



# Atlantic Division Express

Where the TCA Began



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

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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*[Send me your Holiday Train  
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## President's Message

Happy Holidays to all Atlantic Division members. It doesn't seem possible that the holiday season is upon us. I feel like we just we just got through 2022. As was said on the TV show Cheers, "It seems like Christmas comes earlier and earlier" but was pointed out that it occurs on December 25<sup>th</sup> each year. None the less, here it is. But with the holidays approaching, it is getting dark earlier and the outdoor temperature dropping we are given a reason to have fun with our trains. Train Shows, including those of the Atlantic Division, have resumed and with that we get to see more of our fellow members to talk about and run trains. Friends and holidays seem to go together. I've mentioned it in the past how years ago there seem to be more time for people to get together to celebrate the holidays. I hope we all can squeeze that into our schedules.

Recently the Atlantic Division's Secretary and good friend, Paul Fenn, passed away. I first met Paul in the early '90's as we were both TTOS members. We became good friends as many other people that we know also did. Paul loved trains and cars. He also loved spending time and promoting various functions to raise money for various charities. Each year Paul would put on an event that we all looked forward to, his Rails and Rods show. Paul would open his business property to accommodate multiple train layout from different organizations including the Atlantic Division and occupy most of the parking lots in the office park where Paul's business was located with cars. Each year it grew in size to where people were extremely anxious to display their trains or cars. Some very special cars were on display and Paul presented trophies at the end of the day based on voting from people in attendance. Paul also built and maintained stationary train layouts at a few Ronald McDonald houses to occupy and entertain those who were staying there. We miss him already as I'm sure his family does, and we offer Paul's family any support that we can give them.

Another member we lost recently is Terry Trickel. Terry was always ready to help out and was co-chairman of the 2014 TCA Convention held locally by the Atlantic Division. Terry worked on it for a few years in advance of it being held and it proved to be one of the most successful and enjoyable conventions held recently. Terry pretty much grew up in the Atlantic Division with his father, Dick Trickel, being an early member of the Division. He too will be missed.

On another note, keep an eye on our newsletter and website for upcoming changes that are in the works. We are very close to having a new location for the Atlantic Division train shows. We have found over the past couple of years that it is in the best interest of the organization and members to move it out of the city of Philadelphia. If you need any details on this as to why we are doing this, contact me or one of the AD BOD members.

The Division's final show at Penns landing Caterers will be held on November 5th. Starting on January 7th, all our shows will move to **The Phoenix Ballroom, located at 1661 Mill Road, Upper Chichester, PA 19061.**

So, getting back to the Holiday Season, the Atlantic Division Board of Directors wish you and your family a joyous and safe holiday and hope to see you soon at one of our shows.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
Bob Lubonski  
Atlantic Division President

### Atlantic Division Train Meet is November 5, 2023

Penns Landing Caterers, (Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall)— 1301 S Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia, Doors open 8 am (AD members only), 9 am (public) to 12:30 pm. Food service (Breakfast/Lunch) available.

**Annual Event tickets (\$5.00) will be available at the Division table before the drawing at noon.**

### Winner picks one.

**New Lionel PRR 0-6-0 Steam Locomotive 3-Rail, Catalog # 2231560**

◇ LEGACY® Control System equipped – able to run in LEGACY® Control mode, in TrainMaster Command Control mode, or in Conventional mode with a standard transformer,

◇ Bluetooth® Control - Operate with Universal Remote or LionChief® App,

◇ Lionel Voice Control (LVC) - run your locomotive by speaking commands into your phone via LionChief® App,

◇ Odyssey® II Speed Control, and more. See 2023-3 Fall issue for more info.



**New Amer. Flyer-Erie Lackawanna U33 Diesel Locomotive, 2-Rail,**

◇ LEGACY Control System equipped — able to run in LEGACY Control mode, Trainmaster Command Control mode or in Conventional mode with a standard transformer,

◇ AF Speed Control with On/Off switch lets your locomotive operate smoothly and consistently over grades and through curves, and more. See 2023-3 Fall issue.



### 2024 Division Membership Dues

The 2024 Division's Membership Renewal/Application Card is included in this mailing. The dues remain at \$8.00 per member until January 31, 2024, then \$10.00 thereafter. Send to Mike Hudek at 370 Three Bridge Road, Monroeville, NJ, 08343-1878. *Note: Division membership requires that you are also a current TCA member.* For Division membership, send check (payable to Atlantic Division-TCA) or cash.

Use the Renewal Card to update either your mailing address, contact phone number, or email address (if you use one). *If you changed your mailing address, email address or phone number(s) contact the TCA Membership (717-687-8623) to have your membership information updated.*

On receipt, a postcard containing your Membership Card (to be cut out) will be mailed to you. According to USPS rules, 1st Class mail (includes postcards) will be forwarded for 1 year from the date you submitted a 'Change of Address' form. If you do not receive your card, contact Mike Hudek at 201-294-7057, or email: [mikeh0402@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeh0402@yahoo.com).

### Traveling Layout Help Needed

The Layout Committee is looking for new members to help with displaying, (set-up and take-down), our layout at our Meets and other shows where we have been invited. Benefits of helping:—**free admission to the show/event, catching-up with old friends and making new ones, getting ideas and fixes for your layout, and much more.** Contact Mike Ramsey if interested at (610) 324-6770 or [mdramsey@comcast.net](mailto:mdramsey@comcast.net).

### Members Luncheon at Peppers by Amedeo's Restaurant and Bar, 175 Town Center Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

The Annual Members Luncheon will be held on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All members are invited and may bring one guest. Details are included in this mailing and posted on the ADTCA.com web site.

### 2023 National Model Railroad Association's Open House.

This is a great opportunity to visit model railroads in our region. Many of the participants are Division members. Identify yourself as a TCA Atlantic Division member when you visit. In November, this website, <http://www.modelrailroadopenhouse.com> will list a schedule (address, dates, times) for the 'Open House Tour' by participating modelers in our area during November and December.



## 2023-2024 Winter Show Schedule

DATE	SHOW	LOCATION
Oct. 19-21, 2023	Eastern Div. TCA – York	York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA 17404
Oct. 29, 2023	Wayne Train Show	Wayne. P.A.L. Hall, Wayne, NJ 07470
<b>Nov. 5, 2023</b>	<b>Atlantic Div. - TCA Train Show</b>	<b>1301 Columbus Blvd., Phila., PA 19147</b>
Nov. 5, 2023	Brick Train Show	Brick Elks Lodge, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, NJ 08723
Nov. 11-12, 2023	First Frost Train Show	Allentown Fairgrounds, 17 <sup>th</sup> & Chew Sts., Allentown, PA
Nov. 18, 2023	East Greenville Train Show	East Greenville Fire Co. 4th & Washington St. East Greenville, PA 18073
Nov. 19, 2023	Toy Train & Vintage Toy Show	Keystone Steam Fire Co. No. 1, 240 N. Walnut St. Boyertown, PA 19512
Nov. 25-26, 2023	Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show	Garden State Expo Center, Edison, NJ 08837
Dec. 3, 2023	Brick Train Show	Brick Elks Lodge, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, NJ 08723
Dec. 16, 2023	Wayne Train Show	Wayne. P.A.L. Hall, Wayne, NJ 07470
Jan. 13-14, 2024	Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show	Greater Phila. EXPO Center, Oaks, Pa. 19456
Jan. 27, 2024	Keystone Div. TCA	Lancaster Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601
Jan. 28, 2024	Hamburg Train Meet	Hamburg Fire Co. Field House, Pine St., Hamburg, PA 19526

### Some Sad News

Long time Lionel Train Collector and Philanthropist, Paul Fenn passed away on 8/1/2023. Paul was the current Atlantic Division Secretary.

I have known Paul for over 25 years. Paul was as interested in Philanthropy as he was in trains. Paul started a charity called Toy Trains in Motion to place and service toy train layouts in Ronald McDonald Houses. Paul had layouts in several Houses and along with a group of enthusiasts kept those layouts operating for 25 years.

Paul also organized the Rod and Rails show. It was a combination Car Show and Toy Train Show. Paul went all out with 100's of cars and 10+ operating layouts in all scales, from N to G. The highlight of the show was the King Tut layout. A Lionel train painted gold running on gold track with 10-foot golden Egyptian statues guarding the layout. The Rods and Rail Show drew 1000's of people and raised a great deal of money for *Smile Train*, a non-profit that provides free cosmetic surgery for children with cleft palates.

Paul was also active with the Atlantic Division traveling layout. Paul along with a small group of AD members took the layout to shows and events all over the area. Paul will be missed by his family and friends and is a great loss to the Toy Train community.

Mike Hudek

**Wanted / For Sale / For Trade Advertising (next issue deadline—December 1, 2023)**

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

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