



Atlantic Division EXPRESS

WHERE THE TCA BEGAN



SUMMER 2010

A New Year A New Decade A New President

Thanks all for electing me to serve you as your President for the next two years. Four of the elected directors are serving their first term on AD's Board of directors. They are Tom Wagner of Philadelphia, PA, Russ Keil of Berlin, NJ, John Leedom of Blue Bell, PA, and Tom Smith of Bensalem, PA. .

The AD nominating committee is looking for candidates for office. There was a letter in February's mailing from the nominating committee asking for candidates. For this fall's election we need candidates for Secretary, Treasurer, and Director (4 positions). Get involved with your Division and help plan for the future. Please contact one of the nominating committee members if you are interested,

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In May, the Atlantic Division celebrated its fortieth anniversary. Chartered as the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Eastern Division in 1970, we became the Atlantic Division during the 1976-77 time periods. There was a 40th anniversary banquet and member meeting on May 16th at the Westover CC. I hope you were there to ask questions and meet your division officers.

The division has hosted two TCA National Conventions, one in 1976 and the other in 1989. Atlantic Division will host our third TCA National Convention in 2014. Terry Trickel and Joe Fisher are the co-chairmen. We need everyone's help to make this endeavor a success, so think about volunteering to assist with the Convention. Please contact them if you want to be part of this epic event.

The Atlantic Division was the 1st Quarter Winner of the 2009-2010 TCA Membership Drive Contest. Thanks to all that worked hard to make AD the winner.

Garry Spear

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Maybe I should have said, "Past President's Comments". Anyway, hopefully, with this issue we will be back on schedule. Since the Spring issue was devoted to the memory of Charlie Weber, a num-

ber of events that took place late in 2009 and early 2010 were not covered.

This issue should bring us all up to date.

Chester Zmijewski

A VISIT WITH YOUNGSTERS

In mid November, the Atlantic Division was invited to participate in an, "After School Program" at the James A. Garfield Elementary School in Collingswood, NJ. It was a "Just Kids Program" directed by Ms. Lizette Melendez.

Terry Trickel, his wife Susan, Richard Zipin and Jack Nixon put on a program describing the various model trains from wooden pull toys to Standard gauge Lionel. They described and had examples of each. All of the gauges and Terry even brought a tiny Z gauge layout.





wrong place for new members.

The following is a copy of the note that we received from the teacher of the class.

Dear Richard,

Thank you for visiting the Just Kids Program at the Garfield School. It was a pleasure meeting all of you, (Dr. Z, Susan, Jack and the others). The presentation about the trains was excellent. I can understand now why it's a fun hobby to have. I appreciate the goodie bags that you brought for the students also. They were able to enjoy the hats and toys trains later that afternoon. I believe that we will now have future train collectors in our program. Thanks so much!

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Lizette



THE JANUARY MEET



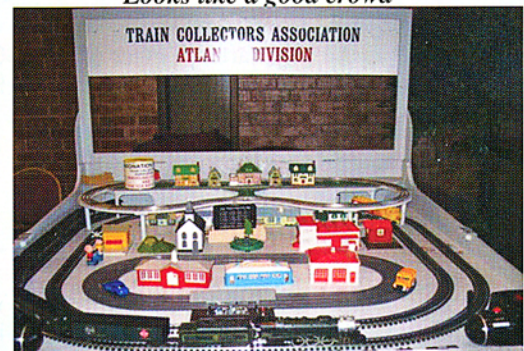
A neat display of structures



Looks like a good crowd

Afterward the children received Membership Certificates in our Kids Club, wooden whistles, a miniature plastic train and bags of goodies containing an Engineer's cap. Richard showed them a movie narrated by the late Ward Kimball.

It was obvious that the young boys and girls were having a great time with the trains. It appeared that, for many of them, this was a first time that they had the opportunity to play with trains. Interestingly there were more girls than boys. Based on our experience with Hill Climb winners, maybe we are looking in the



Travelling layout on display

THE MARCH MEET



Nice OO Gauge set on bottom right hand shelf

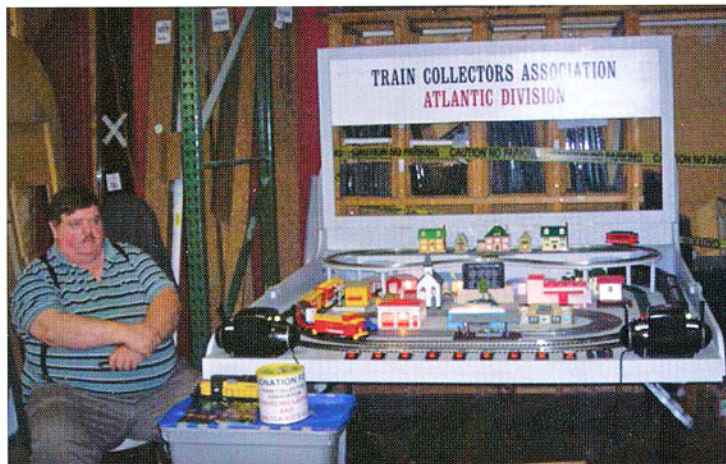


Another view

ATLANTIC DIVISION'S OTHER ACTIVITIES

On Sunday, April 25th Terry took our layout to The Rails & Rods Show in Bensalem, PA. This show of Trains and Hot Rods together was held as a benefit for the "Ronald McDonald House & Smile Train"

According to Terry, the show attracted a number of people.



THE MACY'S TERMINAL RR By Larry Murphy

Macy's Terminal Railroad, came with unusual, individual "card sleeves". The four sleeves are each numbered 344C. It is not known what this signifies. Set came with two #27 bulb boxes, a boxed #068 warning signal, and a boxed #88 rheostat. The enclosed paper included: oiling instructions, a post-card and directions for set-up as well as the sleeves.



The Set

The set did not have a Macy Drumhead on the 612, probably one of the only Macy specials that does not, but all three cars are properly stamped above their windows as, "Macy Special". This set is one of the most sought after, in the "Like-New" condition as the set shown in the picture. Only a handful exists in such condition. The set came with a #450 loco in Red with a Brass "Macy Special" plate on both sides of loco. It also came with two #610 Passenger cars and a #612 Observation car in Red with Ivory trim.

The next photo shows the bottom of the #450 red loco. It has a special brass plate marked "R.H. Macy & Co. New York. The brass "Macy Special" plate on the side of the loco, can be seen at

at the top of the picture.



The Macy Labels

2014 CONVENTION NEWS "CATCH THE SPIRIT"

The 2014 Convention plans are moving forward. Our logo has been created with the phrase "CATCH THE SPIRIT." It is currently with an artist to add color but we should have a final version for you to see by our next issue. Fantastic!

The Atlantic Division will be hosting a Welcome Party at the Convention. We want to entertain our guests to "A Taste of Philadelphia" that will offer food area favorites such as Hoagies, Cheese Steaks, Soft pretzels and Tasty Cakes! We also plan to have a Mummies band and other "Philly" entertainment. After 'stompin' to the Mummies, singing 'Philly favorites' and eating real Philly food, bet most will say "That is the best TCA convention I ever attended!"



Catch the spirit!

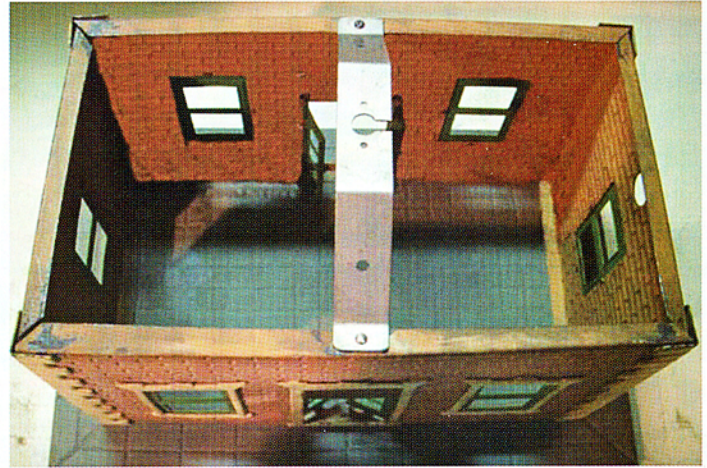
To help offset the cost of our Party we plan to hold a Silent Auction. We are now seeking donations for the Auction. The items can be train related, but we are looking for other donations that will interest children and the Ladies. We would like to have some quality items. Please let us know if you can help in this area. You can contact Terry Trickle at the address below.

This Convention will also feature a variety of information seminars. Bob Robinson is working hard in this area. We are seeking a list of past and present Train- related Manufacturers of both Real and Model Trains within the Atlantic Division as well as members who could present seminars. Each seminar should last a one hour period. If you have a gift for gab, talk to us.

We will have a Convention meeting in June with all Chair People and interested parties. If you are interested in attending, for time and date, please contact Terry Trickle 484-924-977, northernfinds@yahoo.com or Joe Fisher 215-659-3925, Fisher70@verizon.net

AN INTERESTING STATION

Bob Hoffman Brought an interesting early Lionel No. 121 Station to one of our gatherings. This station, was found originally with the lighting bracket detached.



As you can see, this bracket has an unusual notched hole in the center. In addition, there is a hole in the right side wall of the station. These details are explained by the label on the box.



The label indicates that lighting that can be fitted easily; can be purchased separately. This explains another mystery. The station, due to its stated dimensions could not fit into this box with the roof attached. Therefore the roof must have been packed inverted into the station. Thus the light bracket must have come separately as part of the lighting kit and that is why it was found unattached.

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The Atlantic Division Express is published four times a year. The editor is 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.

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