



# ATLANTIC DIVISION ANNALS

WHERE THE TCA BEGAN



FALL 2010

## President's Message

### Annual Appeal New Challenge

The 2009-2010 TCA Annual Appeal was a success. The \$25,000 target was reached and the Annual Appeal obtained its \$5,000 gift. The new challenge is for the TCA to reach the \$50,000 target for 2010-2011 and obtain another gift. Full details should be in the September newsletter. Having every member contribute is important. As the TCA is applying for donations and matching grants from foundations one of the most important questions asked is, "What percentage of your members give to an annual appeal?" They don't seem to ask about the dollar level, just the level (%) of members participation. Lets get the 2010-2011 off to a good start. Further information can be obtained at the TCA web site: <http://www.tcamembers.org/newsandevents/annualappeal.htm>

In May the Atlantic Division celebrated its' fortieth anniversary with a banquet lunch and a members meeting. 41 members and 22 guests were registered (6 no-shows). Terry Trickel and Joe Fisher provided the members with an update on the 2014 National Convention.



The division is looking for volunteers for various committees, meet, finance, web, etc. If you are interested in working with and getting to know, other AD member volunteer for some committee. Terry Trickel, Bob Lubonski or myself can get you in touch with the ap-

propriate AD member.

Hope to see you at the September 26th AD meet in Plumber's Union Hall.

Garry Spear

## CONVENTION REPORT

### "CATCH THE SPIRIT"

The 2014 Convention plans are moving forward. We held a meeting on June 3rd to continue with our plans. We are looking for a couple of Key Chair Positions. The first is a Public Relation person to handle the advertising and media information to advertise our Convention, and keeping the public informed of our convention. We also need to keep the rest of the TCA members informed. We want to promote our hobby and need to communicate with others. Another key person is needed to deal with anything to do with paper. The position will be responsible for designing signs, print media and advertising. Anyone that might want to chair or to help can contact our Secretary Susan Trickel, 484-924-9177, [northernfinds@yahoo.com](mailto:northernfinds@yahoo.com).

Susan Trickel will be our contact person for the Convention. She will direct all inquires for those wanting to help to the proper chair person. Susan will maintain all names and addresses of those interested in helping. Terry Trickel and Joe Fisher will be available to do the same. We are still four years out, but the closer we come to 2014, the more help will be needed.

Most of the 2014 Chairpersons went to the Baltimore convention. They were instructed to observe their operations and see what works and what does not. Dan and Hope Danielson have given us so much information and are willing to share their knowledge of the Conven-



tion. We had a great time. We learned a lot and will be using some of the W.B. & A. information. We felt that the tours and shuttle buses were fantastic. They had a few cancelled tours. We took the Diner Cruise, and a couple of the Layout Tours. They were run well and we had a great time. The welcome party location was great. But they needed more staff to direct people to the food which was on each floor. The silent auction starting prices were a little on the high side. I like to bid low and work my way up. It's more exciting to bid against your fellow TCA collector. The Banquet went well until the table prizes were awarded. I did not win the Banquet car, and this was the only disappointment. Better luck Next Year. Food was great and the wife got her fill of Crab Cakes. The W.B. & A. Chapter did a great Job. I want to thank them for a job well done. We will not have a full report of the convention attendance, and amount of money made until the October's Convention Guide line meeting at York. There were at least over 750 registered.

With our convention, we will not have to deal with the Center City parking, and the hot air. Valley Forge Convention Center is suburb of Philadelphia with plenty of free parking.

We will hold another meeting on November 4, 2010. Those interested in attending, please call Susan Trickel 484-924-9177 or e-mail northernfinds@yahoo.com. Terry Trickel 2014 Co-Chairman

#### NEWS FROM THE ISLANDS By The Editor

As many of you know, ever since I retired my wife and I spend part of the Winter months in Hawaii. I normally got my train fix during that time by visiting the marvelous collection of Jim Sattler. In addition, we had many Lionel conversations when his good friend, Adair Roberts came for a Winter visit.

Unfortunately, these fine gentlemen are no longer with us. Therefore I had to resort to other things. Needless to say the number of model train shops in Honolulu are few and far between. However during one of our visits to the Aloha Swap meet, held weekly at the Honolulu Stadium I ran across the native Hawaiian version of a steam locomotive shown above.

As you can see the locomotive and coach have been made of Native South Pacific woods with brass trim. The dark brown wood is called, SUAR or Sugar wood and is native to Indonesia. The very light colored wood is called JELUTONG and comes from Borneo and Sumatra.

Another interesting fact about this piece is that it is a steam loco-



*Hawaiian Steamer*

motive without a tender. Where did they put the coal. This makes me believe that it was made in some island other than Hawaii; since there are plenty of real steam engines here and they all have tenders.

#### MEMBERS MEET

As mentioned in the last issue, In May, the Atlantic Division celebrated its fortieth anniversary this past May. 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 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet and member meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Westover CC. It included the cake shown below. If you were not there, you missed something delicious.



As part of the celebration a plaque was presented to outgoing President, Chester Zmijewski who completed five years in this office and can now relax as Past-President.

During the Meet the Division held a Silent Auction with many interesting items that included photographs and other items of historical memorabilia.. It yielded a profit of \$167.



*Chester with your new President, Garry Spear.*





*Silent Auction Goodies*

## The Affiliate Development Committee has Moved Out of the Station

By Andy Dubill, Affiliate Development Committee, Committee Chairman  
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How many TCA members does it take to start a chapter? The answer is surprising. Only one or two! And our committee wants to find you and help you start a chapter!

Just over a year ago, Don Miller and I were at a train show in Kansas City—happily looking at trains when Don asked me “Why don’t we have a TCA chapter in Kansas City?” I answered, “I don’t know—but why don’t we see what it takes to start one?”

We had no idea how difficult or easy it would be to start a chapter—but I am happy to report that it is not that difficult—and very rewarding. Kansas City is part of the Ozark Division—but with the price of gas so high, the average age of TCA members creeping up (we heard people don’t all want to drive four hours to play with trains) – TCA members and train enthusiasts who did not belong to TCA told us that they were not active or interested in TCA because nothing was happening in our area. So Don and I set a goal of starting a chapter and we said we would be happy if we got 25 members to sign up in our charter membership drive.

The National Office of TCA was extremely helpful and quickly

ran us address labels and lists of current TCA members in our “catchment area” – which we said was Kansas City, Missouri, the States of Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The Ozark Division granted us some front money (around \$150 for mailings). We gathered suggestions from the Desert Division on activities around starting a chapter and off we went.

We did a mailing to TCA members in our area inviting them to an organizational meeting where we would discuss our new Heart of America Chapter and gather suggestions on what our chapter would have for activities. Most of the group felt that our chapter should focus on educational and social activities related collecting trains and trains in general.

We have an established train show in Kansas City, so we decided from the outset that we would not have “TCA train meets”. We received feedback from some people that we could not start a TCA chapter and not have train meets—but we have done quite well so far without them.

Our chapter borrowed a portable train layout from Eastern Division and we set up the layout at various train meets and public events to let people know we were operating as a chapter. We also sold a nice plastic name tag with our Chapter logo to our members and that helped us build interest. We have recently sold nice sport shirts with our TCA HOA logo and they will soon be seen at local events.

Our chapter has an Activity Committee that is chaired by our Chapter Vice President Don Miller—and we have had about four events a year—generally two layout tours, a collector’s clinic, a museum train related all day event. We developed a website with

the assistance of our webmaster Michael Hile—and we use that as our main communication repository—it is [www.tcahoa.org](http://www.tcahoa.org) (check it out). Much of our communication is via email and we try to keep the membership apprised of all things trains in our area.

Your Affiliate Development Committee wants to help you stimulate chapters across the country that will help build TCA membership. We will be hosting a one hour meeting at the October York (Friday, October 15 from 11am to noon in the meeting room in the Orange Hall for TCA members who are interested in finding out how easy it is to start a chapter. Please join us and help us identify areas that are potential chapter locations. Our Committee has been working on a set of documents and aids to save those interested time as they start their own chapters.

We hope you will have as much fun doing this as we did in Kansas City. Remember we said we had hoped to sign up 25 members? One year after we started our chapter, we have 105 members and we still sign up members when they hear about us from our current members—who are our best salespeople. We even had quite a few members sign up from Arkansas and Oklahoma—and we hope to help them start their own chapters soon.

Please plan on joining us at our meeting at the Fall York meet—or email one of us and we will be happy to assist you in learning what it takes to start a chapter. Your efforts will help grow our great hobby and make sure the TCA is around for our grandkids to belong to: Andy Dubill [adubill@aol.com](mailto:adubill@aol.com) (913) 669-4982  
Don Miller [olathedonm@aol.com](mailto:olathedonm@aol.com) (913) 940-7293



## OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

In the interest of promoting the toy train hobby, we will publish toy train meet notices for other clubs and organizations in our area that open their meets to the public. Listings must show us before our deadline and fit the space available. **Closing dates are:** Spring Issue, Jan 9th, Summer, Apr 17th, Fall, Jul 24th and Winter, Oct 30th.

Notices must be in this format: **1.** Location (City, state and address), **2.** Sponsoring organization and name of event, **3.** Date(s), **4.** Time, **5.** Admission fees, **6.** Name address and phone number of person to contact for information, and **7.** Name, address and phone number of person submitting information.

The following will be added to the actual listing: *"This listing does not constitute a TCA endorsement of the events. Before attending, please contact the event officials to confirm details of the events in which you are interested."*

Send your information to Bob Huppman 4942 James Place Brookhaven, PA 19015, or email to [huppr@verizon.net](mailto:huppr@verizon.net). We will not accept verbal transmissions.

## TRAINS WHICH AIN'T IN THE TCA BOOK

Do you have some trains sitting on your shelf or stored in a box that look like they might be something different; but are weary about writing about them. If so we would like to have some pictures and a brief description.

A case in point is the station brought to our attention that was published in the last issue. In that case, Bob Hoffman showed us the unusual station. He and I had a discussion about it and the story emerged. We can do the same if you have an interesting piece. Either photograph it or bring it to a meet and we will photograph it. One of the greatest pleasures in this hobby is the ability to share ones unusual finds with other members.

We need your stories.

## ATLANTIC DIVISION TRAVELING LAYOUT

The Fall train season is fast approaching. We will have a working session to get the Traveling Layout in tip top shape. We will be displaying at the September Meet and don't forget to bring the Kids. Train Races will be going on and send them over to see our running display. There are lots of buttons to push to operate the various accessories. Our layout is one of the few layouts that is a "hands on" layout. Many Trains shows layout are for show, not to touch. We encourage the young and old to play.

We will display the layout at the Greenberg show on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. There is free admission for

those who would like to help out at the show even if it's for an hour or two. We are now taking reservation to display our layout at any location.

Please contact any board member or Terry Trickel if you are interested in helping or need to make a request to reserve the layout. Call 484-924-9177, or e-mail [northernfinds@yahoo.com](mailto:northernfinds@yahoo.com)

## THE ATLANTIC DIVISION ANNUAL RAFFLE

Once again our raffle committee and its Chairman, Garry Spear have come up with an outstanding prize. It is the Lionel Odyssey, Pennsylvania J-1 shown below.

Tickets will be available in October. Don't miss your chance to



win.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

National TCA has changed the fiscal year from starting on November 1 to starting on July 1. Accordingly, the Atlantic Division financial reports will now use the new fiscal year. The following table compares the budget and actuals from the fiscal year starting July 1, 2009 (FY 10) to the budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2010 (FY 11). The FY 11 budget was approved by Atlantic Division Board of Directors on July 14, 2010.

### FY 10 and FY 11 BUDGET COMPARISONS ATLANTIC DIVISION TCA - (FY: July 1 to June 30) As of 07/10/10

	FY10 Budget	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget
Income	\$23,425	\$25,819	\$24,650
Expense	25,200	25,718	26,305
Net	(\$1,775)	\$101	(\$1,655)

	CURRENT CASH (as of 6/30/10)	CURRENT CASH (as of 6/30/09)
Checking	\$1601.79	Checking \$332.06
Savings	\$23706.46	Savings \$23941.49
Cash Box	\$300.00	Cash Box \$300.00
Total	\$25,608.25	Total \$24573.35

## ATLANTIC DIVISION EXPRESS

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