



Atlantic Division Express

Where the TCA Began



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

Summer 2018

IN THIS ISSUE

Division Activities

March 4th Train Show with
Boy Scout Railroading Merit
Badge Workshop

Coming Events/Activities

- June 23 to July 1, TCA Convention
- Greenberg Great Train & Toy Show, August 4-5
- Model Railroading Days, August 18-19.
- Division Train Show, September 23

Shows Schedule.

June to September, 2018

Feature Article -

The Yellowstones—Philly's 1st Underdog

Community Connection

Planning Ahead-
Fall Layout Tours

Your Layout Photos:

Bill Erskine's New Haven RR

Classified Advertising Info

Sale, Trade, Buy

Newsletter Contacts

Need more info? Visit
ADTCA.com



Boy Scouts assembled this modular layout of a Scout Camp at the March 5th Railroading Merit Badge workshop held during the Division's train show. Additional details and pictures on page 2.

Division Activities



March 4th Train Show

Since moving the site of our train show to Penn's Landing Caterers, a few streets south of the historic center city area and in a residential area, the number of families attending, apparently from the local



neighborhood, is on the upswing as is attendance, in spite of ice storms, monsoon rains and city marathons.

As always, the assortment of engines and rolling stock (new and used), accessories, equipment and collectables in all scales was outstanding. And this time, there was even a murder-mystery book for sale, written by a local author. Teaser: *'The victim was found where a modular layout was to be set-up for an annual Christmas display and his scratch-build locomotive is missing'*.

The new 'traveling layout' continues to be a highlight of each show. It is a magnet for the kids and serves to inspire anyone wanting to start the hobby or just ask "what is or how to" questions of the Layout Crew. Thanks to Mike Ramsey, Ron DeWitt, Mike Hudek, Russ Keil (President) and Bob Lubonski (Show Chairman) for their continuing work for the Division.

Feel free to pitch-in and help out if you are at the show.

Once again, Scouts and Scout Masters from BSA Cradle of Liberty Council held another Railroading Merit Badge workshop in a meeting room at the hall during the March 4th Train show. Besides fulfilling the requirements to earn the badge, the Scouts assembled a modular layout of a typical scout camp (boating, campfire, tents, hiking, Trading Post, Camp Ranger station, etc.) and trains.

The workshops are arranged by Walt Waholek, Roosevelt District, Unit Commissioner. Future plans include learning how to build scenery and basic layout construction.

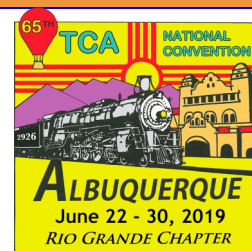


Coming Events / Activities



↩ 64th National TCA Convention
Warwick, Rhode Island
Hosted by The New England Division
June 23 To July 1, 2018

Next year's
Convention



- Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show, August 4-5, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA
- Model Railroading Days, August 18-19, Railroad Museum of PA, 300 Gap Rd, Strasburg, PA
- Division Show, Sept. 23, 8-12:30, Penns Landing Caterers, 1301 S. Columbus Blvd., Phila.

Spring & Summer Train Show Schedule: June to September 2018

DATE	SHOW	LOCATION
June 3, 2018	Hamburg	Hamburg Fire Co. Field House, Pine St., Hamburg, PA
June 9-10, 2018	Great Scale Model Train Show	MD State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD
June 23 – July 1, 2018	TCA National Convention	Crowne Plaza Warwick, 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, RI
15-Jul-18	Brick Train Show	Brick Elk Lodge #2151, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, NJ
22-Jul-18	Wayne Train Show	Wayne P.A.L. Hall, Wayne, NJ 07470
Aug. 4-5, 2018	Greenberg's Train & Toy Show	Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, Oaks, PA
Aug. 11-12, 2018	Greenberg's Train & Toy Show	New Jersey EXPO Center, Edison, NJ
Aug. 18-19, 2018	Model Railroading Days	Railroad Museum of PA, 300 Gap Rd, Strasburg, PA
Sept. 9, 2018	Hamburg	Hamburg Fire Co. Field House, Pine St., Hamburg, PA
Sept. 23, 2018	Atlantic Div. TCA	Penns Landing Caterers, 1301 S. Columbus Blvd., Phila, PA
Sept. 30, 2018	Toms River Train Show	Elks Lodge #1875, 600 Washington St., Toms River, NJ

Feature Article — The Yellowstones—Philly's 1st *Underdog*

By: John Halajko, #84-20653

So you think that the Eagles were Philly's First *Underdog*, well think again. The Baldwin Locomotive Works were the first to produce the Yellowstone wheel arrangement, a massive 2-8-8-4 that should be known as the BIG ENGINE THAT DID. The Union Pacific Big Boy built by ALCO got all the press, but the Yellowstones did much more work. The Big Boy's pencil thin boiler when compared to a Yellowstone looks like someone did weight loss surgery on that engine.

The Yellowstones were so practical that even Lima copied the wheel arrangement for the Southern Pacific AC-9. Baldwin's Southern Pacific AC-12 is just a Yellowstone that simply runs backwards. In the three-rail O-Gauge land, we have several scale models by 3rd Rail, MTH and Lionel. The pictures of the Yellowstone collection of the late Frank G. Hubbard show them in all their beauty. The book, *The Locomotives that Baldwin Built*, is an excellent resource that documents the majority of the Yellowstones. Some interesting web links follow.

<http://www.northeast.railfan.net/steam24.html>
<https://www.american-rails.com/yellowstone.html>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Pacific_4294



Planning Ahead—Fall Layout Tours

November is Model Railroad Month. The NMRA sponsors open houses the entire month. For the past 3 years I have been attending the open houses with my grandchildren. It is fun to see the different layouts and the children really like them. Most are HO but occasionally there is an O or S gauge layout. There needs to be more S and O Gauge presences during these open houses. The larger scale layouts always draw a good crowd. If we want to encourage people to get into the hobby, we need to show off what we have. I know there are some great layouts in the Atlantic Division. Maybe it is time to show them off to more than a select few people. I am going to open my American Flyer S Gauge tinplate layout



this year.

If you are interested in participating you can contact the organization that organizes the tours in August at: www.modelrailroadopenhouse.com.

The open houses are on weekends and you can participate for 1 day or more. The tours are located in Southern NJ, DE, Eastern PA and Northern MD. Even if you do not participate, it is a fun day to go out and see the layouts in your area.

Mike Hudek 90-32044

Your Layout Photos



Bill Erskine, a member of the Atlantic Division Board, has a large Lionel O gauge layout featuring trains manufactured from 1948 to today. The layout has five independent but interconnected main lines. This layout was included in the 'Layout Tour' during the 2014 TCA National Convention.

See other scenes of this layout in the Spring 2018, Summer 2017, Summer 2016 and Fall 2015 issues of the Express.

Wanted / For Sale / For Trade Advertising (next issue deadline—August 15, 2018)

FOR TRADE, three (3) Ross LH O72 switches for three (3) Ross RH O72 switches. **FOR SALE**, Lionel 2003 Freedom Train from 2003 Catalog, converted to 2-rail, seven LN cars. \$500. Call John Halajko, 609 372 7848.

Editor: Bob Wittendorf, rwitten14@gmail.com, PO Box 5021, Limerick, PA 19468; (m) 484-478-2470

Up-Coming Events: Win Becker, williamhbeckerinc@gmail.com

News/Articles/Stories/Help—Bob Robinson, carolsfancy@gmail.com