



ATLANTIC DIVISION EXPRESS

Where the TCA began



SUMMER 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the last issue I described the activities of our Division in the last months of 2008. There is no doubt that we are a very active division. I believe that we will have a substantial Annual report to National this year. It seems that we are still at it. During the first weeks of the new year, we were invited to participate in the fund raising project for the Philadelphia Public TV channel WHYY.

Jack Nixon did an outstanding job of recruiting a group of our members to man the telephones for this fund raiser. After speaking to a number of individuals who participated in the event, it became clear that they all had a great time. A story and pictures follow. I would like to personally thank all of our members who volunteered to participate in all of these events.

Finally, I must apologize to Clem Clement, our national president. He visited our meet in November and wrote a neat story regarding his visit. Unfortunately, your editor, yours truly, ran out of space in the Spring issue and did not include it. However, it is included in this issue.

Chester Zmijewski

ATLANTIC DIVISION at WHYY By Jack Nixon

Hello Members, You may have seen us on WHYY TV during their pledge drive in March. The Board Of Directors felt it would be good public relations for the TCA and give each volunteer a sense of self pride to support public broadcasting. I must apologize to most of the membership for not including them in this wonderful opportunity but the window of time in which I was working to put it together was very limited. We did inform WHYY that we would be glad to do this again in the future and hopefully then they will provide us with enough time to notify all of the members so you too can participate.

WHYY provided us with a catered buffet dinner, snacks and drinks along with off street parking in their secure lot. The staff was pleasant and informative to work with. They went out of their way to show their appreciation to us. Although the time we actually spent there was only about five hours, we were told that they were able to raise about \$23,000 during our portion of the broadcast.

On another note, we are currently putting together a mass e-mailing system for occasions such as this and I strongly urge everyone to sign up and be included on this list. This way when another event arises we can contact you in a timely fashion so you too can enjoy the excitement and thrill of being a part of this type of event.





Part of our crew at WHYY

Finally I would like to thank everyone who gave their time and made this event such a great success. Hopefully we can do this

Atlantic Division Meet, November 16, 2008

I always enjoy a visit to Atlantic Division meets. I am a former member, having lived in Medford, NJ for 3 years after retiring from the USAF. Many old friends were there and ready to play trains. The hall was nearly full and filled with excitement. We rolled from Frank Heiss' home at the crack of dawn and arrived to cheery faces and open coffee bar. It don't get no gooder'n that.

There was considerable standard gauge about. Plenty of trains for any connoisseur and lots of kids enjoying the fun and a goodly size crowd of members. Several layouts were in operation and crowded with happy kids pushing buttons and making trains go. Two of the layouts were TTOS. I was very pleased to see both clubs working together. Also in attendance was the TTOS local president, who I invited to the TCA Liaison Committee with other Train Organizations meeting a York twice a year.

Will Andrews gave me a donation of Marx freight cars for Kids Corner at York. Thank you very much Will. The trains at Kids Corner get a good workout at York and need replacing from time to time. Will is very kind and thoughtful to do this for the kids.

Bob Robinson was in attendance and we were able to do some Standards Committee business on the spot.

I watched a young fellow win an hourly prize of a toy 53 Caddy convertible. His Daddy told me they are into hot cars and working on a '56 Chevy. The boy was very happy with his win. Daddy signed him up for the big prize at the end of the meet. He kept running up to Division President Chester Zmijewski asking if it was time for the drawing. Finally it was time and the boy was standing by. Somehow Pres. Chester selected the young fellow to do the drawing. The boy was jumping about in excitement. Daddy said, "Pick your own number." His sister figured he would lose as he couldn't pick himself (Ain't that a

good and typical sister(;>!) Mom was cheering him on. He did not win but was thrilled with all the fun and excitement for sure. That family will surely be back next time.

I brought some Show and Tell of home made trains. (Two of these were shown in the last issue) Several of us had fun trying



Some of Clem's Homemades

to figure out where the odd parts came from and how these pieces were built. A favorite was a tank car. The tank was a 5 inch water pipe mounted on a Lionel #11 flat. The pipe ends were plugged with wooden plugs. This thing looked very nice, but is super heavy and we decided it would be tough to get it to negotiate curved track.

Frank and I both had a great time playing trains and visiting with our train friends in the Atlantic Division.

Clem Clement
President, TCA

CONVENTION UPDATE

The committee has been working diligently to finalize programs for our 2014 National Convention. Very shortly Terry Trickel and his crew will be hunting for more volunteers. Please call him at 484-924-9177

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