



ATLANTIC DIVISION EXPRESS

WHERE THE TCA BEGAN



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Volunteering

Have you thought of "Volunteering"? Many of the daily functions we use are staffed and run by volunteers. Think about the newsletter you have in your hands. It is courtesy of some volunteers. Those Atlantic Division shows? Volunteers. Running The Atlantic Division? How about those fun days twice a year at York? Volunteers, of course. But let's take it beyond the hobby. Your place of worship. Youth sports. Nursing homes. Scouts. Volunteers are everywhere, and no matter where you are, they grease the wheels that help make many things go and we all owe them a debt of gratitude.

But now back to the trains. Volunteers are responsible for some of **your** friends and **your** trains, because without volunteers there would be no Atlantic Division meets or countless other train shows, including Eastern Division's York Meet. And you've heard *their* names mentioned; but maybe they haven't heard *your* name mentioned. The volunteers who make this division 'happen' for over 850+ Atlantic Division members are stretched to the limit. They have families, jobs and responsibilities just like you. They may even 'double out' as volunteers at some of those other places I mentioned. Without some fresh faces like yours the division cannot maintain what you now enjoy.

Here's one example of this commitment; Terry Trickle is a member of the AD BOD, Co- Chairman of the 2014 National Convention, and Chairman of the Atlantic Division portable layout. Joe Fisher is the other 2014 National Convention Co Chairman. They are looking for other volunteers as committee chairman or just simple volunteers to work on the convention.

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And we're not talking major commitment here. A few phone calls; a couple of hours here or there, and some new friends pop up. Something... anything... to assist the current 'core group' is appreciated and welcomed, and not just by them, but by roughly ten percent of the entire TCA membership that lives within the Atlantic Division geographic boundaries. Give volunteering some thought positive thought then give me a call. You afraid? Don't be. My phone number is 215-628-8652. C'mon... let's make some new friends together.

Garry Spear

ATLANTIC DIVISION TRAVELING LAYOUT ON THE MOVE

By: Terry Trickle

December was a busy month for the Traveling Layout. We had many requests for the Layout. Our first outing was to the St. John Neumann Church annual "Breakfast with Santa" located in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. The church's youth group puts on the event and does a great job setting up. Bob Lubonski led this party with help from Ray Emenecker, Ed Kapucinski, Russ Keil, Steve Stevens and Bob Wittendorf. For the past few years Bob provided a running train layout. The AD layout with all of its interactive accessories filled the entertainment and everyone loved it. Running trains put a smile on faces of all ages. For the older "Kids" it brings back memories of childhood trains at Christmas. Great show Bob and the gang.

The following weekend, we participated at the Greenberg show. Bob Lubonski delivered the layout and with the help of Ray Emenecker, Ed Kapucinski, Bob Wittendorf, and Terry Trickle. Paul Misorelli, of **Train Worx** provided hats and whistles for the kids. Saturday was a busy day. On Sunday we had Mike Ramsey, James Bosnik, and Terry Trickle. Everyone had a great time at the show. Greenberg had awarded us with a Certificate of Appreciation in Volunteering our time and Layout. Everyone had a chance to look around to do some of the Holiday Train shopping.

Our third outing was a request from TCA member, Tom Mitchell and also from the Quaker City String Band. Tom wanted us to display our layout at the annual Christmas party. The party room was on the second floor of the club house on "2" Street. We made a deal that they carry the layout up to the second floor, and we would show up. We had a great time. Mike Ramsey, Jack Nixon, and David Hood arrived on time. Terry and Susan Trickle were fighting a traffic jam on the Blue Route, but arrived on time to help complete the set up. There were over 40 children plus parents in attendance. Santa arrived to the Mummies playing Holiday Songs. They had Hot dogs, Philly Pretzels and goodies. Paul Fenn arrived to help pack up and take the layout back to storage. For those who did not hear, the Quaker City String Band came in 1st place at the 2011 New Years Mummies Parade. CONGRATULATIONS QUAKER CITY!!!

We want to thank all those who responded to our Email. If you could not help this time, maybe next time you can give a helping hand.. We like to see some new faces. I want to thank David Hood for coming out. We also want to thank Paul Fenn for storing our Layout and help delivering it to our meets. If I missed

anyone, please let me know.

The layout is need of a major wiring overhaul. We still have another four accessories to fill the empty push buttons.. We need some wiring experts to help out. We would like to have this done prior to our next outing. Please contact Terry Trickel For more information at: 484-924-9177. My email is northern-fins@yahoo.com



Catch the spirit!

2014 CONVENTION SEEKS DONATIONS

The Convention is now three short years away. We are actively seeking donations for Door Prizes, Banquet Table Prizes, Auction Items, and Silent Auction items. Donations of any value will be accepted. We already received a Reading Box Car donation from Sal Gambino and Bill McKay has donated an O gauge Weaver Reading Crusader Set. This is a great start. To donate your item, please contact one of the 2014 Convention Members. All donations are tax deductible, and a tax receipt will be issued.

The 2014 Committee will be selling various items to raise funds and pay expenses for our welcome party and other expenses. They will be posted on our Convention Web site later this year. This Web site is currently being built.

We are now seeking a co-chairman for the Welcome Party. If anyone is interested, please contact Terry Trickel or Joe Fisher. **Joe Fisher 215-659-3925 Terry Trickel 610-924-9177**

The 2014 committee is compiling a list of those interested in helping with the convention. Let us know if you can help. Most of the help will be needed the week of the Convention. Help will be needed for set-up and other duties.

We are planning a series of train- related seminars. We are now seeking your input on what to offer. So far we have seminars for the Reading Railroad and Manufactures of both real and model trains located in the Atlantic Division boundaries by Bob Robinson. We will have a seminar on Toonerville Trolleys. We need to borrow some of your Toonerville trolleys for our display. If you can lend us a Trolley or two, please let us know. We also plan to have a display of items made by the hobby industries within the Atlantic Division borders.

Happy New Year

A SPECIAL TRAIN MEET FOR 2011

A new Train Meet is being added for 2011 to the Atlantic Division, TCC Meet Calendar. In conjunction with Bob Robinson and Ted Maurer a date of June 4, 2011 has been set for this new meet. It will be a completely different type of meet than the currently scheduled meets. Bob and Ted have a desire to bring back a "Pre 1970's" venue in that all train material that is offered for sale will have a manufacturing date before 1970. Nothing made from 1970 on will be allowed. In addition to the type of meet it will also be located at the **Ridge Fire Co. 480 Ridge Road Spring City, PA 19475** (Site of Maurers Auctions) Any profit made on this meet is to be donated to charity. Contact Al Craig to reserve a table at 856-784-0038 or email acraig1057@aol.com. The usual admission fees and times are the same. Look for a meet notice in the mail as it gets closer to the date.

NEWS FROM THE NOVEMBER MEET



Winner of the 2010 Drawing for the Pennsy J1e by Lionel was **Not** one of our Board Members or even one of our older members but Edward Feigenbutz TCA #05-59469 from Riverton, NJ.

THE JANUARY MEET

By Bob Lubonski

The January 9th Train Meet was well attended by somewhere around 500 people. Although the area got some snow the day before all of the attendees seemed to be happy to be inside playing with trains. All of our tables were sold out. Paul Misuriello's Train Worx now occupies the entire stage with Trains and Train Parts. Our Static Display consisted of Tank Cars provided by Dick Heineman and Ed Kapuscinski as





shown in the pictures. Don't forget, our next train meet is March 13th.

A CHALLENGE By Clem Clement

The challenge for this project was to restore one side of a badly rusted Lionel standard gauge 384 tender and leave the other side as found.

I got this idea in 1970 from a 1/2 restored early motorized wood wagon on display in the Sarasota Car Museum. One side of the center line was fully restored and the other had soft wood, rust and stuffing coming out of the seats. I was reminded of the process while at St Michael's boat show near Annapolis in 1988. There was a stunning 1930's Chris craft wooden boat with 1/2 fully done with polished chrome and glorious mahogany. The other side was a mess of rust and rotten wood. Finally my next step was to find a project piece. The 384 came from Rich Dedu-four.



Left and Right Sides of the Tender



The hardest item to find is TIME to do this kind of job.

First I disassembled the tender. Despite a month of soaking the screws in Kroil and trying to turn them tighter first, all four sheared off at the head. In this case the hardened screws are broken off in the pot metal strength ribs inside the tender body. As you know old pot metal crystallizes and sometimes crumbles rather than act like soft

metal. Also the screw ends are in thin strength columns on the casting. I figured that drilling out the screw shafts would be result in more problems.

I used both Gorilla and Duct tape over the side of each part that was to stay rusty. I used safety wire to help keep tape in place and put the parts one at a time in a lapidary tumble. After about 4 hours in the tumble, the part is removed, washed and dried. The tape and wire remained in place.

Now the hard part. I used Bondo (there are better fillers, but this was on hand.) to fill the rust spots. The trick I learned from Frank Heiss about applying Bondo in tight places was to cut a razor blade in half. Place some Bondo on the backside of the blade and drag it over any blemish on the surface. After drying I could I go straight to 600 paper in most instances. Neat trick. Then a spray coat of light gray primer.(some folks alternate primer colors so fine depressions can be seen better). Another layer of Bondo and continue until satisfied with the repair of the surface. Then the repaired side is painted, usually two light coats. I, then, peeled off the protective tape and reassembled. Of course with the recent dry hot days I painted before I should have. So the last adjustments and assembly work was done to fresh paint. Dumb. Ms. Sandy was home so I can't cook the paint in her stove to set the fresh paint.

Because the four mounting screws were sheared off, I glued some small wooden blocks on the inside of the tender shell. I did not check my work till the glue dried. I forgot that the tender base has a frame for the coal load which would not fit past the blocks. Plus the blocks were too close to the bottom lip of the body, so I had to shave the block's bottom edge and slice them thinner with a power saw. I did learn that I could use an Exacto knife to scrape mung off the hand rails. By dragging the blade, the edge lifts the tarnish in one swipe. The blade will also clean out mung in the knurled brass water cap.

I glued the sheared mounted screw heads back in their positions and used rubber glue to secure the tender body to the base. The original stripe was of a reddish-orange color. I mixed some of Charlie Woods Lionel Orange with some red and the match was fairly close. Oh, yeh, while stripping, I was done but wanted to darken one line. I messed up the line and never did get it right. Oh well, the

Tender surely has a sunny side now. I'm pleased with my hard work, but it sure takes a lot of time and effort.

BUILDING BRIDGES & OTHER THINGS

By Chester Zmijewski

The October issue of *Classic Toy Trains* (pg 76) had an article about the T W TRAINWORX Lionel-Branded Bridge. I always admired the Lionel-Branded things manufactured by this company, However my Carpet Central RR has no elevated lines and nothing to overpass.

I decided that the bridge would make a fine display piece for a special piece of Lionel equipment. Therefore I purchased the kit and modified it so that it no longer looked like an overpass.



Figure 1

First I added extra pieces of bass strip wood to finish the ends. to match the sides. See Figure 1. This will make the



Figure 2

bridge approximately 1 1/2 inches longer. Next I sprayed the entire structure with a Valspar® enamel in a shade called STONE. This is a product available in Craft Stores. The finished "Bridge" displaying one of my locomotives is shown in Figure 2.

"Trains That Ain't in The TCA Book" THE ORANGE STRIPED 262

By Malcolm Kates



Shown above is an Orange-striped 262. Though the 1931 and 1932 Lionel Catalogues show all sets contained orange-striped locomotives. Very few are found.

NEW FORMAT FOR THE EXPRESS

The editors are considering providing the Newsletter Electronically in PDF format for those who want it.

This would save the division some cost in printing and postage. Not to mention saving paper storage for the subscribers.

You would get the AD Express via e-mail, be able to store it on disk or print it out for leisurely reading.

If you might be interested please e-mail me at the Editorial Office or Ken Allen; giving your name and address. If there is enough interest we may begin in 2012.

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 reach us before our deadline and fit in the space available. Closing dates are: April 5th for Summer Issue; July 5th for Fall issue; October 5th for Winter Issue and January 5th for the Spring Issue.

Notices must be in the format: 1. Location (City, State and Address); 2. Sponsoring Organization and name of the event; 3. Date (s); 4. Time; 5. Admission fees; 6. Name, Address & Phone # of contact person for information; and name address and phone# of person submitting information. Send to Bob Huppman, 4942 James Pl., Brookhaven, PA 19015 or email to huppr@ve3rizon.net, We will not accept verbal submissions.

Upcoming Events

Name: Original Gilbertsville Toy Train Shows

Location: Gilbertsville Fire House 1456 East Philadelphia Ave. Gilbertsville, PA 19525

Dates: Sundays - March 20, 2011, September 18, 2011 and December 4, 2011

Admission: \$3.00, under 12 free with adult

Contact: Mark Lehmann (215) 657-2477

Name: Essington Toy Train Meets (Formerly the Nur Temple, Delaware Toy Train Meets)

Location: Ramada Inn 76 Industrial Highway Essington, PA 19029

Dates: Sundays - March 6, 2011, August 7, 2011 and November 6, 2011

Admission: Advance \$4.00, at door \$5.00, under 12 free with adult

Contact: Ken Laaken 610-876-2370

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