



ATLANTIC DIVISION LOCAL



WINTER 1998

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Atlantic Division Members:

Fall is here with the chill of Autumn. Elections, both Division and National, have been held. The National results are: Gordon Wilson (President-elect), Keith Arnold (Vice-President), Bill Miles (Treasurer), and Sarah Reed (Secretary). Moving up to President from President-elect is Dan Martin. In our own Division the results are: Richard Heineman (Secretary), John Boyle, Jr. (Treasurer), Scott Forsyth, Karl Bowers, Malcolm Kates, Larry Murphy, and Bob Lubonski (Directors). Charlie Weber was elected as the alternate delegate to the National Convention.

The straw pole conducted as part of the election indicated that the membership is in favor of admitting the public to our meets by a margin of 2-1. More about this later in the newsletter.

There was a meeting of the National Board by teleconference the last week in October. Twenty Division Presidents and the National Officers on one telephone call makes for a memorable experience. The contract for the TCA's Operation Manager, John Luppino, was renewed for two years and standards for boxes were approved. The box standards will be published in the TCA's **Directory of Information** next year.

At the November meet the annual drawing took place. The lucky winner was Michael Pupek.

Garry Spear

Atlantic Division Travelling Layout

The schedule for the layout is as follows:

November 21	Peter Becker Home
December	Inglis House and the Airport (Possibly)
January 9	Shriners Hospital
February	Methodist Childrens
March	Elm Terrace
April	Open
May	Hariston Hall
June	Repair Time
July	Variety Club
August	Variety Club

We wish to thank all of the members for supporting this educational outreach program. Your support through dues and the special raffle are greatly appreciated by Karl and myself along with the many oldsters and kids that we are able to entertain. We would also like to remind everyone that donations of equipment for the layout are gladly accepted. Such donations are tax deductible.

Scott Forsyth

Sides

Hash Browns	2 for \$1.00
Orange Juice	\$0.75
Coffee	\$0.50

Lunch

Hamburger	\$1.50
Cheeseburger	\$1.75
Hot Dog	\$1.25
French Fries	\$1.50
Tuna Fish Sandwich with Chips	\$3.00
Soup and Crackers	\$1.50

Sides

Chips	\$0.50
Coffee	\$0.50
Soda	\$0.50

We hope that all attendees will patronize the cafeteria's offerings as this business helps to subsidize the meet by giving us a better price on the hall rental.

Bob Lubonski will be the chairman of this meet as well as the meet in March. If you have any questions he can be reached at 609-608-9265. I will see you again at the May meet and wish all of you Happy Hunting and "May all your signals be green".

Chester Zmijewski

Season's Greetings fellow members and collectors, I'm **Al Craig**(TCA 67-1824) living in Laurel Springs, NJ-(609-784-0038) and by the numbers I have been collecting trains and observing collectors for the past 30 years.

Somehow or another, this season of the year energizes train collectors in a tradition of displaying their collections and layouts-let us at the **Express** know of the special fun you have with trains during this season.

My sincere thanks to Chester Zmijewski for the relief he afforded me as I had expected to start as editor last January but due to health problems could not begin and Chester stepped in for me.

The **Express** will deliver BOD information of which all members should be aware, general information and schedules of events for all division members; in addition,(if space allows) a short note or article.

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Member Edward Schmid makes two suggestions for increasing meet attendance-

1. Free meet passes for long-term members 65/70 and older; and/or
2. Paid-up dues (life?) for the same long-term members.

Editor: These and other suggestions are to be forwarded to the BOD.

HOLIDAY DISPLAY

Ed Kapuscinski and his committee have been hard at work installing the holiday displays at the airport. The Large Scale display with equipment provided by **LGB of America** is once again in the connecting corridor between terminals C and D. The layout features old time Pennsy passenger trains. Some problems were encountered in locating the O Gauge layout, as a result an O Gauge loop may be placed in the center of the Large Scale layout. The Travelling Layout will be set up near the dining area on December 2nd and 9th.

Some static items are being displayed in cases adjacent to the Large Scale layout; but our efforts in locating a place to put on a large static display comparable to those held at the Campbell Museum have so far been unsuccessful. If anyone has any suggestions or connections with an acceptable museum, please call Ed at 609-461-8253.

The construction of these displays is a lot of fun; but it is also a lot of work and consumes quite a bit of time during an already busy holiday season. The committee would greatly appreciate the membership visiting the fruits of their labors.

MEETS

In spite of the fact that the November Meet was competing with GATS and Allentown our attendance was good and everyone seemed in good spirits while having fun. Those of you who attended had a chance to see our new table arrangement. The tables were set up in the main hall perpendicular to the long walls. In addition they were located so that the sellers were behind their tables rather than in front of them. The tables against the wall remained the same. This arrangement proved to be quite popular among the attendees and many of the committee members received very favorable comments. In addition, the doors were opened early so that both sellers and buyers had access at about the same time. This also pleased many of the attendees. Some of these changes in procedures are examples of your committee's efforts to make our meets more attractive to the membership.

The dates for next year's meets have been finalized. They are as follows: January 17th at Holy Cross HS, Delran, NJ; March 14th the Pre -70s Meet at Westover CC; May 23rd at Holy Cross; July 18th, September 12th Members Meet and November 21st all at Westover. We sincerely hope that you mark your calendars now and join us on these dates.

In his column earlier in this issue, Garry Spear mentioned that the straw pole was 2-1 in favor of allowing the public into our meets. We are going to try this on a limited basis at our January meet at Holy Cross HS. At its last meeting the Board of Directors voted to suspend our current meet rules and sponsor The Friends of Holy Cross HS to attend the January meet as guests of the board. This will include students and parents, teachers and alumni. Atlantic Division members will be allowed into the meet at 8:00 AM. The Holy Cross friends will be allowed in at 10:00 AM. The travelling layout and the TTOS layouts will be displayed at this meet as well..

Breakfast will once again be provided starting at 7:30 AM and lunch at 11:00 AM. Mr. Frank Sgroi, mathematics teacher, soccer coach, and chef has developed a special menu for this event.

Breakfast

Eggs, Sausage or Bacon, Hash Browns, Biscuit	\$3.50
Pancakes, Sausage or Bacon	\$2.00
Bagel, Cream Cheese or Butter	\$1.00