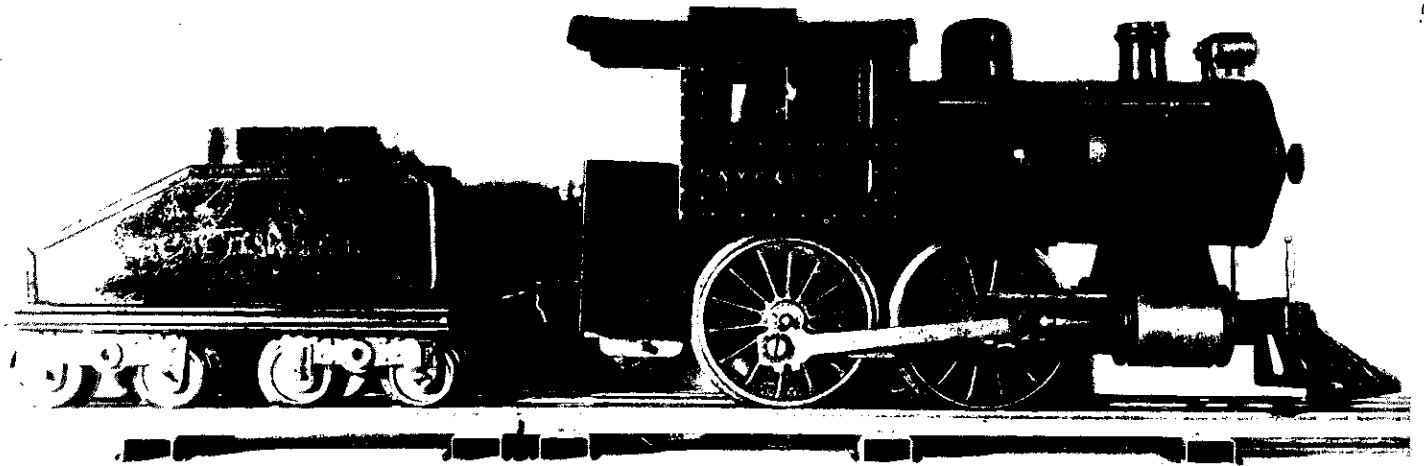


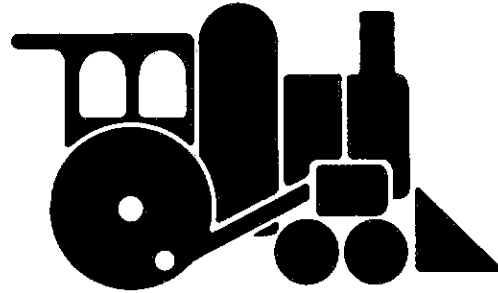
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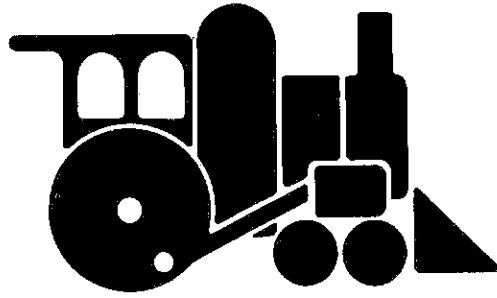
"I collect old toy trains", How many times have you said this? On the other hand how many times have you been asked - - why? Very few you say. O.K. So how long has it been since you asked yourself - - Why do I collect toy trains? My quick answer to this last question is that there could be just as many reasons for collecting as there are collectors. Truly our hobby is firmly based on the premise "to each his own".

During the past decade we have seen some incredible things happen in terms of TCA membership growth, demand and consequent scarcity of trains and fantastic value increases. It might be said that toy train collecting is almost a pure example of the changing value principle of the basic economic law of supply and demand. This leads me to the thought I would like to leave with you to start this New Year. All of us TCA or non TCA members, old ? collectors or new - Young ?, collectors must learn to live with and grow up to the ever increasing responsibilities. We all must share in this impediment to the free and easy enjoyment that was train collecting we have known in the past. We frequently ask one another, where will prices stop? Are we pricing the train collecting hobby out of reach? We have no ready answers to these questions. But we can anticipate future forces. The evident facts are - - we have an increasing affluent society. This force is coupled with greater growth of leisure time, i.e. more time for train collecting. The result can not help but create greater demand - - scarcity - - thus greater price inflation.

In this kind of environment it behoves each one of us to be particularly careful in all dealings with fellow member of TCA and non members alike. To my mind nothing better has been invented to improve upon the "Golden Rule". Think how much more enjoyable our "train" hobby would be if we treated one another like we ourselves want to be treated. Then and only then would we have the best chance to keep our hobby from degenerating into a "fast buck" - "dog eat dog" operation. Amen!

May all of us have a Happy, Healthy & Fun filled Train Collecting New Year!  
P.S. Please keep your cool! The extra buck for Chapter dues in 72' is to finance what are reading. Your board of Directors in response to member requests voted to finance a quarterly this year with a corresponding increase in dues to cover the costs. If it is successful i.e. you like - - then it may be continued. See you March 1972 !

# COLLECTOR OF THE QUARTER



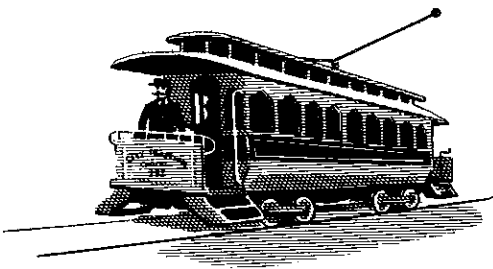
Mr. McConville started collecting tinsplate trains in 1960. (Aside from the fact he is on the Board of Directors, Tom is also Past President of WB&A, from 1968 to 1969. His first sets were A#256 FRT., which by the way he still has in his collection.

Tom enjoys mostly the golden age of Lionel. An appropriate question for me to have put to Tom would have been "What do you collect" but I decided after viewing his collection to inquire "What don't you collect" he replied by stating he had little ambitions toward airplanes & space ships To explain further listed below are some MFG'S he has in in his collection: Carlile Finch, Volt Amp, Knapp, A.F., Ives, Lionel, Unique Dorfan, Markers, Lanterns, Basset Louke, Live Steam, Bing Bowman, Various Types Of NGA, Hill Climbers, R.R. Wiskey, Decanters and Weeden.

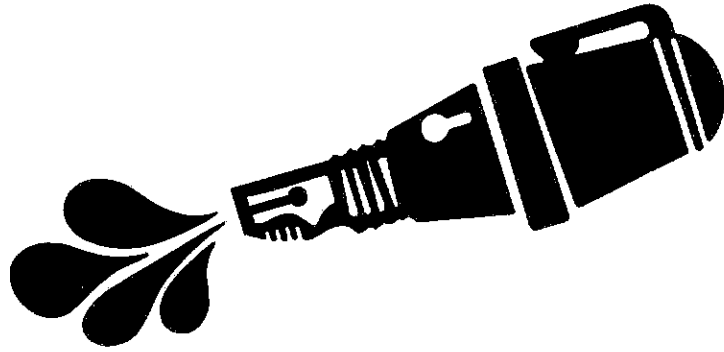
High lighting the above are both State sets, C. Graves Special, Blue Comet, Std. & O, Early Pres. Special, Lionel #7 Mickey Mouse Circus Train, as well as an extensive collection of trollies of which he has a horse drawn trolley dating as far back as 1865. He has also tried to obtain one of each Lionel operating accessories When asked "What else do you need he replied" there's lots of things I don't have, but one thing I think I would like the most is a Santa Clause Christmas Tree Hand Car to complete that part of my collection.

Mrs. McConville attends all of the meetings with Tom and is very knowledgeable also. She enjoys trollies the most and helps Tom locate the ones he needs to complete his collection. By now I had over stayed my welcome I'm sure, so I asked Tom for his words of wisdom to young collectors. "As long as you ride this hobby you will enjoy it but once this hobby starts to ride you, you become miserable and better get out of it!"

Mr. McConville enjoys visits from other trains - Call first - Coffee always hot.



# EDITORS NOTES



Dear W.B.&A. Members,

Well folks, this is it. The first of what we hope will be many! I would like first to express my sincere gratitude to the W.B.&A. Board Members for my appointment to the post of Quarterly Editor. I will do my best to bring to you, the member an informative and enjoyable quarterly.

Vol.One-No.One, our first quarterly is dinkey in size and perhaps lacks a lot in the information department. Please remember that to publish an interesting quarterly we need your help, your guidance and your criticism. Believe me, if you don't like what you read, the only way to change it is to "Tell Me".

Concerning Swap & Sell, please send to me, your for sale and wanted items by the dates listed below;

Spring - Jan.1	Fall - July1
Summer - Apr.11	Winter - Oct.1

Your assistance in following these guidelines will aid me in my job tremendously. Also remember, only train related items are acceptable.

Collector of the Quarter - Each quarter we hope to bring one of the finer collections in the chapter and to help to hold down any contention, we will alternate States, eg, Spring-Md. Summer-Va. Fall-W.Va. Winter-D.C.If any of you know of a member who would sit still long enough for me to interview him and is himself willing to have his collection published please drop me a note.

The Cover picture is loco #51 which was the #5Lionel with the addition of a slope back 8 wheel tender. Early version has this RM drivers which were also used early in 1906-1908 period no. 5's, 5 special and no.6's. Note please the large eyelet truck.

Thank you,

Mike Hogan

## SWAP & SELL



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WANTED - 715K Scale Lionel Tank  
Santy-Clause Hand Car  
Tom McConville

WANTED - T.C.A. Caboose, Variations on  
6017 Lionel Caboose, B&M,  
C&O, MStL, U.P., Erie, Pennsy  
Desiels

FOR SALE - Humorous R.R. Signs, eg, "To Trains,"  
"Wanted old toy trains," etc. 50¢ ea.

Mike Hogan