



Atlantic Division Local



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Editor's Notes

Once again this issue of the Local is being written in the Hawaiian office. I had a most interesting visit with Jim Sattler, TCA #73-5436. Jim is a prominent attorney here in Honolulu. He is also a member of the TCA Standards Committee. He usually attends the York Meets; but he has been conspicuously absent for the last few. Interestingly Jim bears an uncanny resemblance to VP Richard Cheney except he (Jim) has more hair. So when asked about his absence he claims to have been in a, "secret undisclosed location". Actually, it turns out that his recent trials have coincided with the last three York Meets.

Jim has an outstanding collection of what he calls pure Lionel, i.e. before MPC etc. On previous visits he showed me his large collection of 2 7/8" gauge pieces. He has a lot of rolling stock and engines as well as original track. His latest acquisition is a 90° crossover.

This time he showed me his collection of Airex boxcars. He has the usual 6014 Red and the 6044 Medium Blue, Teal Blue with both the white and yellow and the atypical orange lettering and the Dark Blue variations.

Then he showed me an Airex car that he said, "Will knock your socks off". This is a normal Type 1 car with the standard lettering, however it is unpainted Olive. Even more interesting is that the car is the same identical color on both the outside and the inside. Therefore the color is not the result of fading.

I must say that a visit to Jim's collection is always filled with surprises. Even more so since it is located here in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

On another note. You might remember that last year I wrote about the return of trains to Oahu. That story had to do with LGB trains that were being used to deliver tasty morsels in a newly opened Sushi bar. This is about a real train.

The Hawaiian Railway Society has renovated some trackage at the Ewa (Western) end of the island. They are using an ex Navy 45 ton Whitcomb Diesel to haul an excursion train through some scenic areas that were once sugar cane fields. Although I haven't had the opportunity to take this ride it sounds great.

They have a number of interesting displays. One of them is a 100-year-old locomotive named, Kauila that pulled the very first Oahu Railway and Land company train in 1889. Interestingly, this locomotive was purchased at the last moment to haul their inaugural train because the two locomotives they had ordered had not yet arrived from none other than Philadelphia.

Also on display is a small green locomotive named W.A.Co.6. It is the only steam locomotive made in Hawaii It was built from spare parts.

If you would like to pursue this farther, you may contact the Hawaiian Railway Society at: <http://members.aol.com/hawaiianrailway/index.html>.

Chester Zmijewski

President's Message

The last President's message touched upon certain aspects of division finances. I would like to continue this in this and future issues of the newsletter.

Mailing comprises a significant part of division expenses. To reduce costs, several items (Meet Notices, Newsletters) are included in a single mailing. When possible, our mailings are done at bulk rate, approximately 50% of the cost of First Class Mail. Preparing for Bulk Mail requires stuffing of envelopes and sorting according to Zip Code. Volunteers do this. We usually Deli lunch before our mailing session. If you would like to join us, please call Bill Wilson.

Budget Preparation. Committee Chairmen are required to maintain an ongoing account of the expenses and income of that committee. From that information the Finance Committee will prepare a proposed budget for Board amendment and approval at it's September meeting..

The Kid's Club was initiated several years ago to create interest in our hobby among children and hopefully to provide a basis of future collectors. It was left to individual Divisions to determine the extent of their involvement in Kid's Club activities. Some Divisions have play areas for kids at their meets. Our current location does not have space for this but we will have a traveling layout at our meets and kids activities at our Members Meet. If you have ideas for Kid's Club activities, contact Bob Huppman or Richard Zipin.

Last, the Division would like to extend its appreciation to Herb Thomas and Ed Kapuscinski who completed their terms on the Board of Directors. Herb had clear ideas on the direction of the Division. Ed served 6 years and provided humorous moments and invaluable ideas.

Malcom Kates

Notes From the Secretary

The Election results for 2002-2003 are as follows: President: Malcolm Kates, Vice President: Charlie Weber, Directors: Joe Lehman, Stan Petty, Bob Robinson, and Chester Zmijewski, Convention Alternate: Charlie Weber.

The total Membership for 2001 was 726. Paid memberships for 2002 received to date are 772. 220 of these paid members for 2002 are new to the Division. A second dues notice was sent to unpaid Division members in February.

Dick Heineman

Homemade Models

Over my many years of searching out toy trains, I have stumbled upon many, "home made" items. Most have been scrapped or sold for peanuts. Some were

beautiful examples of workmanship and some were real junk. All were interesting.

The 1930's were a different time. Then, people had time and no money. Now, people have money and no time. In the 1930's if one wanted to be a model railroader, one had to build thing, not just buy a kit and, "shake the box". In addition ready to run equipment was relatively expensive compared to income.

We are dedicated to; "the preservation of toy trains" and perhaps some of these homemade items come under that umbrella. So, I think we'll show you some of these oddball items in various issues of our newsletter. Maybe you will find this equipment interesting and some of you will submit others for our members' perusal.



Pictured above is one such item I discovered. It appears to be an oil or gasoline storage tank. Judging by its size. It might have been made to represent a tank used to fill tanker trucks. It is painted gray with blue lettering and appears to express ingenuity and imagination.

Charlie Weber

No Room to Run Trains?

It is not well publicized, but there is a cadre of train nuts who run '0' gauge and smaller trains outdoors! Yes '0' gauge outdoors. (*This is also popular in Great Britain, the birthplace of Garden Railroading ed's note*) A proponent of this concept is Doug Gray in Seattle, WA. If Doug can accomplish '0' gauge

railroading in the mucky weather of Seattle, we certainly should be able to do it in this neck of the woods and I hope to do so in the near future. Doug publishes a little black and white quarterly on the subject called, "The Garden Hi-Railer" and has been doing so for 10 years. It is a labor of love and quite interesting. If you want to subscribe contact him at 9353 Forest Ct. S.W., Seattle, WA 98136.

Last year Doug sent me the photos shown here. Perhaps they will give you some ideas.

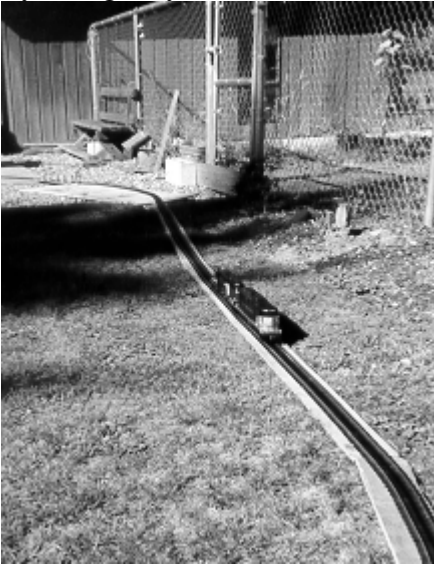


Photo 1 A long run.



Photo 2 Disadvantages Of Ground Level



Photo 3 Another View

Photo 1 certainly hit the spot with me. This was taken at a TTOS meet that he attended. Notice the host has simply attached track to strips of plywood and then came up with a BIG simple loop of '0' gauge track upon which to run trains. Not like a real layout, but an interesting idea. This lit a light bulb in my brain.

Around 1970 the new Lionel-MPC was rejuvenating the Lionel line and was attaching a new style of plastic truck to their rolling stock. They were also offering several GP-7 locomotives that seemed really chintzy as compared to the Magne traction© equipped geeps that we were used to. That were advertising that their geeps could pull 25 car trains. I didn't believe it. My Magne-traction© equipped 610 Erie switcher and 2350 NH locos could only pull 10 - 12 "conventional" cars. My two motor 2368 B&O F-7 could pull more, but inevitably a front car or two would pull off the track on a curve. I wanted to test the advertisement and had 20+ of the new 9200 series boxcars with the new trucks but no room to run them on the little test layout that I had. Solution! I had some unused 1/2" plywood around and some Gargraves track. So, I cut strips of plywood and attached the track ending up with a 48" radius oval about 10' x 18' that I laid on the cellar floor. Darned if the advertisement wasn't true! After the test, I pulled it apart and stored it away where it got dirty over the last 30 years.

Well, I saw Photo 1 and this past summer I scrounged around and found the stored track on plywood. Sanded the rails, took it out into the backyard and actually ran some long trains. Easy as pie! I will do it again sometime. How about you?

The Franklin Institute

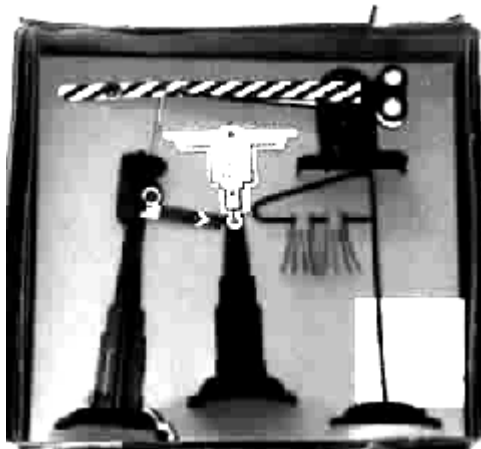
Has anyone seen the great new exhibits of railroading at the Franklin Institute? The Baldwin 60000 Locomotive has been set in a new home on the factory floor of The Baldwin Locomotive Works. It has been said in the Times Herald Weekend Section on January 12, 2001 that visitors will bustle about the realistic factory setting and learn the basic science and technology of railroad systems. In addition, visitors will learn about the multi-cultural and social history of America's railroads and its impact on the country. This exhibit was scheduled to open in November of last year.

Accessories

Here are some pictures of a very nice set of signs. What is unique about them is their condition that can only be described as gorgeous. It looks like various pieces have never been removed from the original box. Charley Weber sent in the original photos, but I don't know their source.



The Box



The Contents

The NTTM Express
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Train Collectors Association

This year marks the Silver Anniversary of The National Toy Train Museum. It is difficult to believe

that twenty-five years have past. Watch the National Headquarters News and www.traincollectors.org for special items and news of interest on this significant event.

March is a busy time at The National Toy Train Museum. The Education & Museum Committee under the direction of Gary Lavinus is working hard to upgrade exhibits and install new ones. Visitors to the Museum this year are in for a great surprise.

When you come to Central Pennsylvania for the Eastern Division's York Meet, take some time to visit your Museum. You will be impressed with what your fellow TCA members accomplished over the winter.

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Barring derailments or other unforeseen Obstacles to normal operations, the Atlantic Division Local is published four times a year. The editors are actively seeking new articles for publication. Anyone having material they would like published should submit it to the Editorial Office. The material need not be in polished form. We need your material and will accept Want adds and For Sale adds from individual members.

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