



Atlantic Division Express

Where the TCA began



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"I'm in control here." Photo from R. Zipin's layout

President's Message

Happy New Year!

As the new calendar year begins, the Atlantic Division welcomes new Board Members Mike Hudek (90-32044) and Joe Petrick, Jr. (09-63541). You can see the full list of board members on the division website (www.adtca.com/about-us/board-of-directors), with contact information for each member. I am expecting some new ideas and directions from the board as we adapt to the changing makeup of both the TCA and our Division. Our first board meeting was held in mid-January, and I am encouraged by the frank discussion of issues and tentative goals we have set for this year.

The Division's treasury is in very good shape as a result of the strong stewardship of Bob Lubonski and the Board of Directors over the past several years.

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Of course, fundraising efforts for the 2014 convention contributed to our strong financial position, as well as consistent revenue from our regular train shows, along with controlling expenses.

We would like to continue our fundraising success by offering a new car in the near future. One of the options we are exploring is another car in the Entenmann's Bakery series. This series has been extremely successful in prior years. I'll keep you informed as we move forward on this project. If you have any ideas, we would love to hear them!

The Annual Members' Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Sunday, **May 15th**, at Williamson's Restaurant, 500 Blair Mill Road, Horsham, PA 19044. You will receive a notice and reservation form in our March mailing. Please plan to attend and participate in the business of the Atlantic Division and have a great lunch with your Atlantic Division friends.

The annual election to fill seats on the Board will be held in the fall. This year you will be electing the Treasurer, Secretary and four (4) Directors. Some of our current Directors have reached their term limit, and will be unable to run again. Term limits helps to ensure that seats on the board are turned over regularly and provide an opportunity for new members to hold these seats. The next mailing will include a Request for Candidates to run for above positions on the board. I strongly encourage you to consider running for one of the these positions. We need your help to guide and shape the Atlantic Division of the future.

Don't forget, the **62nd National TCA Convention** will be held in Houston, Texas, in June. It has been nearly 40 years since TCA last held a convention in Houston. I know the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Lone Star Division is planning a great time for y'all. From the opening day train excursion to the final day's events at a working cattle ranch, this promises to be a fun-filled week for all. Of course, there is also the Welcome Party, and it's *Taste of Texas* themed meal, the Grand Banquet, a dinner cruise on Galveston Bay, and, a tour of Space Center Houston, NASA/Johnson Space Center, layout tours and other great excursions. For more information, see the Headquarters News or visit the convention website (www.TCAConvention.org). I hope to see you there.

Russ Keil, (609) 320-3957, russ.keil@comcast.net

Future Activities



March 6 - Spring Train Show. The Division's Traveling Layout and a contest for the attending youngsters—'An HO scale ***Time Saver Switching Puzzle***' will be there to challenge you and old alike.

May 15, 2016 All Members Luncheon Save this date to enjoy great food and company. Find out about the Division's plans, news of the displays & activities at the Museum and the latest Convention news. Williamson's Restaurant, Rte 611 and Willow Grove Exit of PA TPK.



62nd National TCA Convention

June 18th - June 26, 2016

Hosted by Gulf Coast Chapter of The Lone Star Division, TCA

For registration and convention details (travel, schedule of events, activities) see the Headquarters News or visit the convention website - www.tcaconvention.org

TCA HELPS TO REVIVE AN OLD TRADITION IN HANOVER, PENNSYLVANIA



Decades ago, employees of Tanger Hardware store located at 37 Broadway Street in downtown Hanover, Pennsylvania would stock the second floor with toys and Christmas decorations just for the holidays. This was the place to find the latest toys and train sets. It was a child's ultimate destination to fulfill their Christmas wish list. The hardware store did a great toy business. Left over toys often found their way to the sidewalk sales held during the year. But sadly, Tanger Hardware closed its doors in the late 1980's ending the Christmas tradition.

The Evening Sun Newspaper relocated to the Tanger Hardware building in 2015. At a staff meeting in the 2nd floor conference room during the summer, they thought it would be great service to the Hanover Community to bring back the holiday tradition of Tanger's Hardware to the original location as the toy and train displays.

The newspaper contacted our National Toy Train Museum seeking help to fulfill their mission. The Museum provided a static train display but lacked an operating layout. The Atlantic Division was contacted to see if we were available and willing to set up their Traveling Layout. We were honored to accept the challenge even though the event was held a day after Thanksgiving and was in the Keystone Division's area.

We arrived at 8:00 AM and set up. We soon discovered that the second floor window had a great view of Hanover's annual Christmas Parade. Our display was ready by 9:00. We had no idea how many would come. The room was complete with our operating layout, a Christmas tree and a fantastic train display. As soon as Santa passed in the front of the building on the way to Hanover's town square, the crowd made a dash to the old Tanger Hardware's second floor location.

There was a steady stream of visitors climbing the grande staircase to the display. Between 550 and 700 people came to see the display. The Evening Sun's

holiday open house recalled their fond memories of the awe-inspiring toy department with a train and toy display. The young and old had the same stories about their earlier visits to the store. Parents and grandparents would bring their children to fill-out their wish list. As a part of the tradition, the Newspaper collected new and unwrapped toys for distribution by the New Hope Ministries of Hanover. The Evening Sun plans to continue this event in 2016 and perhaps start a new tradition.

The Atlantic Division's team, (Bob Lubonski, Mike Ramsey, Paul Olsen, Jim Boylan and Terry Trickel), made the trip to help the National Toy Train Museum with this display. We promised to continue to help with this event and perhaps the Keystone Division will join us next year. **T. Trickel**

Division News—Where we've been (continued)

Different and unusual items seen at the Polar Bear Train Show Jan. 17th, ,



Traveling Layout Report Terry Trickel 484-924-9177 or email; northernfinds@yahoo.com

ATLANTIC DIVISION TRAVELING LAYOUT 2015 - 2016 SEASON

The fall season started with our Traveling layout at Plumbers Union Hall November 8th. Many helped to set up for the Show. It was a busy show and both members and the public enjoyed the layout. On November 25, we made a special visit to Hanover, Pennsylvania. Please read the article "TCA HELPS TO REVIVE AN OLD TRADITION IN HANOVER, PA".

At the Greenberg show, Oaks, PA, December 12-13, we displayed our new HO Time Saver Layout along with the traveling layout. Many thanks to Bob Lubonski, Bob Wittendorf, Bob Huppman, and Mike Ramsey for a their assistance and presence at the show.

There was some interest in the Time Saver layout, which is a classic switching puzzle. Due to the small size of the layout we will replace the 40' box cars with 22' ore cars. With this adjustment, the layout will be ready for our March show. Trophies will be awarded for the fastest time. There is no age limit for this event.

The traveling layout ended the 2015 season on a musical note with a visit to the Quaker City String Band's Christmas party on December 19. With help from Joe Petrick, Mike Ramsey, Terry Trickel, and Tom Fletcher, we operated the layout during the party. Of course, everyone enjoyed the Mummers' music and holiday festivities, and the children love to press all the buttons, especially the *horn!*

We kicked off the 2016 season with the Traveling Layout at the Atlantic Division Train show Jan 17th. As always, we had a great time

running trains with a large public attendance with lots of children.

It was necessary to reschedule the visit with the traveling layout to the Delaware Valley Veterans home. This was originally planned for January 23, but was postponed due to the blizzard that hit the metropolitan area.

The Atlantic Division hopes to have a new Traveling layout ready by the fall. There will be a planning meeting in March; with construction to start soon after. Our goal is to complete the new layout in time for our September Train Show. If you want to be part of this please notify me. We would like to have the input and participation from as many members as possible. This is your traveling layout. Please contact Terry or any Atlantic Board member if you are available to help.

The division's traveling layout is available for display at almost any event. The simple rules are to contact Terry Trickel, (484) 924-9177, (northernfinds@yahoo.com) to confirm the availability of the date and you must help with the layout at your event. There is no charge for service.

We are always looking for assistance with our layout and would appreciate it if you would donate some of your time. You'd be surprised how much enjoyment can be had from watching the children and families as they interact with the layout. Come help the "regular volunteer" division members that so generously donate their time.

Get involved and help the next generation learn to appreciate this wonderful hobby we love so much.

Traveling Layout - New Design Project

To all Atlantic Division Members

We need to meet sometime in the next few weeks to plan our new traveling layout. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know when you are available and where should we meet. I would like to start construction by the end of February. Thanks

Terry Trickel 484-924-9177 or email; northernfinds@yahoo.com

Show Schedule: March to July 2016

DATE	SHOW	LOCATION
Mar. 6, 2016	Atlantic Div., TCA	Plumbers Union Hall, Southampton Rd., Phila, PA
Mar. 12-13, 2016	Greenberg's	NJ Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison, NJ
Mar. 19, 2016	Keystone Div., TCA	St. Philip's Parish Hall, RT s. 741 & 999, Millersville, PA
Mar. 20, 2016	Gilbertsville	Gilbertsville Fire House, RT. 73, Gilbertsville, PA
Apr. 9-10, 2016	Scale Show	MD State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD
Apr. 14-16, 2016	Eastern Div., TCA	York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA 17403
May 7, 2016	Lehigh Valley Show	Merchants Square Mall, 1901 S. 12th St., Allentown, PA
Jun. 5, 2016	Hamburg	Hamburg Fire Co. Field House, Pine St., Hamburg, PA
Jun. 18-26, 2016	TCA National Convention	Merriott Houston Westchase, Houston, TX
Jul. 9-10, 2016	Scale Show	MD State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD
Jul. 25-30, 2016	LCCA National	KCI Airport Hilton Hotel, Kansas City. MO

Feature Article— Thomas Manufacturing—Part 4

This list completes the four remaining Tinline cars from the Winter 2015 Express.

TINPLATE CARS

TP-1011	OLD TIME BOX CAR	1961	TP-1012	OLD TIME STOCK CAR	1961
TP-1010	POWDER BOX CAR	1961	TP-1009	FLAT WITH FIELD PIECE	1961

The remainder of the Timeline is available by mail or email. It contains the list of **Scale cars** (1949-58), **Accessories** (1949-58), **Scale-Craft cars** (1951-60), **HO Single Dome tank cars** (1956-58), **HO Six Dome Wine Tank cars** (1955, 1957), **HO Flat cars** (1961).

The article concludes with "Production in the last years of Thomas Industries was limited. Box cars and HO Flat cars were very limited and are a rare find today".

If interested in having the complete article with the Timeline, send your request to Bob Wittendorf, PO Box 5021, Limerick, PA 19468 or rwitten14@gmail.com.

[Ed. Thank you Terry for a comprehensive and informative story about Thomas Manufacturing.]

National Toy Train Museum & Toy Train Reference Library



In December, former Atlantic Division President Garry Spear made an interesting donation to the Library; a 1935 JEP catalog with original mailing envelope. This catalog was a family treasure. Garry's father, Douglas Spear, wrote to the company in 1935 and they sent him the catalog and the family kept it for all these years.

This catalog has a very colorful cover and the mailing envelope shows it was mailed from Paris, France in 1935. (continued page 6)

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It will be used this year as part of a new display at the museum that will showcase some of the library's finest pieces.

Other new displays being developed this year include a display of wooden trains made by Strombecker during the 1930's -1950's.

We have enough trains and many original boxes to enhance the display but we are looking for original catalog or promotional materials to copy for the display. If anyone has any catalog or promotional materials that could be copied for use in this display please contact Glenn Stinson at jstinson@sprynet.com. G. Stinson

No New Layout Photos this Issue—Send us your photos. Thanks

If you have a scene on your layout that you would like included in a future issue of the "Express", please send the image to Glenn Stinson.

Classified Advertising - Division Members

Classified ads from members will include both wanted and for sale ads. These ads are free. Your ad will reach over 1000 local collectors and operators. Ads may be edited for length and content. Please use the TCA descriptive Standards, if appropriate.

If you would like to run a classified ad in the next Atlantic Division Express, please send your ad copy by April 15th to Glenn K. Stinson at jstinson@sprynet.com or (610) 277-8397.

Feedback Wanted

Thanks for the feedback and keep them coming. I'm at our shows (layout or raffle table) and am following up on a suggestion to highlight 'unusual/special' items seen there, here. If you spot something, let me know. Also, I'm always interested in new content, your pictures, ideas for articles. Please take a few minutes and let me know what you like, dislike, want more or less of. In short, help me give you something that has value. Looking forward to your opinions and suggestions, My mailing address is: PO Box 5021, Limerick, PA 19468 and email address is below.

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