



Atlantic Division Express

Where the TCA Began



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

Winter 2020-2021

Greetings 2021 and our 51st Year



December 1980



November 2002



January 2019

The Division's Travelling layouts through the years.

Bringing our hobby to young, old, new and future members.



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ADTCA.com

President's Message

Hello to all Atlantic Division members. I hope that everyone made it through the holiday season OK. It seemed quite a bit different from past years while we are dealing with the COVID Virus that limits where we can go and celebrations that we usually have. Fortunately for us train collectors, we have our trains to keep us busy and at least that symbolizes the holidays as they should be. Right now, staying safe from the virus is of primary concern so we can be around when things open up again.

I get calls wanting to know if we are having a Train Show. The short answer is 'not in the near future'. The hall has been closed to all events since the virus broke out. In addition to that we want to keep our members safe so when we can have a show when it will be without restrictions. Our shows are cancelled through March 2021 at this point in time.

We are watching for signs that we can safely have the September show and we will, if at all possible. Watch the Atlantic Division Website for up-to-date information.

The Atlantic Division Election Ballot is included in this mailing. We will be filling positions of those board members whose terms are expiring. This year we will be placing on the ballot the following board positions:

Secretary
Treasurer
Directors (4)

If you would like to put your name on the ballot, let me know and I can send to you a resume form to fill out and return. Being a board member doesn't take a lot of time. Meetings are six times per year on the 2nd Wednesday of odd numbered months. Currently they are held by conference call until such time when it is safe to meet in person. Call me at (856) 608-9265 or email me at bkubonski@gmail.com if you are interested.

The National Toy Train Museum of the TCA is closed now for the winter while we make upgrades to some of the displays. We can always use some help so if you can spare some time contact me at the number or email listed above and we will set you up with something to do. We do practice all Covid related safety protocols while working there.

So, until we can gather again to do what we all enjoy with our trains, keep yourself and your family safe.

Bob Lubonski

Division News

Reminder: The 2021 Division Membership renewal is due—\$8.00 (cash or check payable to Atlantic Division-TCA).

Mail to: **Bob Wittendorf, PO Box 5021, Royersford, PA 19468-0921**

Your 2021 Membership postcard will be mailed to you on receipt. If your address, phone #, email address, or delivery preference has changed since last year, please note changes.

A Look-Back—50 Years of Publications — A brief recap of how we enjoyed the company of new friends, promoted Interest in our hobby and recruited membership in TCA

Ed. Reviewing the archived newsletters on our web site, they documented the places and activities visited, the names of members who have been and remain active, and a collection of technical information for collectors and operators. Presented here are some events over 50 years that show the spirit, dedication and camaraderie that was and still is a part of belonging to the Atlantic Division and the TCA. Maybe some of these images will bring back fond memories.

In 2021 and beyond, these activities will continue with the objective to: 'bring a smile' to young, old, new & future train-lovers, promote model trains as a hobby and enroll new members in TCA.



Lionel 6464 Seminar: Dr. Charles Weber, presenting.



Trading Hall Info Desk: Dick Heineman, Ray Connolly, Linda Higgins.



Restoration Seminar: Dave Allen, Chuck Weber, Bob Robinson, Bill Thomas, Dick Trickel.



S-Gauge Seminar: Dick Robinson presenting.



Auction Room.



Ted Mauer, Auctioneer.

TCA membership information is always displayed at all our Meets, Train & Toy Shows and invited events.



A meeting room is available at our Meets to Scouts of America for their Railroading Merit class and entrance to the show is free to Scouts and parents.

MERIT BADGE SERIES



RAILROADING



1981-Members and Family Luncheon at Westover Country Club Handing down the interest.



George Donze Takes A Lunch Break

Frank Donze, #85-22052, along with his sister and dad, George, worked the registration table at the Westover Country Club meets. He enlisted and was assigned to the USCG cutter Healy, a modern icebreaker. While on station but 'off-time' at the north pole, he used batteries to power the LGB diesel switcher. After his tour of duty, he settled in Seattle, Washington area where he is currently Vice President of the TCA affiliate there.


Date; December 2005, Place: GPS Coordinates (approximate), 90 degrees: 00 minutes: 00 seconds North, 0 degrees; 00 minutes, 00 seconds East



June 1989—TCA National Convention, Sheraton Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA



ATLANTIC DIVISION EXPRESS FALL, 1989

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

 Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION
 TINPLATE TRAIN COLLECTORS WEEK
 June 19 - 25, 1989

WHEREAS, The Train Collectors Association, Inc., is the largest club of its type in the world with more than 24,000 members throughout all fifty states, the District of Columbia and 20 foreign countries; and


WHEREAS, The Association promotes fellowship among individuals interested in collecting, preserving and operating tinplate trains and related items; and

WHEREAS, The Association was founded in Yardley, Pennsylvania, in 1954, and maintains its national headquarters in Strasburg, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, During the week of June 19 - 25, the Association will hold its 35th national convention in Valley Forge in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Train Collectors Association.

Therefore, I, Robert P. Casey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 19 - 25, 1989, as TINPLATE TRAIN COLLECTORS WEEK in Pennsylvania.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirteenth.

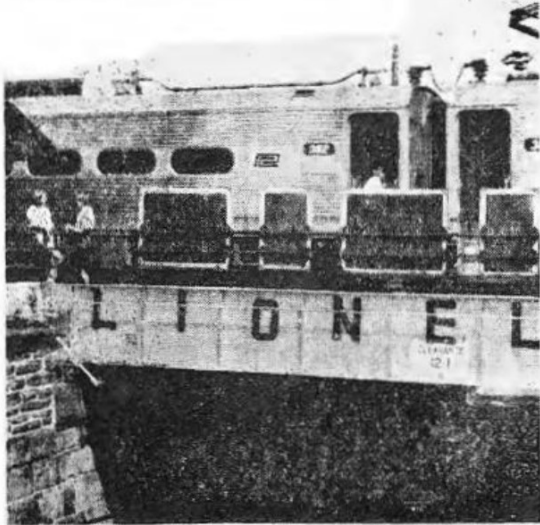

 Robert P. Casey
 Governor

Through the efforts of fellow TCA member and State Senator Ed Holl, the governor provided a special proclamation.

◆ 2-C Thursday, Sept. 4, 1980 Philadelphia Inquirer

The Scene

In Philadelphia and its suburbs



Philadelphia Inquirer / ROBERT L. MOONEY

WE HAVE NO HARD EVIDENCE to substantiate this, but it is our theory that some commuter(s), displeased by Conrail's service — not to mention the cost of tickets — painted this sign on the bridge over Morris Avenue at the Bryn Mawr Station. In case you don't recognize the name, Lionel is a company that manufactures toy trains.

On two Mondays in December, 2000, the Division displayed its modular layout at a terminal in the Philadelphia Airport. The caption in the Spring 2001 issue of the newsletter said "And here he is!!! "Mr. "Airport Himself" Ed Kapuscinski



Contests: Hill Climb, Drag Races at our Meets

Summer 2001 Some members and their wives enjoyed a trip to nowhere on the waters of Chesapeake Bay aboard the " Good Grief"; captained by Dave Allen.

Cruise on the Chesapeake



The group prior to departure

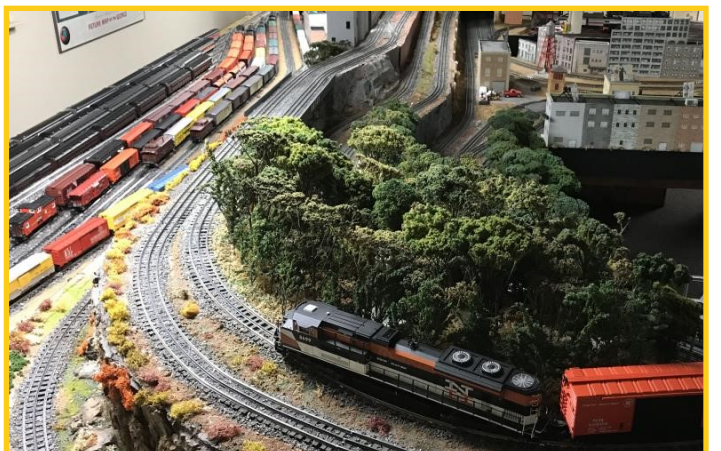
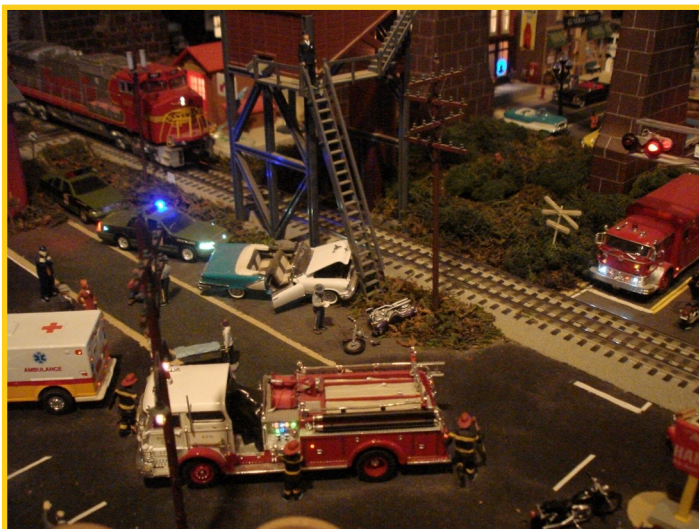




Plumber's Union Hall, Philadelphia
2002 to 2016. Door prizes, sales,
Train Doctor & Educational Displays



Layouts for inspiration



2013: Introducing the model train hobby. Mark Newbie Elementary School, Collingswood, NJ



The Welcome Party



The goals of the Division to be carried into the coming years:

BRING SMILES TO FACES, YOUNG AND OLD

AND

INTRODUCE OUR HOBBY TO NEW AND FUTURE MEMBERS, WHEREVER WE CAN.

Railroad Museum of PA, Strasburg, PA

Penns Landing Caterers, Philadelphia, PA



Wanted / For Sale / For Trade Advertising (next issue deadline—March 15, 2021)

John Halajko, 84-20653: Contact at 609-372-7848, or jshalajko@comcast.net

C7/C8 GarGraves O72 or O89 Circles of Track, \$80/circle

C7/C8 GarGraves O108 Circle of Track, \$100/circle

C7/C8 GarGraves O-Gauge Straight Sections, \$3/section

C7/C8 ARISTO CRAFT G-Gauge 3' Sections, 9 pieces, \$100

C7/C8 ARISTO CRAFT G-Gauge 2' Sections, 12 pieces, \$100

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

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