



Atlantic Division Express

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Summer 2022

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Feature Article

Houses, Houses, Houses
by Phil Ritter

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Premier E-2 Bi-Polar
Electric, matching
passenger set and track,

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The **Number 1** place to visit—Our Museum, Strasburg, PA



President's Message

It is hard to believe that it's already summer. It seems like we were just clearing snow and as I write this it is in the nineties. But regardless of the season of the year it is always a good time for Train Collecting. There are a variety of outdoor shows taking place and there is always Strasburg, PA. One trip and you can take a ride on the Strasburg RR, visit the Railroad Museum of PA and to top things off, visit the TCA's Toy Train Museum. We worked over the Winter to add and improve displays. If you haven't been there recently you will be in for a good time. Free admission for TCA members. We can always use help at our museum. Do you like repairing trains, keeping layouts running or just help out in general, let me know. We always need help assisting our full time Museum Coordinator, Melody Rogers, cataloging new acquisitions that we obtain through donations and purchase.

At our recent Atlantic Division BOD meeting we discussed the possibility of having a Member's Luncheon Meeting like we have had in

in previous years during May. But with COVID restricting the ability to have it, we were unable to schedule it again as many facilities still aren't able to accommodate us due to lack of help. A suggestion was made to try to schedule it closer to the Christmas Holidays. That would allow us to not only have the meeting but get together with our fellow members for a Pre-Holiday celebration. Let us know what you think about this idea and if you would attend.

The Atlantic Division displayed our traveling layout at Greenberg's show (Oaks, PA) on July 16th and 17th. We will also display the layout at The Railroad Museum of PA (Strasburg, PA) on August 20th and 21st. We can always use help with our shows. For details contact Mike Ramsey.

As always, stay safe and happy hunting for that piece that you have been searching for. We can always use new members too! A new member doesn't have to be an actual collector. Runners, scale modelers, anything to do with trains fits the description of a new member. I hope to see you over the summer.

Bob Lubonski
Atlantic Division President
Museum Committee Chairman

Division News

Election Results, Term of Office, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024:

President-Bob Lubonski, Vice-President-Mike Hudek

Board of Directors: Chris Bogus, Ron DeWitt, John Halajko, Bob Huppman

Traveling Layout Showings:

Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Strasburg, PA, August 20 and 21, 2022. Set up is about 8 AM on Saturday (20th) and take down is Sunday (typically about 4 PM). Volunteers will be issued credentials for free entrance by the Museum staff. Free snacks, coffee, and water typically available. Lunch is on your own. Museum is across the street from Strasburg RR and associated restaurants. Contact Mike Ramsey (610-324-6770) to volunteer with dates and times.

Division's *Fall Train Show*, Sunday, September 25, 2022, Penns Landing Caterers (Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall), 1301 S. Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia. See www.adtca.com for details and directions.

Atlantic Division Train Shows—First Table Price Change

Due to an increase in the hall rental fee for **2023**, we are forced to increase the price for the first table from \$25 to \$30, (includes the \$5 registration fee). All remaining fees remain unchanged. The increase will allow us to cover the increased cost of the hall rental only.

Note: This is the first price increase, for tables or admission, in more than 20 years when the division held our shows at Westover Country Club. The Board regrets having to raise this price now.

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

DATE	SHOW	LOCATION
July 24-30, 2022	LCCA National Convention	Sheraton Music City Hotel, 777 McGavock Pk., Nashville, TN
Aug. 6-7, 2022	Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show	Garden State Expo Center, Edison, NJ
Aug. 21, 2022	Brick Train Show	Brick Elk's Lodge, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, NJ 08723
Sept. 11, 2022	Hamburg	Hamburg Fire Co. Field House, Pine St., Hamburg, PA 19526
Sept. 25, 2022	Atlantic Division – TCA*	Penns Landing Caterers, 1301 S. Columbus Blvd., Phila., PA

Activities for the Fall

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.]

DAY AT THE CIRCUS MUSEUM

Mike Hudek, 90-32044

On a recent trip to Clearwater FL, hoping to see the Phillies in Spring Training, my wife and I took a side trip to Sarasota, the Winter home of the Ringling Brothers Circus.



The estate of John and Mable Ringling has been turned into a museum featuring their collection of art, magnificent home and gardens. OK, you're thinking what this has to do with trains. As we all know from watching Dumbo, circuses traveled by train and Ringling Brothers had one of the largest private railroads in the world, over a 100 freight and passenger cars.



There are two buildings on the grounds that are dedicated to the circus and one of the buildings is dedicated to the logistics of moving, setting up and caring for the small army of people and animals that traveled with the circus. The diorama is built in 1/18 scale and covers several thousand square feet. The pictures I took do not do it justice. If you ever travel to the west coast of Florida, take a day to see the Museum. My wife and I had limited time and only saw the two circus-themed buildings and walked the gardens. It would take 4 to 5 hours to see everything.

The MLB lock-out ended the day we arrived and we did see one Phillies game.



Museums, Train rides, Festivals to Visit about a Half-Day Drive Away

TCA's National Toy Train Museum



Steamtown, National Park Service, Scranton, PA, www.nps.gov/stea



Tuckahoe Transportation Heritage Festival, Tuckahoe, NJ, September 24,



Black River & Western, Flemington, NJ, www.blackriverrailroad.com



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Railroaders Memorial Museum & Horseshoe Curve, Altoona, PA,
www.railroadcity.org



Strasburg Railroad, Strasburg, PA
www.strasburgrailroad.com

**(Something special for the kids/
grandkids: *Thomas the Tank* on
September 16, 17, 18, 19)**

**B & O Railroad Museum, Baltimore,
MD, www.borail.org**^B



Climaxfield RR. "Old Number One" (Original) 1882

Museums, Train rides, Festivals to visit about a half-day drive away (continued)

New Hope & Ivyland Railroad, New Hope, PA www.newhoperailroad.com



Colebrookdale Railroad, Boyertown, PA www.colebrookdalerailroad.com



Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Strasburg, PA. www.rrmuseumpa.org



PRR E6s Atlantic No.
460, The Lindbergh
Engine



Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad. www.rbmnr.com

Reading Outer Station, Muhlenberg Township, just north of Reading, PA

West Chester Railroad, West Chester, PA, www.wcraillroad.com

Delaware River Railroad Excursions, Phillipsburg, NJ, www.877trainride.com

Whippany Railway Museum, Whippany, NJ, www.whippanyrailwaymuseum.net

Pine Creek Railroad, Allaire State Park, NJ, www.njmt.org

[Ed. The following article appeared in the Spring 1989 issue of the Express. The article is a comprehensive review of the commercially available houses from the 20's, 30's and 40's on all scales. It covered six full pages in length in that issue. This is an excerpt from that article with related photos that are shown here. The issue will be placed in the ADTCA.com/resources page for your reading.]

HOUSES, HOUSES, HOUSES

By Philip O. Ritter

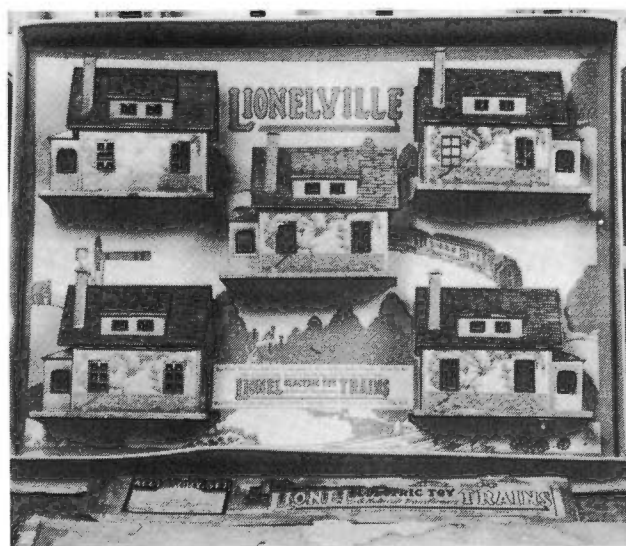
Atlantic Division Display at the November 1988 Fall Meet

It is well known in the real housing market and proven by the display of toy train layout houses at our Fall Meet, that the appeal of house styles is as diverse as the people who select them. Our six-tiered display shelves this time were full of the colorful little houses that make the track and landscaping of a train layout look like a true miniature village. The 145 buildings came from many layouts and shelf collections of our Division membership and represented only a small sampling of the handsome homes we have seen on visits and at train meets. They ranged in size from HO scale (1:87) to Standard gauge (1:27), with most of the examples in O gauge (1:45) or S gauge (1:64) scale. The houses in our display were made of paper, plastic, or plaster: cardboard, composition of wood: or enameled, lithographed or lacquered metals. Some were scaled-detailed with very realistic exteriors; others were the fanciful artistic expressions that catch the eye in a Christmas Putz. Most of the buildings were true "tinplate", mass produced ready built models like LIONEL or simple construction kits like SHOENUT and SKYLINE products.

Lionel production was well represented with 8 different #184 bungalows, 6 different #192 villas with porches, and a white #189 villa with peaked peacock roof and 4 dormers (photo 7, shelves D&E. One of the #191 villas was the earlier version with no dormers, (photo 7c, left). Two of the bungalows are the original, but differently labeled boxes. Ron Morris treated us to a display of two rarely seen and very impressive, boxed sets of LIONEL houses from the late 1920s, (photos 1 & 2). The #192 set, labeled "LIONEL MANOR"; contains 2 lithographed bungalows, a #189 white villa with gray roof and dormers and a crackled red #191 villa with green roof and railings, white windows and a brick chimney. The #186 set, labeled "LIONELVILLE", contains five lithographed #184 bungalows



"LIONEL MANOR" SET #192
PHOTO 1



"LIONELVILLE" BUNGALOW SET #186
PHOTO 2

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(2 red roof and 2 green roof), set in a colorful cardboard insert depicting an electric style passenger train coming around the curve to a wooded suburban setting.

The familiar LIONEL houses of the 1920s and 30s, which were sold for O gauge and Standard gauge layouts, are really better scaled to the post war S gauge trains. LIONEL may have missed a good market after WW2 by not continuing their metal house production for the S gaugers, but maybe they did not want to encourage American Flyer's new venture in the smaller size. For more specific information on LIONEL houses, see Ron Morris' thorough article in the Winter 1975 TCA Quarterly (Vol. 22 #1) ...

...This Atlantic Division meet display [not shown here] further illustrates the rich diversity of the toy train collecting hobby. There are all sorts of opportunities for special sub-collections of the accessories as well as of the trains themselves. Any of us can quickly recall many other toy train layout houses or building sets which would have nicely added to the display by showing further variations of the described styles or illustrate an overlooked type or manufacturer. For instance, we saw none of the metal SKYLINE, H & H, or MARX houses, nor any of the great German products, nor were there any of the BUILD E-Z, STANLO, LINCOLN LOG, stone Anchor block or rubber brick construction set houses. We will leave it to our members attending the next Atlantic Division meet to surprise us with some collecting gems illustrating that day's specialty. Look for the theme in the next meet notice.



The fun is in collecting and the pride is in display.

Jan. 2013 Meet (Ed. Kapuscinski/R Heinemann)



From 2005-4 Winter *Express*: Three pictures of Bob Robinson's exhibit at a recent train meet. The display includes a picture of Bob, himself, as a youngster enjoying his HO trains (right panel). The scenery in background is an IDEAL product



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Felix Cabarle, 13-68972. Email: starburst9000@gmail.com, phone: 609-261-2205

MTH, Milwaukee Road Premier E-2 Bi-Polar Electric engine with PS-2. TCA grade C-8/P-7/O-5. \$550.

MTH, Milwaukee Road five car 70' Streamlined Passenger set, color scheme to match the Bi-Polar. TCA grade C-8/P-7/O-5. \$350.

Track-(track is embedded into the ties, looks like GarGraves), TCA grade C-6. --17 sections of 072

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