

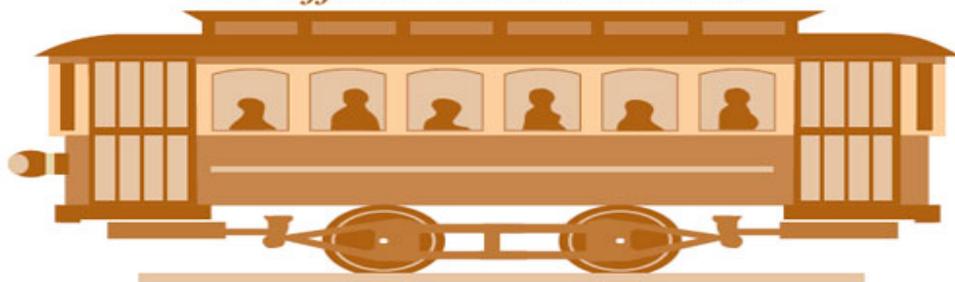
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AT A CROSSROAD**

All organizations go through transitions as they age. Some grow, becoming more dynamic while attracting more and more followers or members. Examples: travel clubs, computer clubs, even cigar clubs. These examples are products of our modern society, one that promotes and touts the new and the modern while looking at the past as irrelevant and just for "old folks". Our hobby, toy trains, seems to have fallen into that category of an old by-gone pursuit that our young men and women view as old fashioned and not for them. Why? Is it because our children are preoccupied with "My Space", X-Box, chat rooms and other diversions that we never had to deal with? Or is it because we, the "keepers" of the old hobby of toy trains feel that the kids have their own thing and that's just the way it is? There are probably many answers to these questions and all have some merit. I think as "keepers" of our hobby we can attract this younger age group, as we must, if the hobby of toy trains is to endure. Just how do we do that?

Most people under the age of 40 have never been on a train. We in the hobby have been on trains, many of us several times. Nostalgia, sentimentality and a sense of history motivate us to spend some of our time in the past age of our parents and grandparents. We must convey all these concepts to our younger generation to preserve that precious part of our history. WB&A has taken this mission to heart by providing the train experience through our excursions and our train meets. Many of our members bring their grandchildren on our excursions and it is so gratifying to see the wonderment and fascination in their eyes as they see live steam engines for the first time and watch the countryside go by at a leisurely pace that we seldom enjoy today. Those of us who have provided this link to the past and the sheer pleasure of toy trains have watched in satisfaction as that seed we plant takes root and shows a young person that model trains are much more than mere toys. The interactive layouts that we bring to our meets allow children to participate in the magical world of toy trains and we hope, make them the future of the hobby we all know and love. Children are admitted free to our meets and we have hundreds attend each event.

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**Treasurer's Report  
As of March 25, 2008**

The new year started out on a positive note. Our Maryland Armory Meet in February was well attended and we made a small profit. Additionally, 105 children under the age of twelve got the opportunity to operate WB&A's interactive layouts and had a great time! We started serving free coffee and donuts to table holders during morning set up at the Annapolis Meet. We are making the effort to make the experience of participating in our meets a pleasing and fun experience. If you have any other ideas please let us know. We have major financial commitments coming up in the next two years. We need everyone's help to get us thru this challenging period. Talk to friends about joining WB&A, purchase yourself a table at our upcoming meets to sell some "mint condition" trains and place a small ad in our newsletter. Janet and I have signed up for the Altoona trip in May. It will be great fun and I look forward to the opportunity to visit with all of you. Spring York is around the corner. I'm getting anxious and I'm looking forward to helping out at Kid's Korner and manning WB&A's table in the Silver Hall. Please stop by and say hello. The Chapter's financial activities for 2008 are summarized below. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me at 703-927-9843 or glen.mackinnon@verizon.net. - Glenn

Checkbook Balance January 1, 2008		\$16,373.49
Significant Activities January 1, 2008 thru March 25, 2008		
	Expenses	Revenue
MD Armory February 08 Meet	\$2,572	\$2,879
Altoona Trip	\$100	\$0
Newsletter 08	\$1,052	\$660
Membership Dues 08	\$201	\$2,951
WB&A Web Site	\$354	\$0
Kids Korner	\$87	\$456
Secretarial Expenses	\$29	\$0
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$572	\$0
Checkbook Balance March 25, 2008		\$17,043.63
Certificate of Deposit w/Eastern Savings Bank		\$ 2,056.17

At the **Board of Directors meeting on April 02<sup>nd</sup>** Hope Danielson stepped down as the Chapter's Representative to Eastern Division; this was done as Eastern Division had recently notified the Chapter that Hope was elected in violation of Eastern Division By-Laws. Her appointment was due to an inadvertent oversight of Eastern Division by-laws.

The Board of Directors extends their heartfelt thanks to Hope for her outstanding service to the Chapter and wish her the very best in her future endeavors. David Martino was elected to fulfill the remainder of the term.

**Secretary's Report  
for January 09, 2008  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Meeting** was called to order by Art Tate at 8:10 PM. The Secretary verified that we had a quorum present and any votes taken at this meeting are binding.

**Voting Members in attendance were as follows:** Art Tate, Stan Dobrzycki, Glenn MacKinnon, Nicholas Tentzeras, Pete Jackson, Fred Krochmal, David Martino, Carol McGinnis, & Nancy Tentzeras.

**Items that the Board discussed included the following:**

- Treasurer Glenn MacKinnon reported that the checking account balance as of January 9, 2008 is \$13,846.45 and the CD has a balance of \$2,056.17. There was discussion of the rising costs of the mini-meets, which included mailing out reminder postcards for the general membership meeting; which the board discussed how beneficial it really was. A motion was approved to add to the upcoming General Membership meeting agenda to change the bylaws to eliminate sending out reminder postcards via U.S. Mail.
- Membership Director Carol McGinnis reported that \$2563 has been collected for 2008 membership dues and that 150 members have yet to renew. Carol is sending 320 postcards asking those who are current TCA members and have lapsed as a WB&A member to rejoin WB&A. There have been 2 renewal members and 3 new members for 2008.
- Art Tate made the recommendation of welcoming Mary Jackson back to the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy of Garrett Goldstein, which was unanimously approved.
- Art reported on the progress of the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Annapolis Meet with the board discussing what can be done to improve the overall success of our meets.
- Nancy Tentzeras reported that we have collected \$300 in advertising monies for the 2008 newsletter and that we are finalizing the details of the new printer and mailer who will be handling the printing of the *Trolley*.
- The next 2010 convention meeting is scheduled for 1/26/08 in Gainesville, VA.
- Hope reported that the October York Meet was successful with 14,500 members, guest, spouses, and children in attendance; admission prices will be increasing beginning with the Spring York Meet.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as Published.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Tentzeras, Secretary WB&A Chapter

**Historian's Corner**  
**by Carol Redman McGinnis**

As a part of my collection I have copies of the Train Collectors Quarterly; the earliest of which dates back to issue Vol.2 No. 2 April, 1956.

In this issue the Quarterly was celebrating. It was 1 year old! Already it served as a format where members could gather and share information. Articles published included one on Tinplate Magazines, notes from the National Meeting at Ed Alexander's Museum in Yardley, PA, and a piece on members who were in the news. Our own Al Roth was mentioned for an article and picture of some of his collection in the Baltimore Sun Magazine section!

Information was shared about Ives, Lionel, and Maerklin. There was also an attention-grabbing article by Burton Logan (TCA's first President) about Howard Trains, 1900-1915. His interest in the line, and his search for answers about items and catalogs made for captivating reading.

It was the first issue to include pictures on the cover. It meant that pictures could be added to articles in future issues of the Quarterly. The pictures included were of a Lionel 2 7/8 gauge gondola; an Ives O gauge 4-4-0 engine and tender; a Weeden 2 gauge live steam engine, tender, and passenger car; a Lionel standard gauge 318E Olympian 4-4-4 locomotive; and an American Flyer wide gauge President's Special 4-4-4 locomotive.

Do you have a favorite passion for collecting? Share it with us in our next newsletter.

By the way – this issue reported that there were 106 members of TCA (and growing!)



**KIDS KORNER NEEDS YOU!**

Volunteer an hour of your time at an upcoming York Meet or at the 2010 Convention Kids Korner for some real kid-time fun; seeing the future train hobbyists hard at work. To volunteer, contact Pete or Mary Jackson by email: [petetrains@verizon.net](mailto:petetrains@verizon.net) or phone: 703-455-6154.

**President's Message continued from page 1**

WB&A is doing much to keep toy trains and what went before in the forefront of leisure activities in a fast paced modern world but we need your help. When you see an excursion in our newsletter, plan to attend and bring a guest whether it is an adult friend or a child. Bring them to a meet. Your friends will have a unique experience and the children will love it. There is a general membership meeting planned for June 01<sup>st</sup> this year. Please attend and sell your trains, if you wish, at a free table and join us in a free lunch at the end of the meeting. This will be your opportunity to meet your officers and some members who know almost all there is to know about toy trains. Join us and have some fun.

 <b>TOP TEN WB&amp;A BENEFETS</b>	
1	<b>Fun and Fellowship with your Train Friends.</b>
2	<b>Wealth of information available from other collectors, operators, and layout builders.</b>
3	<b>A wonderful opportunity to participate at the local level in the world's greatest hobby.</b>
4	<b>Free admission to local WB&amp;A Train Shows. (Shows advertised in local newspapers.)</b>
5	<b>Free admission &amp; table at WB&amp; A Mini-Meets.</b>
6	<b>Receive quarterly the WB&amp;A Newsletter "The Trolley".</b>
7	<b>Access to the newly designed and enhanced chapter web site (<a href="http://www.wbachaptertca.org">www.wbachaptertca.org</a>)</b>
8	<b>A chance to get involved in planning the 2010 TCA National Convention in Baltimore.</b>
9	<b>Serving as a committee member or officer at the local level is very rewarding.</b>
10	<b>Buy, sell, trade with local train enthusiasts.</b>



## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

### **Spring WB&A Chapter Mini Meet/ General Membership Meeting**

**Sunday, June 01, 2008  
9 AM – 1 PM**

**Location: Masonic Lodge, 411 Little Falls Street Falls Church, VA 22046**

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

**Coffee & Donuts served 9AM, at no cost.**

**General Membership Meeting – 10:30 AM**

**Support your Chapter and make your voice heard .**

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**Put this date on your calendar. See you there!  
Meet Chair: Dan Danielson**

- **Meet your Board of Directors.**
- **Free of charge table for members.**
- **Pick up your 2008 authentication sticker.**
- **Renew your 2008 WB&A membership dues.**
- **Share in some fun and fellowship with your train friends.**
- **Find out plans for upcoming train shows.**
- **Find out what the Chapter has planned for 2008.**
- **Volunteer to help out at an upcoming WB&A Chapter event.**
- **Learn more about the upcoming 2010 Baltimore National Convention.**

### ***Train Enthusiasts Swarm The Annapolis Armory February 09, 2008***

If the calendar is saying February and the location is the Annapolis Armory; then the event must be the **3rd Annual Toy Train Show**. The vendors and the attendees have all become accustomed to this great venue that we have at the Annapolis Armory and the timing of the show. We enjoyed seeing everyone for a fun filled day of buying, selling and playing trains.

People were strolling through the aisles from the time the doors opened until they closed searching for that have to have train treasure. Kids of all ages were having a blast with the interactive layouts, especially the future train hobbyists (ALL 105 children under the age of twelve). It was great seeing their smiles as Dad and Mom, even Grandpa and Grandma helping them push the buttons on the layouts to see what sounds they could hear or the activities the accessories were doing.

There were door prizes won by children of all ages; thanks to our donors for their support, KMA Junction, Star Hobby,

Springfield Station, Clem Clement, and Dan & Hope Danielson.

And what train show would be the same if there wasn't a train doctor in the house, thanks to Allen Crotts for providing his services to all the sick locomotives.

A special thanks to President Art Tate and his many volunteers who made sure everything was running smoothly to ensure yet another successful WB&A Toy Train Show. Train Camaraderie was enjoyed by all; we look forward to seeing everyone again at the next WB&A Toy Train Show.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fall WB&A Mini-Meet &  
General Membership Meeting  
**Saturday November 08th, 2008**  
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Mini-Meet 9:00 AM — Business Meeting 10:30 AM

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York, PA	Apr 17-19	302.674.5797
Falls Church Mini Meet	June 01	WB&A Only
York, PA	Oct 16 - 18	302.674.5797
Beltsville Mini Meet	Nov 08	WB&A Only
WB&A VA Meet	TBD	703-455-6154

**NOTE: FALL MINI-MEET IS NOW NOVEMBER 08TH**

### *Membership Moments by Carol Redman McGinnis*

Membership numbers for 2008 are 283. While this number is up from this time last year, we are still looking for those 75 renewals who have forgotten to make good on their 2008 dues. Dues are paid yearly Jan 1 – Dec 31. Since you are receiving this newsletter you should have an 08' sticker on your membership card. Chuck and I have started calling the 75 delinquent members, but if a friend or buddy asks why they have not received their newsletter let them know. The Oct-Dec newsletter and the Jan-Mar newsletter have renewal applications and information.

Read through this newsletter and see all the stuff that our club has going on. Trips are being scheduled, meets are being held, information about the 2010 Baltimore Convention is being planned, and new members are joining. Take advantage of all of this where and when you can. Chuck and I will be at York at the WB&A Membership table across from Registration and at the mini-meet in June (Kemper Macon Masonic Lodge, Fairfax, VA June 1, 2008)

Remind everyone to include the application with their renewal. This gives us a paper trail, keeps us up to date, and makes it easier to catch our mistakes. An email address is really helpful if you have one.

You did well, and thanks for your continued support.



**2008 WB&A CHAPTER OUTING  
TO ROANOKE, VA  
(AN OVERNIGHTER AT THE HISTORIC HOTEL ROANOKE)  
Mark your calendars for  
AUGUST 30 – 31, 2008**

***Step back in time and relive the history of the Norfolk & Western Railroad.*** We will depart by bus for Roanoke, VA at 7:30 AM on August 30<sup>th</sup>, spend the night at the Hotel Roanoke and return by bus on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The trip will include the following:

- *Bus Transportation*
- *A Continental Breakfast on the bus ride to Roanoke.*
- *Overnight stay at the Historic Hotel Roanoke which will include light refreshments during check-in and a tour of the hotel.*
- *Buffet Brunch Breakfast Sunday Morning*
- *Admission to the O. Winston Link Museum and the Virginia Museum of Transportation.*
- *Dinner stop on the way home.*



The cost for the trip is **\$450.00 per couple (based on double occupancy).**

A minimum of 40 people needed for the Outing or the outing will be canceled. This trip is opened to anyone interested. So let ALL your Family & Friends know and come join in ***ALL THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT.***

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## SHARE YOUR MEMORIES....

Do you have a story that you would like to share with your fellow WB&A Chapter members? Please send any train-related articles, stories, and/or camera-ready images 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.

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR 2008 TROLLEY

3RD QUARTER: JUNE 25, 2008

4TH QUARTER: AUGUST 25, 2008

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## ***WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR*** ***February 16 - 17, 2008*** ***Hampton, VA***

After Eastern Division-TCA's success at the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour (WGHT) in Chantilly, VA in 2006, Clem Clement arranged for participation in the WGHT in Hampton, VA. He asked Dan Danielson to coordinate efforts for this event. We were provided with—**free of charge**—a 10' x 30' booth, covered and skirted tables, chairs, and electricity. The booth was located near the entrance to the event on a large cross aisle. At the October 2007 Eastern Division Board of Directors' meeting, \$1,500 was allocated to support this activity.

The purpose of WGHT is to introduce families to the world's greatest hobby—model railroading. Major train manufacturers and dealers were present. Many local modular clubs set up great layouts. There was a pedal car-type train for children to pedal around the track, and a large Thomas the Tank Engine play area.

Dan invited TCA Director of Development Jane Boyce to participate in the show, as well as York County Visitors Bureau, and Virginia Train Collectors (VTC). Bob Heine invited Southeastern Division-TCA to join us. Regretfully, Southeastern Division-TCA did not participate.

We rented a 10' U-Haul truck to transport the Eastern Division operating layout and other exhibit items. Dan negotiated a reduced mileage fee—79¢ per mile rather than the usual 99¢ per mile—which saved about \$100. Glenn MacKinnon and Steve and Matthew Kehn helped load the truck Thursday evening. It was the perfect size truck! Dan drove the truck to Hampton Friday morning. He was able to drive into the building and park at our booth. Dan, Glenn and Clem unloaded the truck and set up the layout.

Sandy Clement and Hope Danielson worked with Jane and representatives of the Visitors Bureau and VTC to set up our booth. Each entity brought a backdrop, banner(s), and/or other identifying items. In addition to Eastern Division's multi-gauge, multi-level operating layout, there was a display of current and older trains. We also had a continuous-running "I Love Toy Trains" video showing on a TV donated by Steve.

We heard there were 500 visitors in line when the doors opened Saturday morning. Total attendance exceeded 25,000.

Jane Boyce, Clem and Sandy Clement, Hope and Dan Danielson, Glenn and Janet MacKinnon and Faith and Matthew Kehn talked with visitors about the mission of TCA, its goals and what TCA has to offer. Information on TCA, along with membership application forms, and information about The National Toy Train Museum were given to many interested visitors. Some visitors signed up for membership then and there!

We provided information about York Meets and the rapidly approaching 2010 TCA Convention in Baltimore, MD hosted by WB&A Chapter. Interest in both events was great.

We answered at least 1,000 questions—maybe 1,000,000, questions—about trains. We listened to tales of 'what happened to dad's trains.' We looked at photos of home layouts shown by proud owners. We had a great time!

Children and "big kids", too, pushed buttons on the layout to operate a crossing gate, banjo signal, billboard, airplanes, a whistle, and other activities. The smiles on the faces of the children were wonderful. An older woman in a wheelchair was pushed close enough to the layout to push the airplanes button. The delight in her face was priceless! Matthew kept the trains running, and showed visitors how to use DCS and TTMC remote controls.

York Visitors Bureau representatives handed out York Peppermint Patties with their information on York County. There was also a drawing for a wine tour gift basket.

**WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR**  
*continued*

VTC members talked up their club as well as TCA. Many VTC members are also TCA members. VTC was invited to participate because of its geographic location...and because of a growing relationship between VTC and TCA.

The WGHT in Hampton was deemed a success by Jane, York County representatives, VTC members, and our Eastern Division and WB&A Chapter volunteers.

Glenn and Janet McKinnon, Faith and Matthew Kehn, and Bob Heine helped dismantle the layout and load it into the truck, along with the other exhibit items.

Glenn, Steve and Matthew helped us unload the rental truck and return the layout and other items to storage Monday morning.

Please join us in thanking our hard-working Division and Chapter volunteers:

- Clem & Sandy Clement
- Glenn & Janet MacKinnon
- Faith, Steve & Matthew Kehn
- Bob Heine (on his "39<sup>th</sup>" birthday!)

The allotted \$1,500 didn't go quite far enough. Volunteers absorbed some costs for this activity, i.e., mileage, most meals, some lodging, and giveaways

*Hope & Dan*

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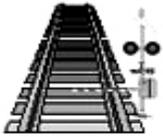
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## *2010 Convention Update by Dan Danielson*

Progress on the planning and coordination of the 2010 TCA National Convention sponsored by WB&A Chapter-TCA continues on several fronts. Perhaps the most exciting right now is the completion of our first fundraising item. It is a limited edition die cast 1934 Ford box van which is lettered for Phillips Seafood of Baltimore, MD. The truck is dark blue with gold lettering, along with a crab and a fish on the sides of the van. The doors of the van carry the number 2010. The rear doors, along with the side doors all open. The hood opens to reveal a complete engine and transmission. The wheels and hubs are correct for the year and model truck. This is sure to be a great piece for your layout, die cast collection, or memento of the Convention. The cost is approximately \$16. Only 300 of these vehicles will be made. Don't miss out on this opportunity to own the first piece of memorabilia for our 2010 Convention. The trucks may be available for sale at the April York Meet, but will definitely be ready for our June mini-meet in Falls Church, VA. For more details give me a call at 703-743-2152.

Hope, Eileen, Dan and I are going to Baltimore to meet with several tour bus companies to discuss costs for shuttle bus service from the convention hotels to the Welcome Party, dinner cruise, and Convention Center during those Friday and Saturday events.

John Caron is in charge of a group working on scheduling tours for our convention. If you would like to work on this committee give John a call at 571-333-3739.

Colleen and Jim Hall are heading up the dinner cruise. We have two wonderful ships under contract for this event. It promises to be a great evening with some last minute surprises for all attendees. Call Colleen or Jim at 504-622-2258 to volunteer for this fun-filled evening on the waters of Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Our banquet also promises some surprises and a very exciting auction. Contact Chuck and Carol McGinnis at 410-381-0840 to work on this exciting event. If you have attended other TCA National banquets you will be amazed at what is going to happen at this one.

Are you tired of going to a hotel banquet room for the Welcome Party? Do you want to be a part of a new and totally different Welcome Party? Contact Gary Ehrlinger at 410-529-4628 to be a part of this special event. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity as far as Welcome Parties go.

We will continue to provide more and more information about our convention events at our upcoming WB&A Chapter mini-meet on June 1, 2008 at the Macon Ware Masonic Lodge in Falls Church, VA. Come talk to the chairs of the committees and find out how much fun you can have working with us on this convention. Until then---see ya.

*Hope and Dan Danielson  
2010 Convention Co-Chairs*

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

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### **2008 Shows**

**Sunday March 09, 2008**  
**Sunday September 28, 2008**  
**Saturday December 20, 2008**

We follow TCA Standards  
at Our Meets.

### **Arbutus Train and Toy Show**

Location: Arbutus Volunteer Firehall ~ 1/4 mile off Beltway ~ 12A Southwestern Blvd.

Doors Open 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM ~ Dealers Setup 7:00 AM

All Table's \$15.00 ~ includes one Admission ~ Tables at the door ~ \$18.00 if available  
Table Fees must be in 30 days before the show date.

Admission \$4.00 ~ Children under 12 FREE with an Adult

For information contact Frank or Sunny Vacek ~ 410.465.3782 (Evenings 6 - 9 PM)



**Stan's Trolley Tidbits**  
**ELEVATED TRESTLE AND MAIL CARS**

Once again the Baltimore Traction Company reappears as the organizer of the Lake Roland Railway Company. The newly formed company is as result of the merger of the North Avenue Railway and the Baltimore Hampton and Lake Roland; the latter being a paper holding company only.

The company ran 12 1/2 miles in 70 minutes by electric trolleys and with horses gong the same distance in 128 minutes. The electric trolleys and the horse drawn trolleys ran from Lake Roland to somewhere between Preston Street and Green Mount Avenue and the Jones Falls. These trolleys were operated with a Conductor and a Motorman who wore blue uniforms, and the cost of the trip was only 5 cents.

On May 3, 1893 the first time in America a street car ran on elevated tracks, the Lake Roland elevated railway even had a trestle across the Northern Central Railroad.

The word elevated is misleading because only a short portion of the street car line was elevated.



From around 1893 the streetcars carried the mail for Baltimore City, but they were taken out of operation because they had

too many doors where it was easy for the public to have access to the mail and most of them had to be modified to prevent this from happening. These streetcars were all retired in 1929, including the last funeral car which was nicknamed Delores.

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It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Stanley and Diane Dobrzycki as they have relocated to Pearisburg, VA. We will surely miss having them around. Hopefully we will be seeing them at York and possibly future WB&A meets. However, have no fear as Stanley will continue to provide for our reading pleasure, "*Stan's Trolley Tidbits*".

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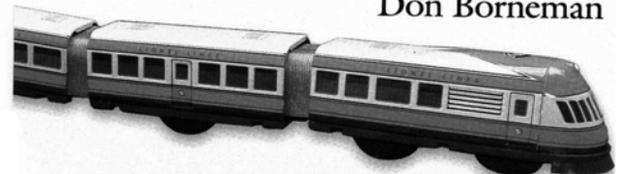
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***Al Franceschetti, TCA CM5-77 ~ A Member's Member***

In the forty-three years I have been a member of TCA, Al Franceschetti has always been there to answer questions no matter how insignificant they may have seemed. His depth and breath of trains and what made them run was truly amazing. Just when you figured you might have one that would stump him, out came the answer as if he knew what you were going to ask him.

Al was also one who believed that you needed to give back to the organization in order to make it succeed in the future. He served his Chapter, WB&A, and his Division, Eastern, in several leadership roles. He also advised many who aspired to run for office at the local or Division level. He always had time for a phone call.

When it came to repairs and what part was needed it took only a phone call to Al to get the answer. I was truly amazed in talking with Steve Fortes and Allen Crotts that they never failed to get help from Al. His help always came with a pleasantness and desire to see them successfully complete a repair.

Al, along with his lovely wife Nancy, supported all local and Division meets by bringing his vast knowledge of trains and his train parts to every show so that others could avail themselves of his knowledge and wares. Many a customer left his table not only with the right part or parts, but an explanation as to why that particular part was needed. Many a time I stood in line and marveled at his manner in working with his customers. He never hurried anyone no matter how long the line.

Al will truly be missed by those of us who had a chance to know him and take advantage of his help. He will also be missed by those who did not get to know him, but availed themselves of his leadership roles in his Chapter, Division, and TCA. I know he will be welcomed with open arms by those such as Lou Redman, Gary Lavinus, Roger Bartelt, and others who make up the roster of our Heavenly Division.

Take care old friend and keep them trains runnin' up there.

***Dan Danielson***  
***Past-President, WB&A Chapter-TCA***  
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