

# ATLANTIC DIVISION LOCAL



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the more difficult tasks facing our division is to provide train meets that will address the diverse interests of its members. This is vital; since train meets are the focal point of the Division's activities for the Modern-Era collector. We have spoken to several leading train manufacturers regarding their setting up seminars and displays at our meets. As of this writing, we have received no commitments.

Also at issue is the future of our Pre-70s' train meet. The March Pre-70s' meet at the National Guard Armory in Norristown received favorable comments for the easy accessibility, pleasant environment and excellent food service. The fee for rental of the armory and limited custodial services was \$670, reasonable compared to other facilities. However, the limited custodial services required that Division members contribute their time and labor for the setup of tables on Saturday and their takedown and cleanup on Sunday. Despite all of the positive aspects of the Meet, our profit was \$97.00. The question is whether to expand the concept of the Pre-70s' Meet to enhance attendance or to discontinue it in favor of a broader based meet.

Kids Club. In February, the National Board of Directors approved the appropriation of \$18,000 for the administrative costs of the Kids Club and for the purchase of the Kids Club boxcar. In the future, Divisions will be asked to assume increased financial responsibility for their Kids Club. There is also

sentiment to increase the Kids Club to include other family members when the scope and financial requirements of the Kids Club are better defined at the National Convention. We will then be able to establish a budget and activities for the Division.

In future issues our Newsletter will be enhanced to include articles on the collecting of toy and model trains. Chester Zmijewski and Charles Weber will act as Associate Editors. If you would like to contribute articles, please contact Chester or Charlie.

Malcolm Kates

## BETZWOOD FILM FESTIVAL

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 50 members and guests of the Atlantic Division attended the Betzwood Film Festival at the Montgomery County Community College. The festival shows films made by the Betzwood Motion Picture Studio that was in operation from 1912 to 1923 and was founded by Sigmund Lubin of Philadelphia. The program that evening was, "Trains, Trolleys and Model Ts" and featured several films on the Toonerville Trolley made near Phoenixville and Valley Forge and a 1914 film which was noted for its dramatic train wreck that cost \$25,000. Our appreciation is extended to Bob and Carol Robinson for organizing this event.

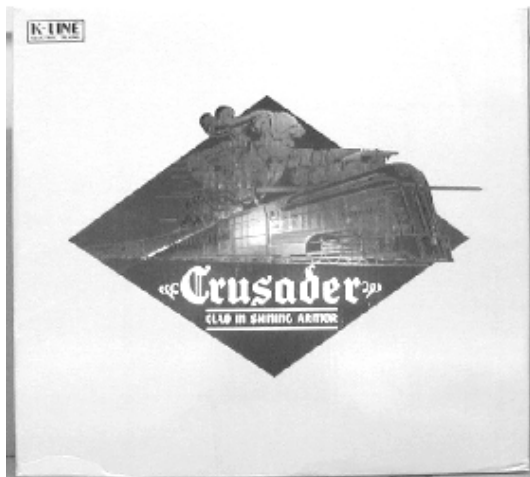
## THANKS

The Atlantic Division wishes to acknowledge the generous contribution of \$500 made by

Marvin and Marlene Laster for the refurbishing of our modular layout.

## ANNUAL RAFFLE

The annual raffle will be held on November 19, 2000 at the Westover Country Club Train Meet. The prizes have been selected to appeal to the tastes of a cross section of our members. As seen below, operators of current production trains, collectors of prewar equipment as well as collectors of postwar equipment and accessories should find one of the prizes to their liking.



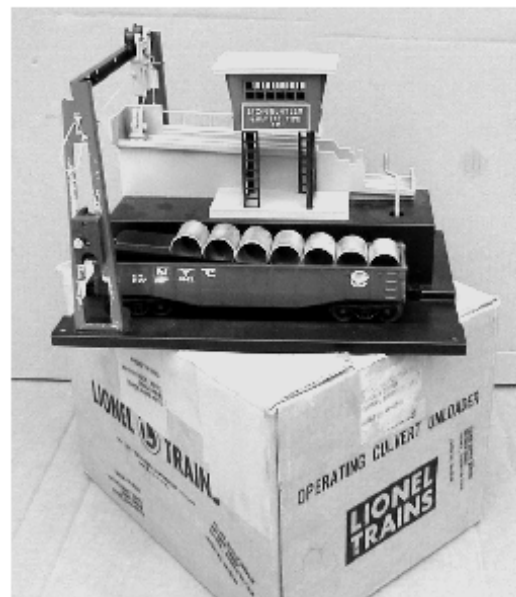
A K-Line Reading Crusader Set in its original sealed box.



A Pre-war Lionel 296 Passenger Set in Peacock with Orange trim. (We are looking for a set box for the 296 Set)



A Post-war Lionel 52 Firefighting Car in the original box with insert.



A Post-war Lionel 345 Culvert Pipe Unloader with a 6342 Gondola in the original box.

Look for the Raffle tickets in the mail this summer. We appreciate the assistance of Ed Kapuscinski in selecting the prizes.

## NEWS

The Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Railroad (M.H.& E.R.R.) has announced new displays in its "new, old fashioned railroad station". These have been installed by the

members of the Masonic Homes Model Railroad Club that meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

The first display consists of an HO gauge layout that contains many intricate, often subtle, features. A large O gauge layout is the featured display that contains landmarks suggestive of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Elizabethtown and Harrisburg. Recently a 48 square foot N gauge layout has been added.

Membership in the Masonic Homes Model Railroad club is open to everyone including married couples. Visitors are welcome to attend the club's open house the first Saturday of each month from 2 to 4 PM.

For additional information you may contact Elwood L. Schmidt, President, Masonic Homes Model Railroad Club, 2318 James Buchanan Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022-3101 or Walter Weider, Vice-President, 3320 James Buchanan Dr. Elizabethtown, PA 17022-3101.

### **LET'S HAVE A CONTEST**

By Charlie Weber

Recently I picked up a small pile of *METCA MEDIA* which was the newsletter of the METCA Division of TCA. These particular issues date from about 1969-1972. In these were a series of columns which I believe were written by Richard Denes entitled *Fact or Fiction?*. Questions about postwar Lionel Train production were posed. Unfortunately, the questions were not answered. At the time that these columns ran there were no books or other reference materials to use to get the answers; so one needed to "really know your stuff" to answer them and to have been around the small circle of those dreaded people who collected Lionel postwar. (Ughh! - - PLASTIC!! Was the feeling of the majority of collectors at the time.)

Anyhow, even though there are now reference materials galore to study these questions, I thought it might be kind of fun to have a contest to try to answer them. So the B.O.D.

has authorized a free pass to the November Atlantic Division Meet at Westover to the first 5 people who respond with the correct answers. We have a total of 100 questions; so if there is interest among members we will continue the contest in upcoming issues of the Newsletter until they are exhausted. Of course, we will publish the correct (we hope!) answers in the next issue of the Newsletter along with the names of the smartypants who are the winners.

If you want to give it a shot, send your answers to [www.weberc@devalcol.com](mailto:www.weberc@devalcol.com) Or:

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### HERE WE GO- FACT OR FICTION

1. Lionel's No. 6062 New York Central Gondola in red and pictured in the 1959 catalog was never produced.
2. Lionel's unique operating aquarium car comes in three distinct letter color variations: yellow, gold and white.
3. Lionel produced an uncataloged No.6076 Lehigh Valley hopper in a drab olive color.
- 4.Lionel's No.3672 Bosco operating car comes in variations with and without the picture of the Bosco jar on the sides.
5. Lionel's No.6464 Poultry dispatch car in red is found with the data missing on one side of the lower portion of the car.
6. Lionel's relatively scarce no. 6464-825 Alaska box car exists with no known color or style variations.
7. Lionel's No.3366 operating circus car is probably the scarcest among the operating box car types.
- 8.Lionel produced the No.3349 turbo missile car in olive drab with no data on the entire body.

9. Lionel's attractive No.2023 Union Pacific yellow anniversary special came in a very limited run with gray truck sideframes and a gray nose on the body.

10. Lionel's famed 746 Norfolk and Western steamer comes with a tender variation: a long stripe across the complete side and a very noticeable shorter stripe.

11. Lionel's most difficult to find landscape accessory among modern offerings is the No.920-2 tunnel portal set.

12. Lionel's most unique and most difficult to find accessory in the lighted signal variety is the No.140 dwarf signal.

13. Lionel's No.55 Tie-ejector car in red is found with and without the Pennsylvania herald on the side.

14. Lionel never produced the No. 6476 Lehigh Valley hopper in tuscan red as pictured in the 1960 catalogue.

## OFFICER & DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominations for the offices of Division Secretary, Treasurer and four Directorships for a two year term beginning January 1, 2001.

Our Division has many individuals who would be good candidates for office. How about doing something for your Division?

If you are interested in being considered as a candidate or know of another Division member who is, please notify me or A.D. President Kates. I must have notice prior to August 5 to be considered on this year's ballot.

Remember, this is your Division. New ideas and "new blood" are always a positive thing.

Thank you in advance for your recommendations for nomination.

Bill Miles (610-649-5689)  
Nominating Committee Chairman

## ANOTHER CONTEST!

Can you name the manufacturer of the transformer pictured below? The first 5 responders with the correct answer will receive free admission to the November Meet. Send your responses to: [chesterz@bellatlantic.net](mailto:chesterz@bellatlantic.net) or Chester Zmijewski, 1119 Yardley Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

The answer will appear in the next issue.

