



# Atlantic Division Express

Where the TCA Began



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

**Spring 2023**

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**ADTCA.com**



## **President's Messages**

So far 2023 is off to a good start. Our January show was well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time. There has been some erroneous information out there that we are moving the show to another location. This isn't the case as we have contracts for the rest of this year at the show's current location.

I have been writing about needing help to keep the Atlantic Division running. Quite a few of us have been on the Board of Directors and/or other activities for some time in one capacity or another. I have been involved with it since 1997 and am in my second round as president. We need help with keeping things going. In particular we can use some fresh faces to get involved.

We will be having our annual election soon where we will be electing four directors. *How about putting your name in.* We meet six times a year and participate in various events throughout the year

## President' Message (continued)

such as displaying the Atlantic Division train layout at various places. To have your name put on the ballot we will need a short resume. Include such things as occupation, family life, train collecting experiences, etc. You can send it to me and we will put your name in.

We also need help to keep our train show functioning. We are also looking for someone to take over the train show registration process. Russ Keil has been doing it (temporarily) for quite a few years as well having been president, helping with running and maintaining the layout and other things. We would like someone that can take this over to relieve Russ. If you have an interest or would like to know more about what is involved give Russ a call at 609-320-3957.

The reality is some of us are getting older and getting some new younger members in to help out will ensure that the AD remains a strong and active division. You don't need to be on the BOD to help out. We need help when we display the layout. Call Mike Ramsey at 610-324-6770 for details – places, times and dates that are scheduled.

Want to give it a try? We have a good time when we get together for meetings and other events. We have a good crew now that you would fit right in with. Our BOD members are varied in their expertise outside of trains so you don't need any special skills other than the ability to donate some time. Anything else that you bring is welcome.

If you have any questions about this or want to know what it involves let us know. Thanks for being a member. I'll see you at the shows.

Bob Lubonski  
Atlantic Division President

## Division News

### 2023 Division Membership Dues

If you haven't renewed your 2023 Division Membership dues as of mid February, you received this issue with the anticipation that you will remain a member. The dues are now \$10.00 for the year.

What do I get for being an Atlantic Division member? Here are some of the benefits:

- One free admission to our Meet in January, March, September or November, a \$5 saving,
- Four issues of this Newsletter with the Meet/Show details in our vicinity,
- How to design, build, maintain, collect, and operate your layout, and
- Stories and pictures of train-related places to visit.

Send your payment to Mike Hudek at 370 Three Bridge Road, Monroeville, NJ.

*Note: Division membership requires that you are also a current TCA member.*

If you have misplaced the Renewal Card, you may download one from <https://adtca.com/download-forms/> or write your TCA number, name, mailing address and a phone number, or email address (if you use one) on a separate piece of paper along with your payment and mail to Mike Hudek (see address above).

On receipt, a postcard containing your Membership Card (to be cut out) will be mailed. If you do not receive your card, contact Mike Hudek at 201-294 7057, or email him at:

mikeh0402@yahoo.com.

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### Next Atlantic Division Train Meet is September 25, 2023 See you there

Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall—Penns Landing Caterers, 1301 S Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia, Doors open 8 am-1 pm. Food service (Breakfast/Lunch) available.

### Traveling Layout Help Needed

The set-up and take-down Layout Committee is always looking for new members to help with displaying our layout at our Meets and other shows where we have been invited. What's in it for you? —free admission to the show/event, friends, ideas for your own layout. Contact Mike Ramsey if interested at 610-324-6770 or [mdramsey@comcast.net](mailto:mdramsey@comcast.net).

### National Toy Train Museum

Our museum will open on a regular schedule for York Week. It will feature layout upgrades & maybe some new exhibits. The museum volunteers have been busy with repairs and enhancements to make your visit a great learning experience for kids of all ages. See the <https://www.tcatrains.org/museum/museum-visit/> for details.

### National Convention June 24 to July 2, 2023



Place:  
Double Tree by Hilton

Address:  
870 Williston Road  
South Burlington, VT 05403

### Looking for new content for the Newsletter

Building/reworking on your layout? Visited an train-related place/event? Send your story and pictures to Editor (see last page) for publication in our newsletter.

Also, have something to sell or something that you are looking for, send it in. Include the TCA's grading codes with your submission.

And, your comments and suggestions are appreciated to make the newsletter interesting and useful for you.

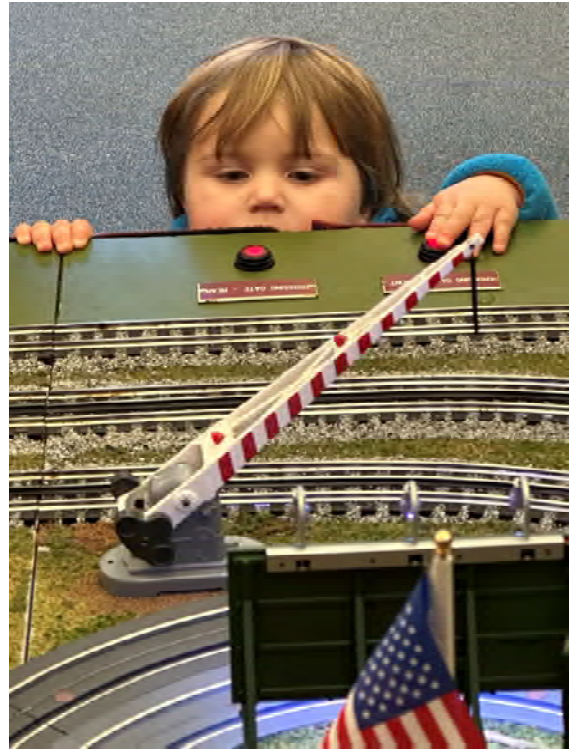


Division News (continued)

Hadden Heights Public Library, Hadden Heights, New Jersey, December 12, 2022



*IF I COULD ONLY GET A LITTLE CLOSER*



Polar Bear Meet, January 8, 2023 at Sheet Metals Workers Union Hall, Penns Landing Caterers, Philadelphia,





## Greenberg Train & Toy Show, January 14-15, 2023, Oaks, PA



### 2023 Spring Show Schedule— \* TCA Buy/Sell Rules Applicable

DATE	SHOW	LOCATION
Mar. 11-12, 2023	Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show	Garden State Expo Center, Edison, NJ
Mar. 19, 2023	Toy Train Show	Keystone Steam Fire Co. 240 N. Walnut St. Boyertown, PA 19512
Mar. 19, 2023	Brick Train Show	Brick Elk's Lodge, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, NJ 08723
Mar. 26, 2023	Wayne Train Show	Wayne P.A.L. Hall, Wayne, NJ 07470
Apr. 20-22, 2023	<b>Eastern Div. TCA – York*</b>	York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle St, York, PA 17404
Apr. 29-30, 2023	Great Scale Model Train Show	MD State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd, Timonium, MD 21093
May 21, 2023	Brick Train Show	Brick Elk's Lodge, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, NJ 08723
June 3, 2023	Keystone – TCA*	Lancaster Farm & Home Ctr, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601
June 4, 2023	Hamburg	Hamburg Fire Co. Field House, Pine St., Hamburg, PA
June 24-July 2, 2023	TCA National Convention	Doubletree by Hilton, 870 Williston Rd., South Burlington, VT 05403
June 24, 2023	Strasburg Model Railroad Club	Brooklawn American Legion, 11 Railroad Ave. Brooklawn, NJ 08030

### Fall 2022 National Model Railroad Association Open House Tours

Mike Hudek, 90-32044

With Covid behind us people are back to participating in the NMRA November Open House Tours. Each year I participate by opening my layout for visitors, but the best part is taking my Grandchildren to see all of the layouts. It has become a tradition and the kids and adults look forward to it. This year the first day we focused on the outdoor Garden Railroads. The one pictured was about 50' x 50'. If you look over the fence a real train was going by.





## Fall 2022 NMRA Open House Tours (continued)

The second day was HO Layouts.

I always make a day to see Bill Kachel's layout in Kennett Square. Even my wife likes this one. The layout is in a 3000 sq. ft. space. It's the PRR going from Baltimore to New Haven and has a full catenary. It even has Baltimore harbor with ships measuring 30" +. See page 1 for another view of his layout.



The last trip was to Keystone N Trak. Last year my Grandchildren won the layout raffle. If living in a small home with limited space, an N Scale layout is the perfect size.



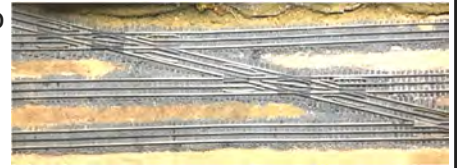
Every November the NMRA organizes the open houses. You do not need to be a member to participate or visit the layouts. If you have a layout you would like to show off, consider the open house tour for 2023. The information on how to participate will be published in the summer newsletter.

## Feature Article: Layout Designing and Building

(Ed): Now that winter is almost past and spring is 'coming down the track', it is time to design that layout, get started with the construction, make modifications, or add the finishing touches.

The following is taken from an article that appeared in an August 1947 issue of *Model Railroader* magazine. It shows the 1:1 scale track layouts of junctions and crossings from several railroads that were in use at actual locations. This issue and others have been carefully saved by longtime

member and AD Director Ed Kapuscinski, (74-7156) and loaned to me to use here and to pass along to you. In the Summer issue there will be an article by Bill Erskine (86-24379) on how he wired the 'cross-overs' on his NBT (Nothing But Track) layout.



## GEMS Of Track Planning

### A Selection of Real Life Junction and Crossing Layouts to Help You Plan a Better Pike

You may doodle curves and crossovers and switches on your drawing board all day long, but you can't beat real life. The railroads of this country have more track arrangements than you can catalog, and from them you can pick a setup to solve almost any operating necessity.

Suppose you want to join two double track lines, perhaps your River Division and your Mountain Route. A double track junction sounds simple, but should you include a crossover to permit wrong main moves, do you need and sidings, and where do you put the signals? Well, the varieties are endless, but somewhere you'll find a double track junction to just fit your particular needs.

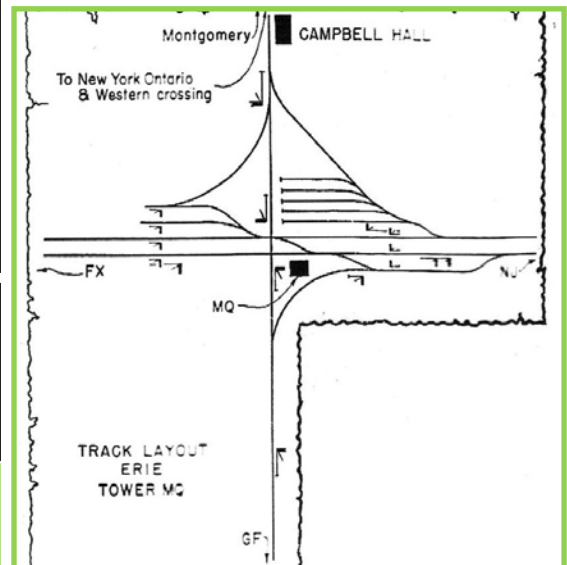
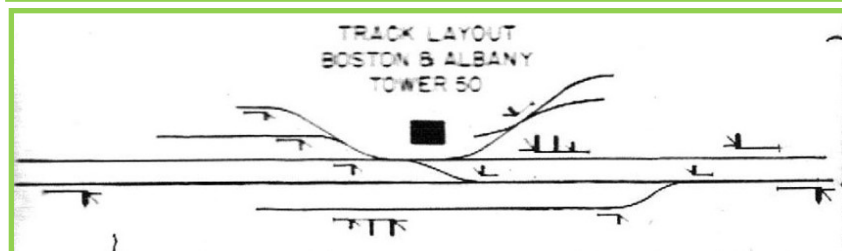
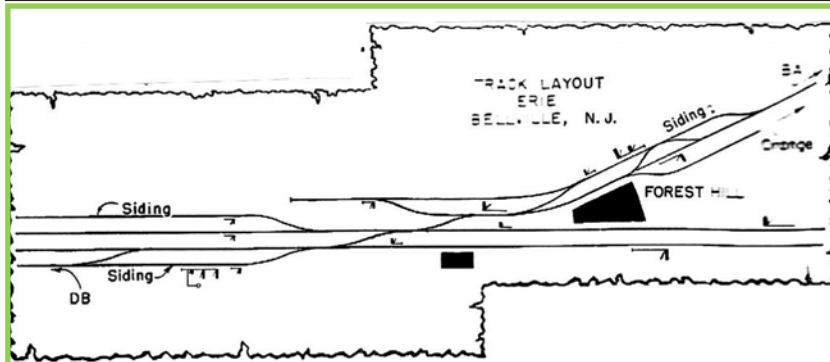
I've dug around in the interlocking files of the Tower Buffs and here are some special selections which are little gems. There's an idea, or more, in every one. For inspiration, or even for a detailed design, you can't beat real life.

#### **Campbell Hall**

In the railroad wonderland of southern New York state, at Campbell Hall, a branch line of the Erie crosses the double track Erie Graham Freight line, a main route. This is an important interchange point, for much Erie freight leaves the main line here for New England via New Haven. Yard layout at junction shows scheme.

#### **Erie. Bellville, N.J.**

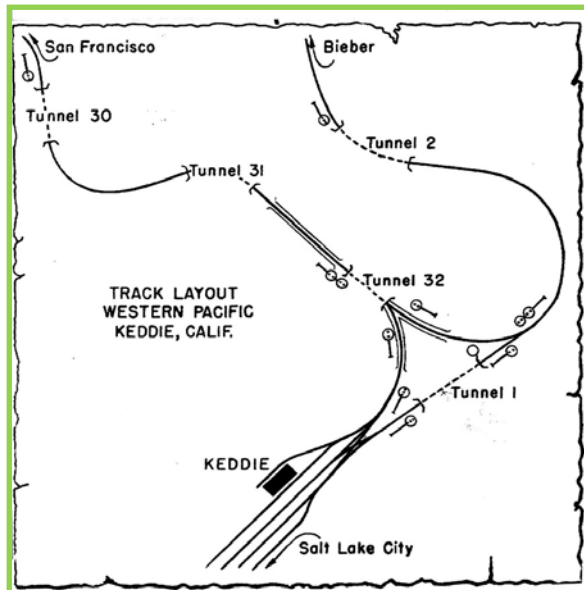
Another Erie interlocking is Tower OJ at Bellville, N.J. Here the single track to Orange comes into the double track main. Forest Hill station is in the junction.



#### **Boston & Albany Tower 50**

Right in the main line of the Boston & Albany, for no ready reason, is this layout of a trailing point crossover and numerous well-signalized sidings. It's at Chester, bottom of the grade up the Berkshires, where the helpers couple on. Use same layout for busy small station.



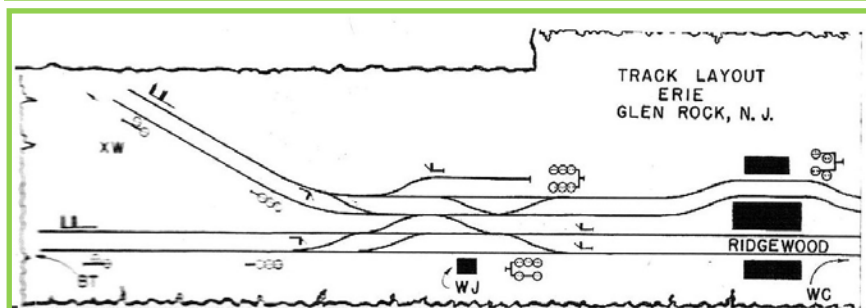
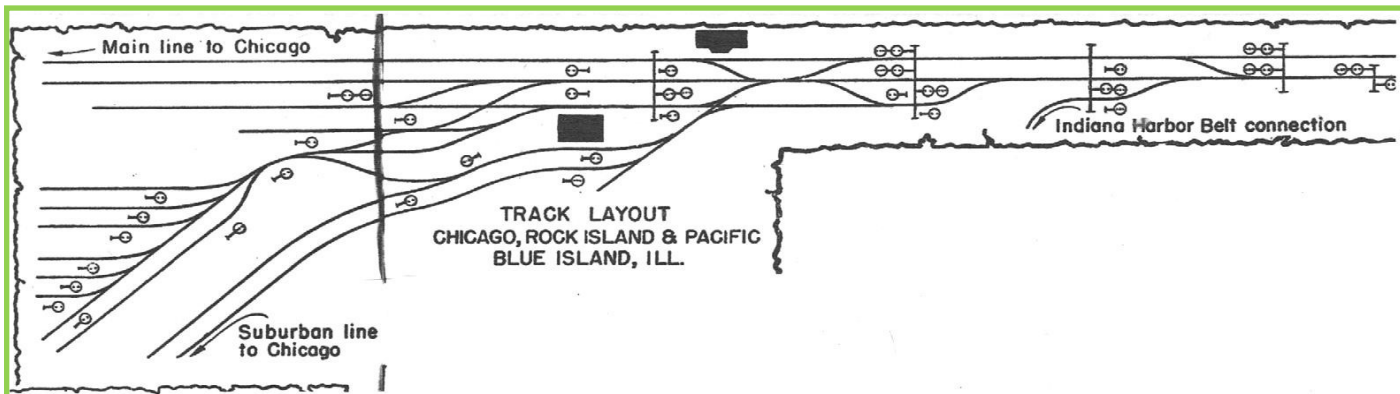


### Feather River Canyon

Deep in the Feather River Canyon of California two lines of the Western Pacific join at Keddie. The junction wye is festooned with tunnels and high steel bridges across the canyon. In one direction is San Francisco, in another Oregon, while up the canyon is the Sierra summit and the line to Salt Lake City.

### Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Blue Island, ILL.

The Rock Island junction between main line and suburban loop at Blue Island, Ill., is more complicated than you may ever want on a model railroad, but it's very complications include many an idea which can be lifted and used. A freight yard lies between the two lines. Notice the copious use of crossovers to allow passing moves.



### Erie Glen Rock, N.J.

The Erie main line divides into two double track routes near Glen Rock, N.J. Trackage at the WJ tower-junction includes duplicate crossovers.

**Wanted / For Sale / For Trade Advertising (next issue deadline—May 15, 2023)**

No items were received for this issue. When submitting items for sale, use the TCA's rating system.

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

The newsletter welcomes your articles on any subject related to trains for sharing with our members. Email these with and pictures, charts, drawings, spreadsheets to the Bob Wittendorf at the address below.

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