



Atlantic Division Express

Where the TCA Began



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

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Division News—President's Letter

The 65th National TCA Convention was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 22–June 30. The Convention was well attended, with 15 members and their guests from our Division and 757 attendees in total. As always, there were great tours, great food and numerous train layouts with most scales represented. Most important to me was the time I had to catch up with friends from around the country and make some new ones. The Train Marketplace had some unique treasures for many of us collectors and operators too. Special thanks to my good friends Scott & Elaine Eckstein, Chris Allen and the entire Rio Grande Chapter's convention committee for a spectacular event, including the weather.

The 66th National TCA Convention will be held in Jacksonville, FL. This will be hosted by the Southern Division. The convention hotel is the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville-Riverfront. Jacksonville is about a 16 -18 hour Amtrak ride from Washington D.C

TCA National announced a revised WIN BIG program for this year. The program's goal is to attract new members to our great hobby and will award five (5) \$500 gift certificates to TCA members that sign up the highest number of new members. In addition, any member that

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enrolls three or more new members will receive free National dues for one year. See the latest issue of the **Headquarters News** for more details.

I represented our Division at the annual Board of Directors Meeting. This year there was continued good news for TCA. With prudent investments and careful spending TCA is operating in the black for the fourth year in a row.

The Heritage Membership, which was approved in 2016, now has 54 members. To be eligible, TCA members with continuous membership for 20 years and are 60 years old or more can pay a one-time fee of \$1,000 which covers Association dues forever and provides a \$500 tax-deductible gift to the Heritage Fund.

Fall is finally here and our September 22nd Fall Train Show was sold out. I hope that the weather and Philly's Old City events will be kind to us again at Penns Landing Caterers (Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall) for the November 3rd train show. The train show notice is included in this mailing. Contact Bob Lubonski or myself for more information or to register for tables. The November show will probably be sold out too, so make sure to reserve your tables early.

The Meet Committee has finalized the show calendar 2020 at Penns Landing Caterers. The dates are January 5, March 1, September 27 and November 1. Calendar cards are also included in this mailing.

Our fundraiser car program has done quite well for the division in the past few years. The latest offering was the Yuengling Lager boxcar with a limited run of 100 cars. It sold out in less than a month. We are actively working on ideas for our next car. As soon as we have an approved design, we will notify you immediately. Also, the Annual Event drawing for a Lionel Legacy PRR Riveted GG1 or American Flyer Legacy Penn Central U33 Diesel will take place at the November show. Tickets are enclosed. You may also purchase your tickets at the Division Table that day.

Finally, the election for President, Vice-President and four Directors is approaching. I have served for two terms and cannot run again. Details about the nomination procedure for these positions are shown in this newsletter and will be provided in a separate mailing after the New Year. Please consider becoming an Officer or Director and continuing the excellent work of our Division to maintain, enhance, and foster our hobby in the region.

Happy railroading!

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From Sept. 28 to end of October, see the Norfolk & Western Class J, #611 at the Strasburg Railroad, 301 Gap Rd. Ronks, PA 17572.

Info.: 866-725-9666
www.strasburgrailroad.com

Call for Nominations for President, Vice-President and four Directors

Every year, there is an election of Officers and Directors of the Division. The positions of President, Vice-President and four Directors are expiring June 30, 2020. A Nominating Committee, chaired by Tom Wagner, is seeking candidates for these offices. Any Atlantic Division member residing in the geographic boundaries of the Division is eligible to run for office. The duties of the Officers and Board of Directors are described in the Division's Bylaws. Find these at ADTCA.com/ then select the '**About Us**' menu item.

Each office has a two-year term with either a two or three term eligibility. If you feel you have the time to attend six meetings/year, participate in the Division's activities, and want to control, facilitate and guide management of our local association, please consider running for of these positions. Full details will be mailed after the 1st of the year. The election will be held in March 2020 and tallied by mid-May. Contact Tom Wagner, at email t2trains@aol.com or 215-287-3027 (c) for information.

Annual Event

Every year the Division holds a one-time fundraising raffle to support the activities of the Division. This year the prize is either an O-scale Legacy PRR Riveted GG1 or a S-scale Legacy Penn Central U33, both from Lionel. The tickets are included in this mailing and also available at the November 1st Train Show. The drawing will happen about Noon that day. You do not need to be present.



Division Activities

Model Railroading Days at Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Strasburg, PA, Aug 17-18, 2019



The Division returned for the 5th time to this event. As before, youngsters of all ages can see model train displays in all scales and, of course, the 1:1 scale, too. Our display provides the visitor an opportunity to 'make something happen' by 'pushing the buttons and finding the action' on the layout. Our display is only one of several where kids (all ages) can activate accessories. Since this Museum is only a few minutes drive for the NTTM, many visitors planned to stop there for more fun. Thanks to Chris Bogus, Paul Fenn, John Halajko, Bob Huppman, Russ Keil, Bob Lubonski, Mike Ramsey, Tom Wagner, Bob Wittendorf and Melody Rogers (NTTM) for their help.



Also, the 'Solarian' flipping Amtrak Train Information sign that was removed from 30th Street Station in November 2018, is on display here. It shows the last information before its removal. The plan is to keep it 'as is' for historical purposes.

Notice the last line at the bottom of the flip sign,

'FAREWELL PHILADELPHIA'.

Greenberg Great Train and Toy Show, Oaks, PA August 24-25, 2019

Attendance seemed less than typical, this time, possibly due to 'end of summer vacation plans' but all who attended were happy to be there. Our accessories got a thorough work-out and one accessory, 'Gabe, the Lamplighter' took a break due to overwork—he was back on the job for the next show.



Thanks to Chris Bogus, Bill Erskine, Ron DeWitt, Paul Fenn, John Halajko, Roger Holcombe, Bob Huppman, Ed Kapuscinski, Russ Keil, Bob Lubonski, Mike Ramsey, Melody Rogers (from NTTM), Tom Wagner and Bob Wittendorf for their help.

Atlantic Division Train Show, September 22, Penns Landing Caterers, Philadelphia, PA

The weather was perfect, the catering was extensive and delicious and the Philly Police street barricade contingent for the local 5K 'Ole City' Benefit Run were very helpful to vendors, visitors, and the Scouts BSA attending the Merit Badge Seminar—see page 6 for pictures.



Coming Events/ Activities



Atlantic Division-TCA *Thanksgiving* Train Show, November 3, 2019
Penns Landing Caterers. Doors Open 8 AM—12:30 PM

Haddon Heights Library Display, Dec. 7th & 8th, 608 Station Ave.
Haddon Heights, NJ. Set-up Saturday, 8 AM

Atlantic Division-TCA Polar Bear Train Show,
January 5, 2020, Penns Landing Caterers.
Doors Open 8 AM-12:30 PM



Fall Train Show Schedule: October to December, 2019

DATE	SHOW	LOCATION
Oct. 5, 2019	Cherry Valley Model RR Club	Grace Church, 7 E. Maple Ave., Merchantville, NJ 08109
Oct. 6, 2019	Toms River Train Show	Elks Lodge #1875, 600 Washington St., Toms River, NJ 08753
Oct. 16, 2019	NTTM Fall Open House	300 Paradise Lane, Ronks, PA 17572 [Mfg's Reps. De-accession Sale]
Oct. 17-19, 2019	York TCA	York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle St., York, PA 17404
Oct. 26-27, 2019	Great Scale Model Train Show	MD State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD 21093
Oct. 27, 2019	Lincroft Train Show	Christian Bros. Acad., 850 Newman Spring Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738
Nov. 3, 2019	Atlantic Div. TCA	Penns Landing Caterers, 1301 S. Columbus Blvd., Phila. PA
Nov. 3, 2019	Brick Train Show	Brick Elk Lodge #2151, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, NJ 08723
Nov. 9-10, 2019	Allentown First Frost	Allentown Fairgrounds, 17 th & Chew Sts, Allentown, PA 18103
Nov. 16, 2019	Keystone Div. TCA	St. Philip's Parish Hall, Rts. 741 & 999, Millersville, PA 17551
Nov. 16-17, 2019	Greenberg's Train & Toy Show	York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle St., York, PA 17404
Nov. 19, 2019	East Greenville Train Show	E. Greenville Fire Co., 4th & Washington St., E. Greenville, PA 18041
Nov. 30 – Dec. 1, 2019	Greenberg's Train & Toy Show	New Jersey EXPO Center, 97 Sunfield Ave., Edison, NJ 08837
Dec. 7-8, 2019	Greenberg's Train & Toy Show	MD State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD 21093
Dec. 8, 2019	Toms River Train Show	Elks Lodge #1875, 600 Washington St., Toms River, NJ 08753
Dec. 15, 2019	Montvale Train Show	St. Joseph's HS, 40 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Montvale, NJ 07645
Dec. 22, 2019	Wayne Train Show	Wayne P.A.L. Hall, Wayne, NJ 07470
Dec. 29, 2019	Brick Train Show	Brick Elk Lodge #2151, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, NJ 08723

Local Model Train Clubs Open Houses: November to December, 2019

Each fall, model railroading clubs in our area show their layouts to the public by listing their addresses with the visiting hours and dates on their club's website or as a part of a regional calendar. To see a listing of last year's participants, find last year's issue of the *Express* or go to our website and find the 2018-4 Winter issue (adtdca.com/newsletter-archive). For the latest update on open house displays, go to <http://modelrailroadopenhouse.com>. A partial listing is shown below.

Abington Lines Model Railroad Club - HO (Standard, narrow gauge, and traction)

2066 Second Street Pike (PA Rt. 232), Richboro, PA 18954, www.abingtonlines.org

Burlington County Model Railroad Club - HO -Burlington County Footlighters Playhouse (basement, rt. side)

808 Pomona Road, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077, www.bcmrc.org

Cheltenham Hills MRC - HO

8000 Old York Road (Rt. 611) (Old Reading York Rd. station), Elkins Park, PA 19027, www.cheltenhamhillsmrrc.org

GATMSE MRRC - HO

323 Montgomery Avenue, Rock Ledge, PA, www.gatsme.com and www.rockledgemrrc.org

Keystone N-Trak - N modular - Dublin TEC Center, Suite 216 (rear entrance),

123 N. Main Street (Rt. 313), Dublin, PA, www.facebook.com/keystonentrak

News from the National Toy Train Museum

The Museum needs your help in the next several months with layout maintenance and visitor services; then starting in January, with extensive cleaning, repairs, and installation and/or

improvements of new and existing exhibits. The work involves light duties and the care you would give your collection. The days and hours are flexible, during the week and weekends. If interested in helping, contact Melody Rogers at NTTM office, 717-687-8623x103 or email mrogers@traincollectors.org. For a listing of coming events, go to www.nttmuseum.org

Save the date: October 16th, Fall Open House: Free admission, Grand Prize Drawing, Major manufacturers' presentations, De-accession Tent Sale, Food vendor.

[S-Gauge display with new LED lighting completed this year by Bob Lubonski, Steve Stevens and members of the museum committee.]



Member / Community Connection

The Division hosted another Scouts BSA Railroading Merit Badge at the September 22nd Train Show. There were 20 Scouts, 3 Webelos, 10 Scout Leaders and parents from the Cradle of Liberty Council. Scouts learned about Railroading, Modeling and Layout Design.



Special thanks to two Atlantic Division members for donations of the items used in the diorama projects.

Walt Waholek,
Roosevelt District,
Dean of Merit Badges



HALLMARK CHRISTMAS LIONEL ORNAMENTS—2019 UPDATE

By: Terry L. Trickel, TCA # 79-13707

In 2018, I authored an article on Hallmark Lionel Keepsake Christmas Ornaments in *Atlantic Division Express*' 2018-4 Winter issue (adtdca.com/newsletter-archive/). In the article, I described that Hallmark produced three series of ornaments, (1) Original, (2) Complements, and (3) Miniatures. For accuracy, two corrections to the original article are: (1) the 2010 UP long Streamline Coach and Streamline Observation are reassigned as Complements and (2) the 2005 Miniatures series has a limited edition Polar Express seven-piece set.

Hallmark now has 24 original locomotives issued from 1996 through 2019. The 2019 edition is a Lionel Scout #1001 locomotive. The Complement for the locomotive is a Scout tender and a #1007 caboose. An additional Complement is the limited edition gold painted Lionel Scout #1001 locomotive. The 2019 Miniature series is a Southern A-B-A, F3 unit.



I created a "HALLMARK LIONEL KEEPSAKE YARDS" display for my collection. The Lionel display sign top portion was sold by Hallmark. I made a base for it from LEGO blocks for height and the Hallmark Keepsake Yards signs. The track is N-scale with an Atlas turntable. The outside circle of track is powered to run the Hallmark Thomas locomotive for my grandson Matthew and is powered by a Life Like 0-6-0 chassis.

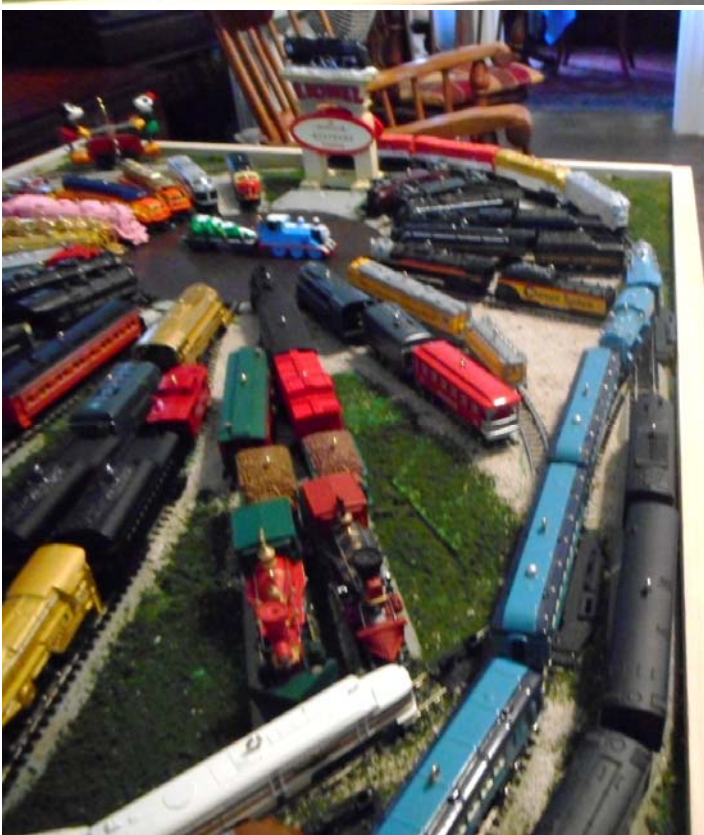
My last purchased item was the Chessie Steam Special locomotive (2009) in gold paint and very rare. Sorry, the engine was not on the layout when photos were made. The collection is now complete. However, I plan to add additional sidings and/or enlarge the platform to provide additional track for future items. My next challenge is to create a display for the Miniatures series.

A few notes on collecting the Hallmark Ornaments: The Hallmark Lionel collection is a joy to collect at a fraction of cost of the full size Lionel trains and also takes a fraction of the space. In the early years, the ornaments were packed with a 'collector's card' of the locomotive or car and housed in a plastic shell that fit the box. In subsequent years, the card disappeared and the plastic shell was replaced by tissue paper.

The first NYC Hudson locomotive, issued in 1996, did not have a tender as a Complement and so I added a matching tender to this locomotive. In addition, the limited edition gold Complement locomotives do not come with tenders, but for my collection, I have purchased additional Complement tenders and plan to repaint these to match the locomotives.

Most of the Hallmark trains are near N-scale.

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size trains. There are a few smaller in size and some larger than the others. Not all wheels will fit on the N scale track. I found that locomotives will sit on the track, but the tenders do not fit very well; and the trains are top heavy and often tip over. When I find a permanent location to display the layout, I will add tacky putty to the underside of the trains to keep them in place.

Hallmark offers a wide variety of *Keepsake Ornaments*, such as cars, planes and other subject matter. The ornaments are a great addition to any holiday tree. I welcome any question or comment you may have. Reach me at 484-920-8129 or email: northernfinds@yahoo.com

Wanted / For Sale / For Trade Advertising (next issue deadline—November 15, 2019)

FOR SALE: Hallmark Lionel Ornaments, All in original boxes. Shipping is **Free**. Discount for more than one! Paypal or check, Terry Trickel, 484-920-8129 northernfinds@yahoo.com

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| 1999 N & W #746 J loco and tender, \$10.00 | 2004 Hiawatha loco and tender plus observation car \$25.00 |
| 1996 NYC Hudson (locomotive only) \$10.00, | 2005 Pennsylvania B-6 0-6-0 (locomotive only) \$10.00 |
| 1999 N & W #746 J loco and tender, \$20.00, | 2008 NYC F-3 diesel with passenger car and observation \$30.00 |
| 2001 Chessie Steam Special loco and tender \$20.00 | 2010 Union Pacific #753 Streamline long coach (COACH ONLY) \$10.00 |
| 2003 Southern Pacific Daylight loco and tender plus observation car \$25.00 | |

Send your listing to Bob Wittendorf (see below) for inclusion in the next issue. There is no charge for this service to members.

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