



Atlantic Division Express

Where the TCA Began



OUR AIM: TO PROVIDE INFORMATION, INSPIRE PARTICIPATION & CONNECT WITH MEMBERS

Fall 2022

IN THIS ISSUE

- ...# President's Message
- ...# Division News
- Annual Dues
- Train Meet, Nov. 6th
- Annual Event Tickets
- ...# Shows Schedule
- ...# Fall 'Model RR Open Houses' Info.
- ...# Travelling Layout-How is Comes Together

Feature Article

The Atlantic Division Express, 50, 25ish and 10 years Ago

Find the latest information on our train shows, events, Newsletter archive and Division media at **ADTCA.com**

THE DELAWARE VALLEY EXPRESS



TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 1972

The Division's newsletter has been published from the beginning of our club. The first one, Volume 1, Number 1 was published, December 1970. In the President's message, Bob Robinson stated, "This newsletter marks the start of what we hope will grow to be the finest club publication available."

In striving to accomplish this goal, the almost 150 issues contain articles and stories of manufacturing variability in locomotives, rolling stock accessories, techniques for restoration, 'road tips' to TCA's and toy conventions, an ocean fishing trip and more. All are available to you at our web site, ADTCA.com, in the Resources tab under Newsletter Archive.



ATLANTIC DIVISION LOCAL



SUMMER 1998

THE NEWSLETTER LIVES !



Atlantic Division Express

WHERE THE TCA BEGAN



FALL 2012

President's Message

Here we are with summer behind us. It seems like it was just Memorial Day. Where did it go? The Atlantic Division train shows will be starting back up. Check the show calendar for details. The division set up our Traveling Layout at the Greenberg show at Oaks, PA that proved once again how popular the layout is with kids of all ages. Sometime the older "kids" appreciate it more than the younger ones.

We always get questions about how we built it and how we move it around and set it up. The one big issue we have with it is help with setting up, taking down and manning it while it is operating. We need more help so we can share it with more people in more places. We need you to help out with this.

Speaking of help, in the spring we will be having our annual election. How about considering running for a position on our Board of Directors? We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the odd numbered months for meetings that keep the division running. But our main need is just help as mentioned above and at our shows.

We want to produce another O and S Gauge car for a fund raiser. Do you have a suggestion for us to look into. It should be something with national appeal. Let us know if you can suggest something.

Also watch for a notice if we decide to have a member meeting and luncheon in November as we mentioned in an earlier message.

The TCA can use some new members. Do you know anyone that has an interest in trains? Bring them to one of our shows. Take them to the TCA museum in Strasburg (Open weekends now through the end of the year). You never know if an interest is started. Attracting new members keeps this hobby alive.

Enjoy the Fall and I'll see you at the shows.

Bob Lubonski
Atlantic Division President
NTTM Chairman

Division News

2023 Division Membership Dues

The 2023 Division's Membership Renewal/Application Card is included in this mailing. The dues remain at \$8.00 per member until January 31, 2023, then \$10.00 thereafter. Send to Mike Hudek at 370 Three Bridge Road, Monroeville, NJ. *Note: Division membership requires that you are also a current TCA member.* For Division membership, send check (payable to Atlantic Division-TCA) or cash.

Use the Renewal Card to update either your mailing address, contact phone number, or email address (if you use one) and delivery preference (USPS, email, both). *If you have changed your mailing address, contact TCA Membership (717-687-8623) for their records.*

On receipt, a postcard containing your Membership Card (to be cut out) will be mailed. According to USPS rules, 1st Class mail (includes postcards) will be forwarded for 1 year from the date you submitted a 'Change of Address' form. If you do not receive your card, contact Mike Hudek at 201-294-7057, or email: 'mikeh0402@yahoo.com.'

Atlantic Division—Thanksgiving Train Show, November 6, 2022

Penns Landing Caterers, 1301 S Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia, Doors open 8 am-1 pm. Food service (Breakfast/Lunch) available. Tickets (\$5.00) for the Annual Event are available at the Division table inside the hall and included in this mailing.

Two tickets for the Annual Event are included in this mailing. Fill in the small tear-off portion-retaining the larger part for your records-and include with your completed Renewal Form. Add the 'donation' to the same check or use another, your choice. All returned 'stubs' will be added to the drawing bowl at the November 6th show. The drawing will be held about Noon at the end of the show. You do not have to be present as the winner will be contacted to arrange for delivery/pickup.



Lionel Alco A-A Diesel Set, O gauge with both units powered, LEGACY® Control System equipped, able to run in TrainMaster® Command Control mode or Conventional mode with a standard transformer. Bluetooth® Control - Operate with Universal Remote or LionChief® control in both locomotives. Fan-driven smoke in both locomotives.
More info at: <https://www.lionel.com/products/pennsylvania-legacy-alco-pa-aa-set-1933190>

Annual Event Prize—Winner picks one



American Flyer Penn Central, U33C, Cat.# 6-48193, S gauge with Lionel Legacy Control System, able to run in LEGACY Control mode, Trainmaster Command Control mode or in Conventional mode with a standard transformer. AF Speed Control with On/Off switch.
More info at: <https://www.lionel.com/products/penn-central-legacy-scale-u33c-diesel-6552-6-48193/>

2022 Fall-Winter Shows Schedule— * TCA Buy/Sell Rules Applicable

DATE	SHOW	LOCATION
Sept. 25, 2022	*Atlantic Division – TCA	Penns Landing Caterers (Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall), 1301 S. Columbus Blvd., Phila., PA
Oct. 2, 2022	Toms River Train Show	Elks Lodge, 600 Washington St., Toms River, NJ 08753
Oct. 9, 2022	Wayne Train Show	Wayne P.A.L. Hall, Wayne, NJ 07470
Oct. 15-16, 2022	Great Scale Model Train Show	MD State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd, Timonium, MD 21093
Oct. 16, 2022	Flash Train Meet - Renningers Farm Market	740 Noble St., Kutztown, PA
Oct. 20-22, 2022	*Eastern Div. TCA - YORK	York Fairgrounds, Carlisle Ave., York PA 17404
Nov. 6, 2022	*Atlantic Division – TCA	Penns Landing Caterers (Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall), 1301 S. Columbus Blvd., Phila., PA
Nov. 6, 2022	Brick Train Show	Brick Elk's Lodge, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, NJ
Nov. 12-13, 2022	First Frost Train Meet	Allentown Fairgrounds, 1925 Chew St., Allentown, PA 16104
Nov. 26-27, 2022	Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show	Garden State Expo Center, Edison, NJ
Dec. 4-5, 2022	Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show	MD State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd, Timonium, MD 21093
Dec. 4, 2022	Hamburg	Hamburg Fire Co. Field House, Pine St., Hamburg, PA
Dec. 10, 2022	*Keystone Div. TCA	Lancaster Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601
Dec. 18, 2022	Wayne Train Show	Wayne P.A.L. Hall, Wayne, NJ 07470

2022 Model Railroad Open House. The website is <http://www.modelrailroadopenhouse.com>. Instructions for how to sign up will be posted in late July/early August. The open houses are in November. [Ed. See Mike Hudek's visit to several of these in the Spring 2022 Express.]

OUR TRAVELLING LAYOUT—HOW IT COMES TOGETHER

Our Travelling Layout has been shown many times in our Newsletters. But some of you may wonder, 'How is it assembled?' Here are some pictures that will provide the answers.

The following pictures show the stages of assembly and the people who put it together. These pictures were taken at Greenberg's show in July 2022 and at Penns Landing Caterers several shows ago. As you will see, the process requires a lot of people to make it happen in about an hour. If you have the interest and time, please join the team as often as you can at our train meets and whenever the Division is asked to show the layout at events.

One picture that is missing is of the custom built metal rack that holds all the tables, equipment, accessories, running stock. It was designed by Bob Lubonski and fits perfectly into his panel van.

There are four platforms, two 'overlay' sections, transformers case, and boxes of rolling stock, accessories and the tools to set up the display. Each platform and the overlays are wired to operate all the accessories that are either pin-plugged in at the platform top or connections below. All four sections are 'daisy-chain' wired together with a master cable to the transformers, an MTH Z4000 and a Lionel ZW. The platforms are erected in order. Then they are joined together with bolts and wood nuts at the interior side edges.

Aligning the rails (horizontally and vertically) assures smooth running of the trains.



Continued on page 5

When all four tables are joined, the two 'overlay' platforms are placed in position with their wiring cables passed through the hole in their specific table for connection to the existing wiring harness below.



The Amusmet Park accessory platform (left) and the Superstreets one above.

The accessories are unpacked and placed on the platforms where labeled. Each one is connected by a pin-to-socket beneath the board. At some point, the most flexible person available is sent underneath to mate the dangling wires from the accessories to their designated connectors. (*Side note. The assembly crew is getting a little stiff in the joints to do this easily. We need younger members with flexible hips and knees to easily make this happen.*)



The final step is checking all the buttons and associated electronics. One by one each piece is tested to ensure operation. Our Division sign is installed, the *ve/co*-bound skirt is attached and we are ready for the show.



The final product at the July 16-17, 2022 Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show, Oaks, PA



At this show, the display below was provided by the TCA to promote the organization to the attendees. Applications for membership with a map to our museum were available.



50, 25 & 10 YEARS AGO

What were the activities of the Atlantic Division 50, 25 and 10 years ago? According to the 2021 membership records, based on the person's TCA number, thirty-one were members on or before 1972, 284 on or before 1998, and 182 on or before 2012. So, some of you will remember those years but most will not. This article is about our club from the earliest days to the recent past. You can fill in the last 10 years, 2012 to 2022. Hopefully, it may revive old memories in those that remain members today and give the 'newbies' inspiration to 'keep things on track.'

Our first newsletter was published in the December 1970. It can be viewed in the Newsletter Archive on our website. This story starts one year later, 1972 and continues about 25 years later in 1998, and ends 10 years ago in 2012. The activities described are excerpted for available newsletter space. You will find that most activities are identical to those that we are doing today. In any event, some things have changed but the basics remain. For the full stories, go to www.adtca.com/resources. The newsletters are listed from most recent to oldest. These can be viewed on screen or downloaded.

50 Years Ago-Fall 1972 (11 pages)

The current Officers (Pres. VP, Treas. Sec.) are Bob Robinson, Jr., David Allen, Richard Robinson, Nicholas Ladd.

Current Directors are Stewart Bearn, John Boyle, Percy Rossel, James Singley, Glenn Stinson.

The Editor is Edward Pinsky.

The President's Column stated that the 1973 annual dues are again only \$2.00, for which you receive four issues of our Delaware Valley Express, chapter meet notices and all other T.C.A. information.

There will be three single day meets (members only admitted) in 1973. With over fifty meet days per year, including bandit meets, choose your Chapter meet to directly support us.

Glenn Stinson wrote the lead story: *The 814 Boxcar and Its Variants Part II*. "The first part of this article gave a general outline of the 814 car and described Numbering, Colors, Lettering Styles, Door Guides, End Trim, Frame Styles and Couplers. We will now go into some other features."

Other articles written by Dick Robinson titled, *Collectors' Guide to American Flyer S Gauge, Part IV* describes the variation in the locomotives. "... the second type of Diesel offered in 1950 was the EMD GP7. ... All were single-motored.... we have chosen to outline them by their catalog numbers and Charles Weber-*The Lionel 6464 Series Boxcar, Part VIII*.

Other features where a column called 'COLLECTOR OF THE MONTH' -Cliff Anderson-by Nick Ladd and A SWAPPERS's COLUMN that offered for sale: "Extensive line of replacement wheels and parts for A.F., ...from Richard Trickle (send SSAE for catalog)."

25ish Years Ago [No newsletter in 1997]-Fall 1998 (3 pages)

HEADLINE: **THE NEWSLETTER LIVES!**

The current Officers (Pres. VP, Treas. Sec.) are Garry Spear, William Wilson, interim John Boyle, Jr., Richard Heineman.

The current Directors are Walter Ames, Jr., Stewart Bearn, Ray Connolly, George Kane, Joe Lehman, William. McKay, Sid Weiss. The Interim Editor is Chester Zmijewski substituting for Alan Craig.

Continued on page 8

Message FROM THE PRESIDENT stated that the Division's Christmas displays and two operating layouts at the Philadelphia International Airport were great successes. "Ed Kapuscinski and his time have done a great job with these projects."

There are 851 members. The Annual Dues is \$3.00. The Annual Division raffle is a 1964 Lionel 773 Hudson engine and tender. Five Hundred tickets are available at \$5.00 each or a book of ten for \$45.00.

The member's meet will be at Westover [PA] in September. The May meet was held in Holy Cross High School, Delran, NJ, and attendance was encouraging such that the division is looking toward holding additional meets in the NJ area.

The Division Fishing Committee is planning a fishing trip to Delaware Bay in late August; contact the secretary if interested.

Under consideration for the 1999 schedule is to 'open the Meets to the general public': members only from 8 am to 11 am and then public access to 2 pm. The purpose of this is to expose the club to a broader segment of railroading population and as a source for new members.

10 Years Ago-Fall 2012 (4 pages)

The current Officers (Pres. VP, Treas. Sec.) are Bob Lubonski, Russ Keil, Mike Ramsey, Ken Allen. Current Directors are Alan Craig, Ron DeWitt, Leon Duminiak, Bill Erskine, Ed Kapuscinski, Terry Trickel, Al Tuttle, Tom Wagner. The Editor is Chester Zmijewski.

The PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE stated that there is less than two years until the Atlantic Division hosts the National Convention in the Philadelphia area (Cherry Hill, NJ). The Co-Chairs the Convention Committee, Joe Fisher and Terry Trickel are ironing out details so it can be a memorable event. More help is needed, and it is not too early to volunteer.

The Atlantic Division launches its web site, www.adtca.com, made possible with the assistance of Ken Allen and his staff at CSRI. If have any comments or problems with the site, contact Russ Keil.

Convention Fund Raising has started with monies from the pre-orders of the Ed Alexander Barn "Where the TCA began." A supply of Lionel Box Cars was ordered to be decorated by Weaver with designs using *Tastykake* products and shirts with our convention logo. Donations from members for two auctions during the Convention are being received. All these will be used to offset our expenses.

Wanted / For Sale / For Trade Advertising (next issue deadline—November 30, 2022)

No items were received for this issue. When submitting items for sale, use the TCA's rating system.

Send your listing to Bob Wittendorf (see below) for inclusion in the next issue. AD members only.

The newsletter welcomes your articles on any subject related to trains for sharing with our members. Email these with and pictures, charts, drawings, spreadsheets to the Bob Wittendorf at the address below.

Editor: Bob Wittendorf, PO Box 5021, Royersford, PA 19468-0921, Email to rwitten14@gmail.com, Phone (c) 484-478-2470

Contributors: Show Schedule: Win Becker, williamhbeckerinc@gmail.com

News/Articles/Stories: Bill Erskine, John Halajko, Mike Hudek, Bob Lubonski, Mike Ramsey, Bob Robinson, Terry Trickle