regional and personal differences and they created a useable document that will lead us into 2010 with confidence. A big thank you goes out to Bob Hazlett, Jim Burke, Newt Derby, Glenn MacKinnon, Paul Wasserman, and Wally Werderich.

Carol Redman McGinnis, 95-41066
WB&A Historian

Keeping the track down and the smoke up.

The Cigar Box Secret
by Clem Clement

When we had trains as kids, we usually had parts that fell off the trains. These needed a special place to wait for "Uncle Raeman" to come by and re-attach them. We also kept notes, our special people, track pins and clips and jewel lamps in the special place. Some times we kept secrets there as well.

Growing up my Daddy had a best friend Ned Carpenter. We would visit him and his sister from time to time. I was frightened of the man and hated the smell of their home: Ned was a heavy cigar smoker. But over we went many an evening anyway. He did have one of those cigar stands where the ash tray was held up by a 3 foot carved black bear (I always wondered what happened to that bear?) They also kept cigar boxes for me. I could overcome the smoke and smell to bring home a box or two after each visit. I did find the courage to ask for a certain kind of wooden box, the one with nail in it that held the lid shut. Thus I had many boxes at home to hold my train parts, radio knobs, nails and other treasures.

All this leads to train pile purchases many years later. The trains were gone, but I was able to get the debris, track and extra goodies including a little cigar box. That is what I opened first. Wonderful pieces of a standard gauge set long gone, track pins, burned out bulbs, hand rails and miscellaneous jetsam. Under it all was the secret. The boy long ago had used the inside bottom of the box to draw his layout for posterity. Wiggly pencil in a boy's hand showed the loop and the switches he had assembled. The funny thing to my eyes was the 90 degree crossovers. They were not just a +, but had a big box around them. This puzzled me for years until I found an American Flyer 90 degree crossing with the huge red square base. The secret was out: the set or the track at least, was AF standard gauge as I don't know of another square crossing like that. And he had four of these crossings involved. An interesting design that I wish I had seen in action.

Several times in my collecting life, I have bought a set from the owner's home. I always ask for the secret box and it is usually there. The rule seems to be that after Christmas, Momma picks up the trains and all the little men and related pieces went into the secret box to spill out later in some collectors hand. What stories they tell. I bought an IVES cardinal set at an auction one time and the little box was full. Full of parts for other trains long gone, but these were side rods, trim and other valuable pieces that soon found a new home on pieces in my collection.

Be on the lookout for the secret box.

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View from the Observation Car *by George Tsakiris*

Wilmington Railroad Museum

Recently I revisited the Wilmington Railroad Museum in Wilmington, North Carolina. The Museum is located by the Cape Fear River and is on the site of the former Atlantic Coast Line passenger terminal, roundhouse, main office, freight yard, and river terminal. While the museum is modest in size, it does a great job describing the various railroads in the area, particularly the Atlantic Coast Line and its predecessors. This is accomplished through various artifacts, photos, drawings, videos, rolling stock, and two model railroads.

The museum does a very credible job showing what it was like to be a passenger, work on the railroad and the railroads impact on the City of Wilmington. Rolling stock while modest in number is well preserved; a Baldwin 4-5-0 Atlantic Coast Line #250 is the headliner. The engine was restored several years ago and visitors are allowed into the cab and you can ring the bell. Additional rolling stock includes an RF&P box car and a red ACL caboose.

What the museum lacks in amount of rolling stock it makes up for with the breadth of artifacts. Some of the artifacts date back to 1834 from the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad. Also on display is a company ledger from 1862 showing the various activities in the Wilmington Station with the heading "Confederate States of America." There is a passenger station and ticket office with clocks, tickets, baggage cart, telegraph, schedules, departure boards, etc.

Also on display are china and silverware settings from a Pullman car and various tools of the railroad trade with descriptions and photos or diagrams showing many of these items in use. Railroad trades depicted include maintenance-of-way, station agents, brakemen, engineers, and firemen.

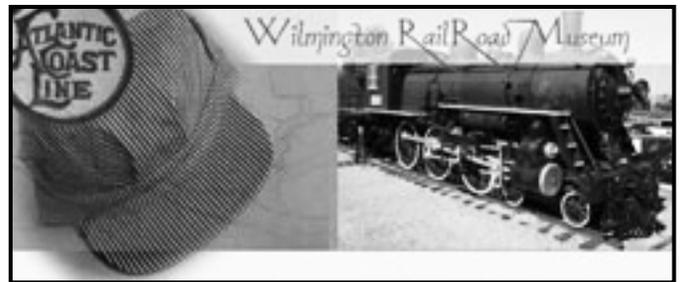
There are two model railroad displays, a large 1,500 square foot HO display with many finely modeled scenes depicting railroading in Wilmington. There is also a smaller O gauge layout that is nicely done with several MTH and Lionel accessories including a vintage Lionel bascule bridge. The O gauge layout is approximately 10' x 20'. All building and maintenance of the model railroads is done by volunteers.

The Museum itself began in 1979 when three women wanted to preserve railroading heritage in Wilmington.

The museum grew over the years and had been housed in a former freight transfer building. When first visiting the museum several years ago, space was cramped and the model rail was relegated to a second floor walkup that was out of the way and had poor access.

Also there was uncertainty in their future as the landlord wanted the museum to purchase the building. Like many such endeavors, they did not have the capital to buy their space. Happily, the City of Wilmington stepped in, purchased an adjacent (former Atlantic Coast Line Warehouse) building with more space and all displays are now on one floor. The museum pays the City a modest rent for the space. Across the street, the City of Wilmington is building a convention center which should further increase floor traffic for the museum.

The Wilmington Railroad Museum is located in the Old Town/Downtown Riverfront district with many tourist attractions including the Battleship North Carolina, riverboat tours, shops, restaurants, and antebellum homes. There are also many prime beaches in the area. The museum is located at 505 Nutt Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 <http://www.wrrm.org>.



Membership Moments *by Carol Redman McGinnis*

Chapter membership has leveled off for the year. We stand at 323 members as of August 20, 2009. I hope that this is due to a higher level of involvement in other activities and members simply forgetting to submit yearly dues. Keep in mind that our dues are to be paid in December for the following fiscal year.

That being said dues for 2010 can be paid now, using the renewal application that can be found on *page 14* and mailed in the renewal envelope enclosed in this newsletter. They can be paid in person at October York, at the mini-meet in Beltsville on November 7th, or at the Kena Temple meet on December 12th.

Everyone not paid by December 31st will receive a one time reminder postcard, after which membership will expire. Don't be left out. Continue to receive your Trolley and information about the 2010 convention. Help keep expenses down, pay before 2010.

Fall WB&A Chapter Mini Meet / Train Collectors Association

Saturday, November 7, 2009

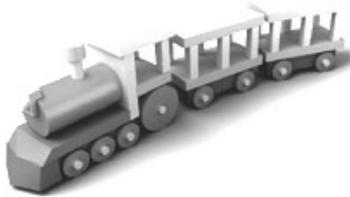
9 AM – 1 PM

All roads lead to the meet!

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

WB&A Members welcome without charge
Complimentary Coffee & Donuts and Lunch

General Membership Meeting – 10:30 AM



Meet the Board of Directors.

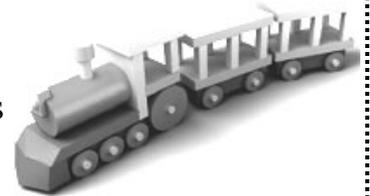
Free table for members.

You can pay your 2010 WB&A membership dues

Pick up your 2010 authentication sticker.

Come and greet the newly elected Officers and

Board of Directors



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

Find out about details about the upcoming 2010 Baltimore National Convention

Directions:

From the North (Baltimore, Delaware, Pennsylvania)

From Rt. 95 South in Maryland take Exit 29 – Powder Mill Road towards Calverton

This is Rt.212 - Go 1 and 3/4 miles to Cherry Hill Road and Turn left onto Cherry Hill.

Follow ½ 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 ½ mile to school on left

From Rt. 1 South in Maryland - Cross over the Beltway (Rt. 495)

Take the next right onto Cherry Hill Road and Go 2 and ½ miles to school on the right

From the South (Richmond, Annapolis, Washington DC)

From Rt. 495 to Rt. 95 North in Maryland take Exit 29 (Powder Mill Rd) to Calverton

This is Rt.212 - Go 1 and ¾ miles to Cherry Hill Road and Turn left onto Cherry Hill.

Follow ½ mile to school on the left

From Rt. 29 North in Maryland, Take Cherry Hill Road towards Calverton- right exit

Turn right at the light on the bridge onto Cherry Hill Road

Go 3 miles through crossroad at Powder Mill Road, and follow ½ mile to school on left

From Rt. 1 North in Maryland - Before the Beltway (Rt. 495) turn left to Cherry Hill Rd

Go 2 and ½ miles to school on the right.

Put this date on your calendar. See you there!

Meet Chair: Carol McGinnis—Call 410-381-0840 with Questions



**2009 WB&A CHAPTER OUTING
WASHINGTON, DC CHRISTMAS LAYOUT TOUR
Mark your calendars for
DECEMBER 20, 2009**

Come aboard for a DAY OF HOLIDAY TRAINS, PLANES AND A LITTLE MAGIC!

We will depart by bus at **11:30 AM** on **December 20, 2009**.

The trip will include the following:

- *Bus Transportation*
- *Snacks and water on board the bus*
- *Admission to the College Park Aviation Museum (National Capitol Trackers Layout)*
- *Sunday Holiday Brunch at Phillips Seafood in Washington, DC*
- *Visit the U.S. Botanical Gardens (Holiday Magical Garden-Train Exhibits)*
- *Visit the National Christmas Tree (What's a Christmas tree without a train running around it? Enjoy large scale trains encircling "our" National Christmas Tree and other decorations)*
- *Stop at Union Station to visit the Norwegian Christmas trains weave through beautiful and authentic Norwegian winter landscape*



The cost for the trip for members and/or member spouses is **\$50.00** per person, guests of WB&A members is **\$60.00** per person, children ages **5 – 10** is **\$45.00** per child.

A minimum of 40 people needed for the Outing or the outing will be canceled. So let **ALL** your **Family & Friends** know and come join in the **HOLIDAY CHEER**.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO WB&A CHAPTER TCA

**MAIL COMPLETED FORM ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO
NICHOLAS TENTZERAS,
WB&A CHAPTER SECRETARY/TRIP DIRECTOR
12453 QUAIL WOODS DRIVE, GERMANTOWN, MD 20874-1545**

Contact the Chapter Secretary/Trip Director Nicholas Tentzeras at 301.515.0234 or
email trip_director@wbachaptertca.org with your questions.
Check the website www.wbachaptertca.org for any updates.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVING YOUR SEAT(S) IS NOVEMBER 15, 2009!!

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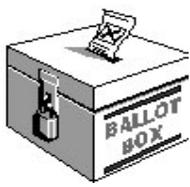
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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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FAMILY/GUEST NAME(S) _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____



Elections for 2010—2011

Please review the resumes and cast your vote!



Nominating Committee Mission Statement

The Nominating Committee had 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. The goal of the 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 (Brian Reilly, Art Tate, and Nancy Tentzeras) for their time and effort.

PRESIDENT

Nancy Tentzeras - Germantown, MD - TCA #06-60432

Train Interests: O gauge— modern MTH primarily interested in cabooses, trolley's, and holiday inspired collections and accessories. Look forward to accessorizing our newly built train layout.

Current and Past Positions: Vice President, Newsletter Editor, Co-Webmaster, BOD, Member of the 2010 TCA National Convention Committee, York Meet Assistant Registrar, member of Eastern Division Internet Committee, Co-Chair of the Outreach effort to the Train Day Event at the Postal Museum (a Smithsonian Museum) in 2008.

Special Skills: Project Management Certificate complete, pending certification; detailed oriented focusing on process improvements, strong communications, and organizational skills

Chapter Goals: To help ensure the success of the 2010 Convention. Establish more outreach programs within the community to bring in new members to TCA and the chapter. Continue the programs which have been established by the previous leadership teams which has brought the chapter to the membership level we are at today. Provide new activities and events for the members that will encourage the members to actively participate in chapter activities.

VICE PRESIDENT

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: WB&A BOD, Active member of the National Capital Trackers (NCT) and assistant track master 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. Make the 2010 TCA National Convention a huge success.



The 2010 — 2011 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 23, 2009. Do not enclose your ballot in an envelope.

All ballots will be taken unopened to the General Membership meeting on November 7th, 2009 to be validated and counted.

After the ballots are counted, the newly elected Officers and Board of Directors will be announced by the Secretary, Nicholas Tentzeras. New Officers and Board of Directors assume their duties on January 01, 2010.

TREASURER

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

Train Interests: Member of the National Capital Trackers, National Christmas Tree Railroad Operators, Virginia Train Collectors, Lionel Operating Train Society. Collect Lionel Post-War Military and Space Trains and Accessories and have built and operate an L shaped 24ft x 16ft O Gauge layout in his basement

Current and Past Positions: Serving on the TCA Special Committee to revise the TCA National bylaws, 2007—2009. Managing WB&A advertising campaign for train meets, 2006—2009. WB&A Treasurer since 2005, 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—2008. Supervised Eastern Division Bylaws Rewrite and established first ever policy book for the division. Court Appointed Special Advocate, 2004—2009. 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.

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, 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 and Past 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. President for Home Owner's Association. Nominating Committee Member (2007); Eastern Division Co-Chair of the Computer Committee, Director of Information Technology, Co-Chaired the Outreach effort to the Train Day Event at the Postal Museum (a Smithsonian Museum) in 2008.

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. Currently, use technology to better record and archive the secretary's reports. Parliamentarian in-training studying for certification.

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 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 to include more content as requested by the membership in addition to offering Chapter member's the opportunity to showcase their layouts on the chapter's website.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD DEAL

WB&A is continuing to offer a great deal to NEW MEMBERS. Any new member who joins between the General Membership meeting in June and December 31st will get the balance of 2009 AND all of 2010 for their \$18 membership dues. That's up to 7 months off of a regular membership. New members don't have to pay until their 2011 membership fees are due. So go out and spread the word and recruit a new member.

Also, we are looking for someone to take over as the Membership Chair on the WB&A Board of Directors, Call Carol at 410.381.0840 with any questions about the duties of this position.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(in alphabetical order)**

Bob Ferguson – Annapolis, MD – TCA# 08-63282

Train Interests: O Gauge, 1953—1955 era Lionel, MTH present day.

Current and Past Positions: President for the Administrators Union Anne Arundel County Public Schools for 2 terms, Vice President for 4 terms

Special Skills: Organizer, Problem Solver, Ombudsman

Chapter Goals: Increase participation in membership and try to bring in younger members.

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 a 1666 loco tender and 3 cars. After a long hiatus I rediscovered the joy of operating trains in 1996.

Current Positions: WB&A Director, Kena Temple Meet Chairman, Chairman of the Kid's Korner @ York twice a year, Chairman of the Kids Club for TCA 2010 National Convention. Maintain and repair all equipment for Kid's Korner @ York. Volunteer for the National Christ Tree Trains.

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 and old alike and to do what I can to make the 2010 convention a success.

Martin B. Newdorf – Woodbridge, VA – TCA# 93-37167

Train Interests: Lionel/MTH O-gauge—1970 to Present

Current Positions: None

Special Skills: Professional Engineer, Project Manager

Chapter Goals: Find ways to increase the chapter membership. Keep the current members interested in maintaining their membership. Have more interesting mini-meets. Support the 2010 National Convention in Baltimore.

Tom Salen – Vienna, VA – TCA# 03-55628

Train Interests: Collecting and operating Postwar Lionel Trains

Current and Past Positions: Kids Korner Committee and Registration Committee for the 2010 Convention in Baltimore, MD, Volunteer at Kena Temple Meet

Special Skills: Background in sales and marketing

Chapter Goals: Promote and expand our hobby to a new generation of collectors and enthusiasts, increasing our membership by getting the parents and the young children who are seeing our hobby for the first time (or the first time since their childhood) more involved. I would welcome the opportunity to participate at a higher and more active level.

***Fall York Meet is Just Around the Corner
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during the York Meet***

***Wednesday October 15th, 2009
National Toy Train Museum
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***Friday October 16th, 2009
Ice Cream & Cake Social
40th Anniversary of York
7:00 - 8:00 PM***

***Saturday October 17th, 2009
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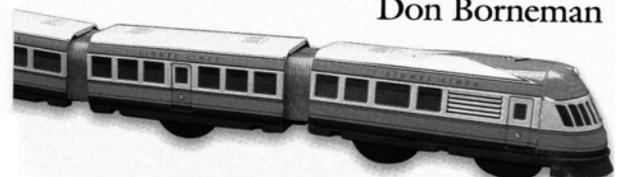
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WB&A Chapter volunteers are working diligently to ensure the success of the 2010 TCA National Convention in Baltimore, MD June 20—27, 2010. This is sure to be a great convention!

The headquarters hotel is the Sheraton Baltimore City Center; over-flow hotels are the Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore and the Holiday Inn Inner Harbor. Room rates are \$125—\$129. The hotels are within walking distance of the Convention Center and the Inner Harbor. However, free shuttle buses will make continuous loops between the hotels, Convention Center, Inner Harbor, off-site parking and other locations.

The Trading Pits will be located in the Convention Center, with easy access to load-in and load-out. The Trading Pits will hold 700 tables and booths. Kids Club activities will take place in a secure room located adjacent to the Trading Pits, 20,000 square feet of public display area is also located adjacent to the Trading Pits.

Tours have been finalized. Highlights include: the Udvar-Hazy Center near Dulles International airport which showcases the world’s largest collection of aviation and space artifacts. After touring the Center, the luxury motor coaches will proceed to Union Station in Washington, DC for dinner. The tour concludes with an Amtrak train ride back to Baltimore where the motor coaches will be waiting to return to the hotels. At the same time as the Udvar-Hazy trip we will offer a sailing trip in Annapolis with waterfront dining and shopping. Tour information is available on the convention web site, www.tcabalt2010.org.

The final tour Sunday, June 27 is a once-in-a-lifetime cruise on the Liberty Ship John W. Brown. The ship is one of two remaining World War II liberty ships. The cruise includes continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks. “President Roosevelt” and “General MacArthur” will join us, as well as Abbott & Costello, and other 1940’s entertainers. Weather permitting, vintage war planes will fly by... and, you must look throughout the ship for war-time instruments made by Lionel.

The first ever off-site Welcome Party will be held at Camden Station, home to two wonderful museums: Sports Legends and Geppi’s Entertainment museums. At Sports Legends, try on a Raven’s uniform, see a Super Bowl trophy and learn about Baltimore’s legendary athletes, and how the Colts sneaked out of town during the night. Geppi’s Entertainment Museum is pop culture at its finest — vintage comic books, dolls, toys, trains, movie posters, and so much more. A buffet dinner will be served. Enjoy.

Committee members were asked to “think outside the box.” I know you will be glad they did!

And, finally, while more than 70 volunteers have gotten us this far, we will need additional volunteers to help during convention days. Can you help for a few hours?

Dan & Hope Danielson

Dan & Eileen Rollyson

Co-Chairs

2010 TCA National Convention



Upcoming Train Shows

Train Show/Meet	Date (s)	Contact
York, PA	Oct 15 - 17	302.674.5797
MD Mini-Meet	Nov. 7	WB&A Only
Kena Temple	Dec 12	703-455-6154
Annapolis Armory	Feb 13, 2010	410.974.0373

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**WB&A Chapter
Eastern Division Director Report
by Dan Danielson**

The most important happening within Eastern Division is the revision of the Division bylaws. This revision is necessary and long overdue as the National bylaws revision is coming out for a vote by all TCA members very soon. The Eastern Division bylaws revision is being done to keep us current with the proposed new National bylaws. The revised Eastern Division bylaws will be posted on the Eastern Division website very soon. Everyone should go to the website and read the proposed bylaws as they will be coming up to be voted on at the Eastern Division Fall York General Business Meeting on Saturday morning.

Eastern Division is also putting out a special 40 years at York commemorative boxcar by Weaver. The car can be ordered on the website or it can be ordered at Fall York. Don't miss out getting one of these special cars.

The Fall York Meet is October 15—17. Eastern Division is providing the location across from the registration desk to promote the 2010 TCA National Convention to be held in Baltimore, MD. Carol McGinnis is responsible for staffing this booth for the three day period. Please consider giving her some time in the booth to help us promote this event as well as sell our merchandise and fundraisers. This fundraising event helps us produce the convention without major additional costs to the Chapter. Please volunteer.

The World's Greatest Hobby on Tour is returning to the Washington, DC area in January 2010. TCA and Eastern Division will have a 10 x 30 booth with an operating layout. National HG folks as well as representatives from the York County Convention and Visitors Bureau will join us. I have volunteered to spearhead this event. It will be held in the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, VA January 23—24, 2010. Last time this event was held here we had a blizzard and still had more than 20,000 visitors attend. Our main focus is to promote TCA and sign up new members. Since most Eastern Division officers and BOD members do not live in this area I think it would be great for the Chapter to help out with this event. The admission is free to those working the booth. Most folks spend 4 hour shifts there and have a blast! What do you think? Will you volunteer a few hours.

***Share the Train Hobby with a friend,
invite them to a WB&A Meet, activity, and/or
share this newsletter with them.***



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To volunteer for future York Meets (setting up, watching the angels, and/or taking down or donating new door prizes), contact Pete or Mary Jackson by email: petetains@verizon.net or phone: 703-455-6154.



Not Pictured: Fred Krochmal

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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@wbachaptertca.org or via US mail to Nancy Tentzeras WB&A Newsletter Editor, 12453 Quail Woods Drive, Germantown, MD 20874.

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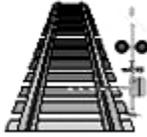
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