



# Atlantic Division Express

Where the TCA Began



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

Spring 2022

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**ADTCA.com**

## At the NTTM-Getting Layouts Ready for Opening



Chris Bogus (AD Director) working on tunnel reconstruction of the O gauge layout during renovation/repair in February while the Museum was closed.



## President's Message

Hi members.

Now that Covid is loosening up a bit we have had three reasonably successful train shows at Penns Landing Caterers (the Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall). By the time that you read this the March show will have taken place. Don't forget to use your Free Pass to one of the shows for 2022. Also, hopefully we will be able to have a Member's Luncheon Meeting this year so watch out for notification of it if it can be scheduled.

Enclosed in this mailing are the materials for the annual Atlantic Division Board of Directors election. Please complete your ballot and return it to the address on the post card.

The Division BoD is in the process of producing another fund raiser car. If you have any thoughts of something to make, let us know.

It is only a few weeks until the April York Meet. I always look forward to seeing all of our friends from our area and around the country. To me, this is the best benefit of being a TCA member. For the past thirty-two years I've met so many members that have become good friends. In addition to the benefits of learning more about the trains that you collect and trains in general is another benefit of these relationships. Can you talk trains with family or friends that have little or no interest? Probably not. We need to help keep this hobby alive by introducing train collecting or operation to others that haven't been exposed to this wonderful hobby. Bring someone to a show so they can experience it for themselves. You can even take someone to York as a guest, one-time only, to see it for themselves.

Keep an eye on the newsletter and website for future notices. Enjoy Spring and warmer weather.

Bob Lubonski (home phone:856-608-9265)

## Division News

### **52022 Division Membership Dues Reminder**

The annual Division dues for 2022 is now \$10.00. If you can't find the 'Renewal' card that was mailed October 2021, write you TCA number on your check or in a note with any changes to information or address and mail to:

*Mike Hudek 370 Three Bridge Road, Monroeville, NJ. 08343-1878.*

If you paid and did not receive the membership card/postcard, contact Mike Hudek at 201-294-7057, or email: [mikeh0402@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeh0402@yahoo.com) with your concerns.

You may also download the form from our website: <https://adtca.com/download-forms/>



### **January 8-9, 2022 at Greenberg's Train & Toy Show, Oaks, PA**

The attendance at the two-day show was better than expected with most everyone following the COVID protocols required by the show operators. As shown below, there was keen interest by the young showgoers.

Thanks to the set-up crew on Friday and the members who watched over the operations on Saturday and Sunday.

## Division News (continued)

Additional photos from the January 8-9, 2022 at Greenberg's Train & Toy Show, Oaks, PA



January 16, 2022 Train Show at Penns Landing Caterers (Sheet Metal Workers Union Bldg.), Philadelphia.



Drive time: 12 hrs. Phila. to Nashville



## 2022 Spring Shows Schedule— \* TCA Buy/Sell Rules Applicable

DATE	SHOW	LOCATION
Apr. 2-3, 2022	Great Scale Model Train Show	Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd. Timonium, MD 21093
Apr. 10, 2022	Wayne Train Show	Wayne PAL Hall, 1 PAL Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470
Apr. 28-30, 2022	York TCA*	York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA
May 15, 2022	Wayne Train Show	Wayne PAL Hall, 1 PAL Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470
May 21, 2022	Flash Model Train Meet	Renninger's Kutztown Farmer's Mkt., 740 Nobel St., Kutztown, PA 19530
May 22, 2022	Brick Train Show	Brick Elk's Lodge, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, NJ 08723
Jun. 5, 2022	Hamburg Dutch Train Meet	Hamburg Fire Co. Field House, Pine St., Hamburg, PA 19526
Jun. 25-Jul. 3, 2022	68th TCA National Convention*	Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville, TN
Jul. 16, 2022	Flash Model Train Meet	Renninger's Kutztown Farmer's Mkt., 740 Nobel St., Kutztown, PA 19530

## National Toy Train Museum News



Renovations, maintenance and repairs for the layouts and equipment occur from January through the end of March by volunteers who live nearby and from our Division.

Kenny Palmer and Hank Worrell (AD Director) hard at work on the museum's S gauge trains.

Museum's opening day is Saturday, April 2nd, at 10 a.m.

## Touring NMRA Open Houses During Holidays

### MODEL RAILROAD OPEN HOUSES

Mike Hudek, 90-32044

Each year in November the NMRA organizes open houses in the Tri-State area. I have been taking my grandchildren for the past 5-6 years, now they look forward to going each

November. It is a great day or two, seeing some incredible layouts.

This year was limited due to COVID, therefore we concentrated on the Model Railroad



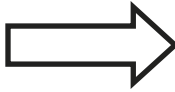
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## Touring NMRA Open Houses During Holidays-continued

Clubs and a few spectacular home layouts. The pictures are from an HO club in Rockledge PA; and a N scale club in the Quakertown Area and both were first times for us. Visiting home and club layouts is a great way to spend time with your children and grandchildren and kick off the Holiday Season.

As a side note we won the N Scale Layout raffle.



## What is Collecting and How to Start /Increase/Enhance your Collection

[Ed: Garry Spear, President of the Division in 2011 offered the following suggestions in the *Summer 2011*, issue of the *Express*; available on our web site in [Resources](#). For comparison, here is an edited-for-space version from the U.S. Mint. There are many correlations between coin and train collecting. Substitute *train* for *coin* in the text from the U.S. Mint. The next article exemplifies using 'Collectors' and 'Shows' to start/fill-in your collection-*First Time Pre-1970's Train Meet*, see p. 7.]

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While thinking about the AD "Pre-1970s" train meet (Saturday, June 4, 2011) hosted by Ted Maurer and Bob Robinson, I started to wonder what types of collectors there are and how the meet would appeal to them.

A short list of collector types: Historic, Classic, Nostalgic, Manufacturer, and Condition are five type of collections that quickly come to mind.

My list of definitions:

**Historic:** A collection that is aimed at old items say 90 to 100 years or older. This can be further sub-typed by wood, metal, floor toys, manufacturer, cast iron, tin, etc.

**Classic:** A collection that is aimed at items for a selected year range. A classic "Standard" gauge collection would be 1920 to 1940. A classic "O" gauge collection could be pre-war or post-war. A classic "HO" gauge collection might be pre-1950.

**Nostalgic:** A collection driven by some fond memory. Trains you had as a child, trains owned by a parent, grand-parent, some other fond relative or good family friend.

**Manufacturer:** A collection of items by one manufacturer. This collection may include non train items; such as toys, building sets (Erector, Struktiron), chemistry sets, house- hold appliances, military items, etc.

**Condition:** A collection in which being in the best condition is the primary criterion for being in the collection.

Taken from <https://www.usmint.gov/learn/collecting-basics/get-started-collecting-coins>  
**Ways to Collect**

**Collection themes:** Country, Time period, Finish, Denomination, Mint mark, Design theme, Artist

### Error Coins

Although most error coins are recycled before they ever leave a Mint facility, the few that make it into circulation are often considered collectibles.

Examples include: Off-center strikes, Multiple strikes, Overstrikes, Clipped planchets, Defective Dies

### Build Your Collection

Before adding a coin to your collection, consider:

..# Is the coin appealing to you?

..# How lustrous is it?

..# Is it damaged? Scratches, bag marks, staple marks, and corrosion decrease a coin's value. How worn is it? Wear tends to be the biggest factor in determining a coin's grade.

### Buying and Trading Coins

Find coins through: Collectors (privately or through coin clubs), Dealers, Shows (national or local coin shows), Auctions (rarest and most expensive are often available only through auctions). *Tip: compare prices to avoid overpaying and verify a reasonable return policy before ordering*, Flea Markets and Antique Shows (found at various events, but less competition can encourage inflated prices or selling "problem coins").

**Coin Grading Scales** - The Sheldon coin grading scale is used to determine a coin's value, based on factors such as how well the coin was made, how much wear it's developed, and the luster. A coin is assigned a number between 1 and 70, as well as an adjective such as poor, good, very fine, or mint state. The grade is listed as "MS-70" or "F-15".

**Coin Clubs** - Coin clubs allow you to share your collection with others and learn more about coins. There are many national and local clubs and numismatic organizations.



At the Pre 1970 only train sale, See p. 7



## Atlantic Division's Pre-70's Show and Shriners Hospital

[Ed. The complete article is in the *Fall 2011* issue of the *Express*. The following is an excerpt and edited for available space.]

### FIRST TIME PRE-70'S TRAIN MEET

By Bob Wittendorf

Saturday, June 4th was a great day for a Train Meet, blue skies, not too warm and an innovative meet idea from Bob Robinson and Ted Maurer – a 'Pre 1970 only train sale'. The Meet was held at a familiar place to many collectors - the Ridge Fire Company Social Hall, about 5 minutes drive south of Spring City, PA, a small town about 40 miles west of Philadelphia in rural Chester County. The parking lot was packed with cars, campers, and pick-up trucks with license plates showing

Virginia, New York, New Jersey, and maybe farther way – didn't walk all the rows because I wanted to get inside and check-out the collectables.

The ladies at the registration table welcomed everyone in their cheery way and accepted a small entrance donation – all profit will be donated to charity - and in return provided the name badge all of us are used to wearing. Through the second set of doors and to the left and right were halls now filled with tables loaded with trains, books, accessories from 90 to 40 years ago (1920 – 1970) instead of chairs for an auction.....



The principals of the Meet. From Right to Left: Bob Robinson, Garry Spear and Ted Maurer, the Organizers of the Meet and a Representative of The Philadelphia Shriners' Hospital for Children, Benefactors of the Meet

*The following article completes the story of the 'Pre 70's Train Show'.]*

[Ed. The complete article is in the *Spring 2012* issue of the *Express*. The following is an excerpt and edited for available space.]

### ATLANTIC DIVISION SUPPORTS SHRINERS HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

By Malcolm Kates & Bob Wittendorf

Your Board of Directors voted in 2010 to take on a local program of charitable giving in keeping with the National TCA's community outreach mission statement. In November of that year, the Division donated 20 new Hess trucks to the U.S. Marine's Toys for Tots program.

For 2011, the Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia was nominated and then selected to be our program's beneficiary of the proceeds from a Pre-70's Train Meet-

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sponsored and significantly supported by Ted Maurer and Bob Robinson. To publicize the Meet, the Division obtained permission from Shriners Hospital to use their name in any advertisements for this event both locally and in the National Headquarters News. The Meet was held on Saturday, June 4th and several articles about it appeared in the fall run of the AD Express newsletter



*Presenting the check. (Left to Right) Mike Ramsey, Bob Lubonski, Garry Spear, Bob Robinson*



When the Division learned that there was a specific need by the Hospital for the repair of a portable radiological device that allows physicians to see the exact placement of hardware, wires, and hip casts during surgery, all of the Meet's proceeds, amounting to \$2812.00 and an additional amount of \$813.00 was donated to the hospital to cover the total repair cost.

As a token of their appreciation of our support, Mr. Mario Salvati, Director of Financial Services at Shriners, sent a letter on August 2, 2011 to Gary Spear and arranged for a plaque to be given to the Division as a small token of their appreciation

The letter says "We are extremely appreciative of your generosity. With donations like yours, we have been able to provide state-of-the-art medical care to over half a million children since our first hospital opened in 1922".

He goes on to say that the TCA-Atlantic Division will be added to their Gold Book of special donors on August 18, 2011.

**Wanted / For Sale / For Trade Advertising (next issue deadline—June 15, 2022)**

WANTED — Bob Robinson, : Contact at [carolsfancy@gmail.com](mailto:carolsfancy@gmail.com)  
Penn Line Trains from parts to perfect, Alexander structures, Kits

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

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