



# Atlantic Division EXPRESS



## WINTER 2004 SUPPLEMENT

### From the Editors

In order to publish a full color issue, it is necessary to prepare the copy well in advance of the actual publication. In order to accomplish this, we had to write the Winter issue before the elections and the November Meet. So to give you the latest news, we decided to produce this black and white supplement.

### Atlantic Division Election Results—2005 –2006 Term

Treasurer - George Nelson

Secretary - Ken Allen

Directors - Allen Craig  
Bill McKay  
George Sottung  
Ed Kapuscinski

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joe Lehman, Nominating Committee Chairman

### The November Meet

The November meet was one of the most successful in recent years. All of the tables were sold and the committee had to set up tables in the lobby.



*A view of the crowded lobby*

There were over 500 attendees. This total included 144 members of the public. In addition, it was a pleasure to see a large number of youngsters who were genuinely interested in the trains. The

caterers were happy as well since they ran out of food before noon.



*The main trading hall*

One of the main attractions was the Robo-Cop brought by Harry Barnes of the AMTRAK Police. This radio-controlled car was equipped with a talking robot and moving head. Its voice was that



*AMTRAK Robo-Cop*

of Harry himself who managed to poke fun at the kids and keep them amused. In addition Harry had a display of literature outlining safety for pedestrians in the vicinity of the railroad

The display consisted of tank cars in every conceivable gauge. In

keeping with this theme, Ed Kapuscinski set up a Plasticville gas station complete with people, a road, cars and a gasoline delivery truck. This was appreciated by some of the children and grown ups; who amused themselves by trying out their newly purchased vehicles on the roadway

Numerous door prizes were given out to both adults and children throughout the morning; but the crowning event was the annual raffle of the Lionel Pennsylvania M1. The raffle was an overwhelming success this year. 216 tickets were sold thanks to Garry Spear.

The winner was George B. Gray, Jr. of Paoli, PA. Even as he carried off the prize, he still didn't believe that he had won. He was a truly happy camper. Congratulations George!



*The smile tells it all*

Bob Lubonski, our Meet Chairman and his crew that organized this meet would like to thank all who participated in the meet by buying tables and by just attending. In addition to the buying and selling, camaraderie prevailed and everyone seemed to be having a good time. That is what our meets are all about. Our next meet will be on January 9, 2005. Please plan to attend.

#### **For Sale**

The Atlantic Division's Standard Gauge Layout is for sale. The layout is composed of four 4' x 8' pieces that stack for storage and it has wheels. It comes with track ; but no rolling stock or accessories. The price is \$75.00.

If you are interested call Ed Kapuscinski at 856-461-8253.

#### **Kids Club News**

The Division has recently acquired a Brio type wooden railway layout. The layout is octagonal in shape and we had hoped to bring it to the November meet. Unfortunately, it did not fit into the transport vehicle. Hopefully, our transporters will figure out a way to get it to the next meet. So plan on bringing the kids. One of our goals is to get the young folks involved in these types of activities. So if you have children or grandchildren or neighbors' children who have an interest

trains. I would urge you to get an application and sign them up for the National TCA Kids Club. National puts out a newsletter just for kids that is filled with fun things for them to do and learn about trains both large and small. Application (Registration Forms) are available in every issue of the National Headquarters News. Remember that the child need not be a relative of the sponsoring member. The members of the Kids Club are the future of the TCA.

#### **Last but not Least**



ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS AND  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
ATLANTIC DIVISION I WISH EACH AND  
EVERYONE OF YOU A HEALTHY AND  
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON. MAY THE  
NEW YEAR BRING YOU  
THE TRAIN OF YOUR DREAMS.  
CHESTER M. ZMIJEWSKI, PRESIDENT