



ATLANTIC DIVISION EXPRESS

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ATLANTIC DIVISION HOSTS TCA'S 60th ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL CONVENTION

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June 21 - 28, 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year. I hope the Holidays treated everyone well. The Atlantic Division is entering into an exiting year 2014. As you know, it is the 60th anniversary of the TCA that was founded right in our backyard, Yardley, PA.

As we have been stating for the last few years the Atlantic Division is hosting the 60th annual TCA Convention in the Philadelphia area. Thanks to our Convention Committee we are pretty much all set to show the rest of the membership a wonderful time with the Convention Hotel located in Cherry Hill, NJ.

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help us run the event. You don't have to be there all week. If you can spare a couple of days we can assign a task to you. Just contact terry Trickle or Joe Fisher. Let them know when you will be available and we can schedule you in. We will really appreciate the help.

Also, don't miss out on the wonderful tours that are planned. Sure, you can see all of these places any time that you want since we all live here but now you can do it in the company of your TCA friends from around the country.

You can "strut your stuff" with the Quaker City String Band while you are munching on a Cheese Steak at the "Taste of Philadelphia" Welcome Party. Or, cruise the Delaware River on the "Spirit of Philadelphia" once again in the company of your fellow collectors. Don't forget that there will be trains for sale in the Trading Halls. And, a wonderful Convention Banquet wraps up the entire week on Saturday evening complete with a live auction with our favorite auctioneer and Atlantic Division member, Ted Maurer.

So, check out the Atlantic Division Web Site or the National Headquarters News for details on how to register. You can do it on line by going to TCA60.org. It is simple and accepts credit cards.

Even with all of this on the schedule the Atlantic Division is still having all of our scheduled train meets as well as the Members Meeting in early May. It is going to be a busy but entertaining year. All of the Atlantic Division Board of Directors members are looking forward to seeing everyone at all of our events.

Thanks to all of our members that have been helping out so far and we hope we can count on more of you.

Bob Lubonski
President



2014 CONVENTION UPDATE

From January 1st we have been accepting reservations for the 2014 TCA National Convention. Now is the time to make your

reservations. Reservation forms are located in the January 2014 issue of the National Headquarters News. You can make your reservation on line by visiting www.TCA60.org. Tour and event descriptions are located on the Atlantic Division web site www.adtca.com, or in the Headquarters news.

The banquet cars have been ordered. They will be in very limited production and the only way that you can win one is to attend the banquet. Sign up early.

In addition to ordering our banquet cars, the production of fundraising cars continues. We expect delivery of additional 'O' and 'S' gauge Tastykake cars. These will be followed by another 'O' gauge Pretzel car. Check the Atlantic Division web site www.adtca.com for release dates. We will notify Atlantic division members by email of new releases.

To make this a successful convention we need about 80 volunteers to help out. We have a number of volunteers already and we are now starting to assign positions for the various events. We still need additional help. Please contact Joe Fisher 215-219-0180, fisher70@verizon.net. We require all volunteers to register for the convention.

All tours and events have been posted. The tour to Strasburg and to the Museum has been cancelled. We have over 27 different layouts tours, trips and events that should be of interest for all to see.

As part of our public displays, we are looking for Hobby items manufactured here in the Atlantic Division area. Please let us know what you have and would be willing to lend for our display.

We welcome any donations for our Auctions and door prizes. We have a number of items already .but could use more. We also welcome any suggestions to help make this one of the best conventions in TCA history. Register early and we will see you in June.

TRAVELING LAYOUT REPORT

The Traveling layout made the trip to the Greenberg Show in early December. Thanks to Bob Lubonski, Mike Ramsey, Bob Wintendorf, William Erskine, and myself for helping out. We had donations of \$68.00 for the two days. We had some poor weather late Saturday afternoon, but did not keep the crowds away.

The Quaker City String Band had requested AD that we display our Layout on the same day as the Greenberg show. Paul Fenn volunteered to use one of his layouts to show at Quaker City; but due to a bad weather report, the Christmas party was cancelled.

Our next show will be the Greatest Hobby Show January 18, and 19, 2014 at Oaks Expo center. This show will be over by time this report is made. We hope to encourage new members to sign up and we will be advertising our National Convention.

There is another Greenberg Show February 15, and 16, located at the Sovereign Center in Reading, Pennsylvania. The location of the show is in the Keystone Division. But with mutual cooperation between the two divisions, we will try to do this show. We want to

advertise TCA and encourage new members. We will let members know if we are doing this show by email and post on the Atlantic Division web site www.adtca.com.

The Traveling Layout needs your help. You get free admission to the shows. You get to play with trains. Meet new people and encourage the young train enthusiast to push the buttons to create action on the layout. If you can spare an hour or two please contact me

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THE NOVEMBER MEET

As usual the Meet attracted a large number of attendees who appeared to have a good time. The exhibit put on by Dick Heineman and Ed Kapuscinski was most unusual. It consisted of a display of Lionel boxed items.



The following pictures are close-ups of some of them.



In addition to the normal exhibit, Ed Kapuscinski brought a Lionel box from about 1915. It was printed by Breuker & Kessler Co. of Philadelphia, PA



A Special Exhibit was brought by Walter Waholek, 12 years old and a Charter Member of the Kids Club. It was originally made for his Coin Club as a display of Tokens used to pay the fare on various forms of transportation. Apparently SEPTA is the only transportation system in the USA that still uses Tokens. It is shown below.



ANOTHER SPECIAL ITEM

In the Fall 2008 issue of the Express, the Late Charlie Weber wrote an article about the Airplane by American Flyer in 1930. At our November Meet, Vince Lamanna was able to purchase the second airplane that appeared in that catalog. This is the No. 555 "The Spirit of Columbia. It is shown below.



THE ANNUAL EVENT

The November is the time of our Annual Event. This year Kevin Kait drew the winning number.

The lucky winner was John Freehan a TCA member from Bor-



dentown, NJ. You will recall that this year, the winner had a choice of the Lionel locomotive described in an earlier issue or an S Gauge American Flyer Locomotive. Our Winner selected the latter.

THE JANUARY MEET

Compared to the action packed November Meet the January Meet was rather lusterless. Although the crowd was there the usual feeling of excitement seemed to be lacking.

Do to an AWOL by one of our more enthusiastic members there was no exhibit and there were no signs along Roosevelt Blvd. pointing to the location of the Meet.



The Exhibit Table looks Lonely

Nevertheless, in spite of these adversities the camaraderie was there as usual. As an aside, if anyone has something that would make an interesting exhibit, please contact Bob Lubonski.

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