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Are you looking for a Deal?

The Fort Pitt Division BOD has decided that we are cleaning-out our inventory from previous years. If you see an item of interest, you are not only growing your collection, but also helping the division. During our last meet, about \$ 500.00 was added to our treasury. By making arrangements with us, you will save shipping costs. See pages 12 and 13.

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Ft. Pitt News: President's Report:

Accomplishments of our organization:

Four well-attended Meets
Door prizes and raffles at the meet
Operating Layouts at our meets
Kid's Club Area at each meet
Trolley Museum Outing
Tin Plate Talks
PGH Home and Garden Show
Summer Meet
Family Christmas Party
Western Maryland Outing
National Membership Award
Increase in Membership
763 Ft. Pitt 2008
903 Ft. Pitt 2009

Special deals for our inventory

Future Goals:

Investigating the 2017 National Convention
Create and Operate a Web Site for Ft. Pitt
Make use of Electronic Newsletter for those who want the information this way.

Editor's Message

This issue of the Lockon has been a long time in coming. The last issue was in 2007. Since I am the editor of the Lockon as well as your current president, I sincerely apologize. Due to many circumstances, such as lack of information, articles, and other pertinent information to share with you, I didn't want to disappoint you with an inadequate issue of the Lockon. All the while, I was trying to seek another method of relaying the information you need about our division. Expenses are a major concern of every member in our organization. As you know, everything keeps going up, up, and up which leaves us struggling with our budgets. Fort Pitt is no different than any family, and we need to tighten our purse strings. We are going to experiment with an electronic Lockon which I hope you will like and use as it will save us close to \$6000 per year just in printing and mailing costs. I can also relay more information faster to the members of Fort Pitt. Try it, you just may think it's wonderful!

Summer Train Meet

The Fort Pitt Division hosted a summer meet to replace the cancelled Greenberg Show. It was held at the Four Points Sheraton, located in Cranberry, PA. on Sunday, July 26. The attendance was very good and there were plenty of deals. We'll see you all again in September.

Needed: A person who will comp the design of a web site for our division. Call Rick Baugh at 724-523-2967.

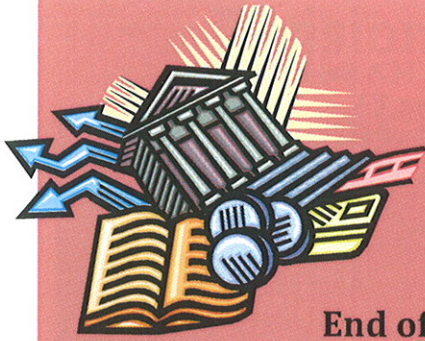


Here I am stumping for you at the National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.



Sight from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon

Did you know that we won a \$200.00 gift certificate to the National Museum's Gift Shop due to our efforts in increasing our membership? Congratulations Fort Pitt and keep bringing a guest or two to the meets and events. Share our hobby!



**End of Year 2008
Financial Report**

Treasurer's Report

By Matt Irvin

Beginning Balance		\$ 13,794.78
Income/Receipts		
Dues 779 members	\$ 6232.00	
Heinz Cars	\$ 785.99	
Meets	\$27,659.00	
Other Fund Raising	\$ 723.00	
Meet Raffles	\$ 330.00	
Total Revenue	\$35,729.99	
Redman-Fraley Fund Donations	\$ 1243.00	
Total Income	\$36,972.99	\$36,972.99
Expenses/Disbursements		
Advertising	\$ 4972.40	
Audit	\$ 1300.00	
Bank Card Fees	\$ 513.00	
Christmas Party 2007	\$ 311.13	
Christmas Party 2008	\$ 1522.28	
Kid's Club	\$ 530.92	
Lock-On	\$ 0.00	
Mailing Labels	\$ 561.65	
Meets	\$18,928.43	
Misc.	\$ 296.14	
Office & Admin.	\$ 0.00	
PA Sales Tax	\$ 0.00	
Pgh. Hi-Railers Support	\$ 164.85	
Postage	\$ 4175.00	
Printing	\$ 5839.72	
Redman-Fraley Fund Deposit	\$ 1243.00	
TCA Tape Recorder Donation	\$ 300.00	
30 th Anniversary Expenses	\$ 1.49	
Tinplate Talks	\$ 679.54	
Total Expenses	\$41,340.30	\$41,340.30
Profit/Loss 2008		(-\$4,367.31)
Ending Checking Account Balance		\$ 9427.47

Board of Directors Meeting Fort Pitt Division from April 17, 2009

A regularly called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fort Pitt Division of the TCA was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Board Room at Automated Card Systems, Inc. in Canonsburg, PA.

Present were board members Kurt Kissner, Duane Schulte, Matt Irvin, Sam Merando, Bill Livolsi, Rick Baugh and Carl Abinanti. President Rick Baugh presided; Secretary Bill Livolsi kept the minutes. Ex Officio members in attendance were Jim Burke, Bob Hazlett and Sam Lipari

The minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting were waived and postponed

Committees Reports/Old Business

Treasurer

Matt Irvin distributed a Financial Report dated March 12, 2009 showing a loss of \$3,581.58 as of that date and a checking account balance of \$5,845.89.

Meet

Meet Chairman Carl Abinanti reported that Meets were scheduled for September 20th and December 13th of 2009, both dates that the Steelers were not playing. In addition he reported that as per the discussion at the last Board of Directors Meeting he had tentatively scheduled a summer Meet for July 12th but July 26th was available also. After brief discussion, a motion was made and passed by the Board to ask Carl to arrange a July 26th Meet at the Four Points Sheraton in Cranberry.

Tin Plate Talks No report

Modular No Report.

Kids Club

Board Member Sam Merando reported the Kids Club plans to display and operate a layout at the 2009 Home Show scheduled for February 27 through March 8th.

Membership No Report

Lockon No Report

Special Projects

The President emphasized the necessity to increase revenue and made several very creative suggestions. The Board discussed a number of options but decided by motion to sell our existing inventory of Heinz Reefers, Angela Trotta Thomas Prints and the Toy Train Treasury Books donated by the Iron Horse Hobby Shop at every opportunity. Specifically, the Fort Pitt Division Meets, an advertisement in the TCA National Headquarters Newsletter and possibly at the Eastern Division York meet held twice a year.

By motions proposed and passed prices were set as follows:

- Heinz Reefers - \$40 each plus \$7.50 shipping
- Toy Train Treasury Volumes 1 and 2 as a set \$12 plus \$7.50 shipping
- Angela Trotta Thomas 50th Anniversary Prints, \$25, Artists Proofs, \$50 plus \$7.50 shipping
- Lou Redman Figures from the 50th Anniversary Convention, \$25 plus \$7.50 Shipping
- 50th Anniversary Banquet Plates \$10, plus \$7.50 shipping

Redman Fraley Memorial Fund No Report

New Business The BOD decided to create a website. Board Member Sam Merando volunteered to take responsibility to manage the creation of the website and Quest Fore offered to host the website for \$8 per month.

Old Business

President Rick Baugh submitted his observations in writing to the Board relative to the financial situation of the Fort Pitt Division and made a number of suggestions some very creative directed at how to enhance our revenues and how to control expenses. A copy of his written observations is attached.

Subsequent to the introduction of the Presidents observations the President then led the BOD through a budgeting process resulting in a new 2009 budget being passed by the BOD. A copy of the new 2009 budget is attached.

Sam Merando and Ray Ruzskoski submitted an inventory of the catalogs and books that was donated to the TCA Fort Pitt Division by the Iron Horse Hobby Shop. The quantity of the Toy Train Treasury Books alone was 700 books. A copy of the inventory is attached.

The secretary was asked to write a letter to the Iron Horse Hobby Shop thanking them for their donation and determined that their donation be recognized to the entire membership..

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.



Fort Pitt Division Kids Club is planning for this year's meets to do some different things. First of all, we would like to announce a raffle. We will be selling tickets to win the 2008 National Kids Club OIL CREEK & TITUSVILLE operating boxcar made by The K-Line by Lionel. It will come complete with an envelope cancelled at the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad's RPO Car. Inside the envelope is an article with information about the real Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad, a set of stickers and directions for what you can do with the stickers. What made this car so special is not only is it a scale operating boxcar, but there were only 300 cars and packets made and sold through the National. Tickets will be for sale during division meets at a cost of \$1.00 each. We continue to work towards completion of the 4'x 8' layout, which was started last year. We plan to continue to sell raffle tickets until it is completed. We are looking for some youth and parents to help complete the layout and scenery on it so stop by during the meet, check it out, lend a hand with it and or buy a ticket to win it. Tickets are \$1.00 each. The winner must be under 18 years old. The future plans for our meets this year include bringing back the DOGBONE racetrack and the Kids Club Modular Layout plus whatever else we can fit in. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the various projects not only during a meet, setup and takedown, but before a meet to repair and prepare for a meet. We will have a sign up sheet out during the meets.

Pittsburgh Home and Garden Show 2009

Once again this year, the Fort Pitt Division participated in the Home Show. Though the generous support of division member John Desantis, we were able once again to have a train display at the show. For all of you who missed it, the division was well represented with trains and members. New this year was the Fort Pitt Hi-Railers with their 18' x 68' layout complete with turntable and yard. As in the past, we had the Kids modular layout in a unique 16' x 24' design. Also, we had the switching module by member Dave Klein there to challenge people. Of course, the train drag races were fun for young and old alike. With a show attendance of over 390,000 people, plenty of fun was had by all over the course of the ten days of the show at the David L Lawrence Convention Center. Here are some pictures from this year's show.

We are already making plans for next year's show in early March so if you would like to help out and participate in the activities, please let us know. There is always something to do from running trains to just talking trains with people. And to those members that volunteered this year THANK YOU. We couldn't have done it without you. Those members who volunteered this past year were Ray Ruszkoski, Tony Capozzoli, Jim Burke, Bob Timm, Bill Kusen, Tim Botti and Rick Baugh. Special thanks go to Dave Klein and his family for helping with setup and tear down and all sorts of other work that helped make this year a great success and also to my family for helping in all ways from passing out flyers and talking to the public to just being there for what ever needed done. This is a wonderful way for division members to share the hobby of trains with others and to encourage more people to become involved in trains the TCA and the Fort Pitt Division.

Pittsburgh Home and Garden Show 2010

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!

The Fort Pitt Division needs your help. Once again this year, we are setting up a display at the Pittsburgh Home and Garden Show at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center from Friday, March 5 through Sunday, March 14. We need volunteers to help run the trains and talk to people about trains, the TCA, the Fort Pitt division and the Kids Club. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote interest in the TCA and the hobby we all love, whether collecting or operating, and also to **play with trains**. The show will be open from 10:00 to 10:00 on March 5, 6, March 12 and 13, from 10:00 to 6:00 on March 7, and 14 and from 4:00 to 10:00 on March 8, 9, 10 and 11. We also need people to help set up the display.

We would like to have at least two people at a time to work the area, more than that would be better. The longer days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, we will need more help to man the area. We will break it up into shifts with at least two people working each one. If you have some time and would like to visit the Pittsburgh Home and Garden Show (**yes, you can see the show also**) and talk trains, please let us know.

If you are able to help us out or if you have any questions, about parking or admission to the show, please call Sam Merando at 724-684-6912 or e-mail prmer@earthlink.net or see us at the meets with the times that you would be available and would like to help.

Members Will be Voting on New By-Laws Soon

Not only will you be voting for our new officers in the near future, but also voting to update our By-Laws to current standards. Former Fort Pitt President, Bob Hazlett, headed this committee for almost 3 years and presented the revised document to the Board at the 2009 Convention. The changes place us as an organization in much better legal and tax positions than previously. The changes were accepted unanimously by the national officers and are to be presented on the National Website for your perusal. These changes do not have major impacts on local divisions directly but do have some dates and requirements for the divisions to turn in for National at specific times. Due to all the legal and taxation requirements dictated by the Federal Government, these updates will allow us to meet the designated guidelines that have been enacted since the events of

9-11. Please read through the document and if you have any concerns or questions, call me and discuss them (Rick Baugh- 724-523-2967). If you have no questions, please remember to vote. The security of our tax-exempt status depends on your vote.

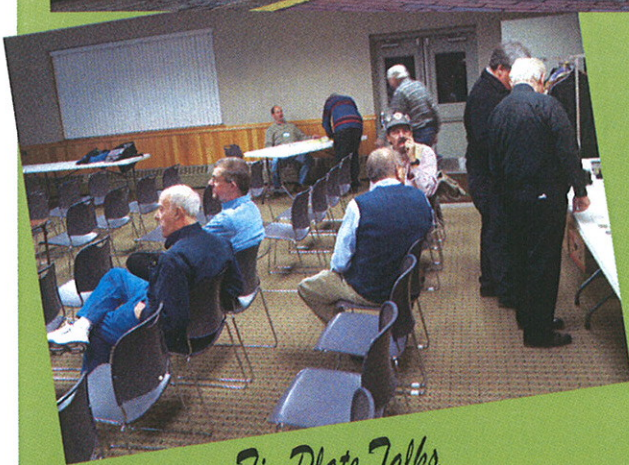


Fellow TCA leaders,
Thanks all for your hard work at the BoD meeting in Phoenix. We accomplished a great deal. I was most pleased at the excellent flow of information and questions concerning our proposed bylaws. Clearly to me all concerns and issues were satisfactorily answered and by the unanimous vote of the BOD, we have a good product to present to the membership for approval. With all the opportunities to review the revised bylaws including the town meeting at spring York, I can't imagine some one voting aye at the meeting and not being soundly supportive of the necessary changes. Please, during your meetings and communications with your members, do everything you can to encourage passage of these critical improvement to our bylaws. These revisions bring us in compliance with all the new rules governing Non-profits as well as those rules created in response to 9/11. If there is anything that needs further explanation, please don't hesitate to contact chairman of the committee Bob Hazlett or any of the committee members.

The revised bylaws are posted on the TCA web site and will be published in the September Headquarters News along with the annual ballot for senior TCA leaders.

Please, please encourage all to vote for the candidate of their choice and to approve the proposed bylaws.

National President Clem Clement



Tin Plate Talks

Tin Plate Talks / Events

To this point there have been no plans for a Tin Plate Talks. Usually the event takes place the same weekend, usually Saturday evening, before our Ft. Pitt Meet.

Our meet schedule is as follows:

September 20, 2009
December 13, 2009
January 31, 2010
Christmas Party
December 4, 2009

Keep checking for more information.

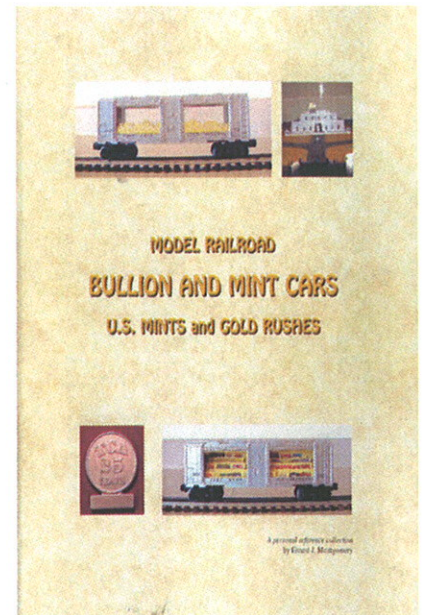
Ernest Montgomery, MD Volunteers a chapter from his book...

About Ernest: My wife and I are proud parents of four sons, four daughters-in-law, and four grand children. We frequently rented a trailer and spent summer vacations in National Parks in both Eastern and Western United States. Following graduation from college, medical school, internship, and general surgical residency I served two years in the military. I returned to Pennsylvania after attaining the rank of Major. I began medical practice primarily as a general surgeon. All but the first five of thirty-five years was in solo practice. My family sustained me with strong understanding and support. In addition, coin collecting and

model railroading were valuable props. In 1979 my first model railroad car merged these pastimes. The car represents a beginning of a specialized collection that is still dynamic and the basis for study.

Retirement in 1997 afforded increased enjoyment of model railroading both at home and surrounding gatherings of collectors. A result is the undertaking of this book.

Origins of railroad cars, mints of the U.S., gold rushes, and contributions by collectors' organizations are contained within the covers of this book.



1998 Commemorative 52158 Monopoly M-0539 Luxury Tax/ Income Tax Mint Car



Catalogued: Uncatalogued

Bullion: Gold

Description on the Car: "PAY 10% OR \$200"

"PAY \$75" followed by a gold ring.

Box: the car came in original orange and off-white Lionel boxes. An orange label is on the fore end flap with a logo of "Monopoly" including the "Chairman of the Board."

"LIONEL ELECTRIC TRAINS"/6-52158 is on a black background. To the right is "624029 MONOPOLY LUXURY TAX/ INCOME TAX MINT CAR/ EASTWOOD AUTOMOBILIA/

Overall color: The colors of paint on the sides are a pleasant blend of dark and pastel green, red, black, gray, and white. A dark green roof extends over the ends. The color scheme parallels the original Monopoly game board.

Lettering: Black

Left Panel: The delightful "Chairman of the Board" is depicted close to the top of the car. The familiar falling backward onto his left wrist while scratching his scalp with his right hand is shown. Further, his top hat is falling away from his scalp. The surprised look on his face upon seeing a hand extending a wad of money toward him makes the scene complete. An inscription of "BUILT BY LIONEL/ 1998" is located near the bottom.

Central Panel: A massive appearing door simulates an entrance into a bank's vault. A vertical bar, a tri-armed handle, and a combination lock are associated with it. A black and white curved "L" Lionel logo is in the center of the panel. It is unique for the reason that it does not appear on any of the other cars in the Reference Collection. The only number found on this car is "M-0539" near the bottom.

Right Panel: Void.

On the Windows: Left: Near the top is "INCOME TAX" (black lettering). Right: Near the top is "LUXURY TAX" (black lettering).

Within each window and near the bottom is the ubiquitous Monopoly logo. It is composed of a horizontal bar with white hands at the top and bottom. "MONOPOLY" within a red background is centrally placed. The top half of the "Chairman of the Board" with his arms uplifted is pointing with a cane in his left hand. He emanates from the center of an "O". Lastly, a diminutive bar is surrounded by a white border on a red background. Within "LIONEL ELECTRIC TRAINS" in black lettering is seen.

Ends: Large porthole openings are seen at each end covered by grates. On one end is semblance of a valve penetrated by a black Phillips flat-headed screw. A black placard is above. At the opposite end is a circular brake handle with spokes. It is made of black plastic. It is fixed. A small platform is subjacent.

Coin Slot: Present.

Supporting Plate: An imprint of "LIONEL L.L.C./CHESTERFIELD, MI 46051-2493/MADE IN THE U.S.A." in black is on the metallic bottom of the car.

Comments: The 1998 M-0539 *Monopoly Luxury Tax/ Income Tax Mint Car* is placed in CATEGORY VIII: ALLIED LIONEL BULLION CARS because it has no association with an actual or fantasy mint.

A History of the 1998 Commemorative 52158 Monopoly M-0539 Luxury Tax/ Income Tax Mint Car:

Lionel was commissioned to provide a set of four cars relative to the venerable game of Monopoly by the firm of "Eastwood Automobilia" in 1998. A contract was agreed to for fifteen hundred sets. Eastwood sent a pre-production postal flyer containing pictures of the four anticipated cars to its clientele. A subscription offer was extended for the purchase of the set but none of the cars was available for purchase as a lone entity. The four are: 1. 6-52158 Monopoly Mint Car

2. 6-52159 Monopoly Electric Company Flatcar

3. 6-52160 Monopoly Water Works Tank Car

4. 6-52161 Monopoly SP-type Caboose

Fruition came in early 1999 and the set quickly sold out.

The Monopoly cars in the reference collection were purchased on the secondary market from Eastwood Automobilia at a York, Pennsylvania train meet less than a year after manufacturing.



Little River Railroad 4-6-2 No.110 approaching west Main Street.



Two of the 0-4-0 T saddle tankers on July 23rd.

Brand-new 4-4-0 No. 63, "Leviathan", an 1860-era replica of the Central Pacific's 4-4-0, built from scratch over a nine year period.



The Steam Railroading Institute, located in Owosso, Michigan, sponsored "Train Festival 2009" July 23-26. Eight live steam engines were at Owosso for the occasion, which included an interesting variety of sizes and wheel arrangements. Steam-powered excursions were run out of Owosso each day, which were an all-day trip over the former Ann Arbor RR northwest to Alma, Michigan, 39 miles, and short one-hour trips over the former Michigan Central line to Henderson, about six miles. Three night photo sessions were conducted, all of which were illuminated by fixed lighting instead of the usual flashes from strobe equipment. All of the steam excursions were sold out, and attendance at the four day event was reportedly estimated at 36,000.

Here are some of the photos I took during the event which I thought you would like to see.

Alex Mayes



A scaled-down version of N&W J No. 611.



Nickel Plate Berkshire No. 765 accelerates.

2009 TCA Fort Pitt Division Budget

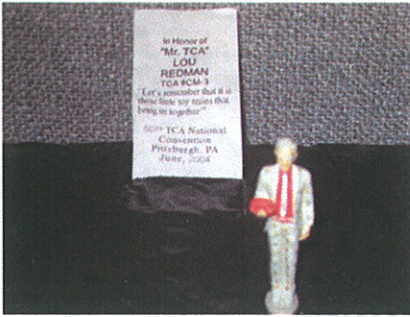
Income

Dues	\$ 6,400	
Heinz Cars	\$ 4,000	
Book Sets	\$ 1,200	
Meets	\$35,000	
Raffles	\$ 500	
Total Revenue		<u>\$47,100</u>

Expenses

Advertising	\$ 5,500	
Audit Expenses	\$ 1,300	
Credit Card Fees	\$ 125	
Christmas Party	\$ 1,600	
Kid's Club	\$ 600	
Lockon	\$ 2,500	
Mailing Labels	\$ 700	
Meets	\$18,000	
Miscellaneous	\$ 300	
Office/Admin	\$ 100	
Hi-Railers	\$ 1,000	
Postage	\$ 5,000	
Printing	\$ 6,000	
Tinplate Talks	\$ 700	
Historian	\$ 100	
Awards	\$ 200	
Summer Outing	\$ 100	
Total Expenses		<u>\$43,825</u>

Revenue vs. Expenses \$ 3,175



Convention Lou Redman Figure. An actual Lionel SKU # assigned to this piece. Only 20 remain at \$25.00 each.



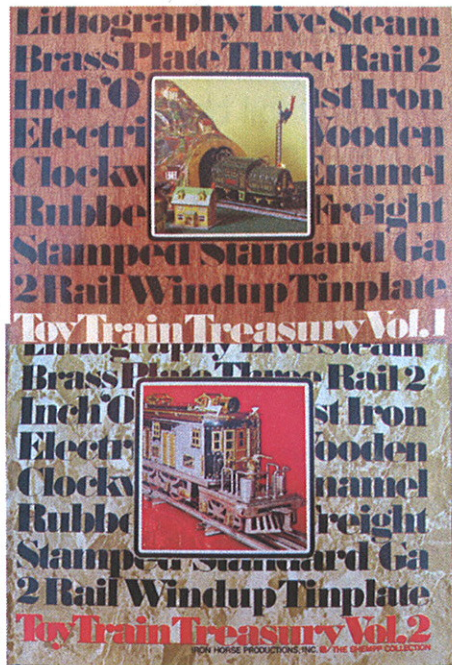
Heinz Red-Striped Reefer made by K-line. Only 126 Remain at \$40.00 each.



50th Anniversary Banquet Mint Car with Coin. Only 33 remain at \$200.00 each.



Banquet Plate with gold lettering. There are some Left at \$10.00 each.



Vol. 1 and Vol. 2 of the Toy Train Treasury. Plenty of these, so you get both for \$ 12.00.



MTH Banquet Slag Car...Rarest of the rare...only 250 made. 200 given as table gift, others to museum, National Board. None to Fort Pitt Member/workers. There are only 6 left at \$250.00 so if you have to have one...don't wait.



Reproduction of the 1934 American Flyer Catalog. Only 30 are left at \$ 12.00 each.

A 10-12 pack of original mint Lionel catalogs from past years for \$ 5.00 a package. (mostly 70's)

There are also Angela Trotta-Thomas prints and artist proofs available at \$ 25.00 for each print and \$ 50.00 for each artist proof.

We are cleaning out our inventory, which is a great opportunity to add some very rare items to your collection at reduced prices. Each of the items above is priced at less than their values. If you order, and pick-up at the next Fort Pitt meet there will be no shipping charges. Use the form, mail your order, and check made out to Fort Pitt TCA to: Richard Baugh 708 Scott Street Penn, PA 15675 Envelopes will be numbered and orders will be filled in the order they are received. No exceptions. The form is on page 13.

TCA Warehouse Sale Form

—	Angela Trotta Thomas Prints	@ \$25.00	_____
—	Angela Trotta Thomas Proofs	@ \$50.00	_____
—	Lou Redman Lionel Figures	@ \$25.00	_____
—	Banquet Plates	@ \$10.00	_____
—	Banquet Mint Car w/coin	@ \$200.00	_____
—	Banquet Slag Car (rare)	@ \$250.00	_____
—	Heinz Red-Striped Reefer	@ \$40.00	_____
—	1934 Repro American Flyer	@ \$12.00	_____
—	Toy Train Treasury Set	@ \$12.00	_____
—	10-12 Assorted Lionel Catalogs	@ \$ 5.00	_____

Total \$_____

Send a check made out to Fort Pitt TCA. Please include your TCA number in the memo. The orders will be filled as they are received and will be delivered to the next meet. Send to:

Rick Baugh
708 Scott Street
Penn. PA 15675

Future Newsletter Information: We are asking that you respond to this survey, please. Respond by either E-mail to baughr@penntrafford.org or via post to Rick Baugh 708 Scott Street Penn, PA 15675

I would like to receive electronic versions of meet notices and news letter which would save Fort Pitt about \$ 6000.00 per year. My E-mail Address is _____.

I would like to continue to receive the LockOn and meet notices via Post. I understand that this may increase my Local dues.

The Lock-on is looking for articles / stories to be printed. These do not have to be professionally written. I would like to challenge you, the members, to write a short article about:

My earliest memories of trains as I was growing up.

How my family celebrated the Holiday Season with trains.

Write an article about what you like to collect.

How you found acquired that "Special Find" in your collection.

Send the article to:

Rick Baugh at 708 Scott Street Penn, PA 15675 or baughr@penntrafford.org

Keep your eyes on the lookout for persons interested in selling trains, **STOLEN TRAINS!**

Dear Rick:

In early August 2009 I returned from vacation to find that both my train shop and my residence (2 separate buildings) had been burglarized. This is a partial list of some easily identifiable items that were taken that are somewhat unique.

#248 red electric pre-war engine---solid brass wheels on engine made by father, engine, passenger cars and freight cars were in original set box, box rubber stamped with "outfit # 1.

#773 Hudson steam engine w/diecast tender---engine and tender were professionally repainted for Southern Pacific Railroad, pale green w/red roof on engine and Southern Pacific in yellow/gold. this was an older repaint as the paint has lost a lot of its luster, very nicely done paint job.

#773 Hudson----engine only, the thieves left behind the tender

Century Club Steam Turbine engine only, the thieves left behind the tender. This engine was run once. and is in the original box, minus the tender.

Lionel Construction set----brand new in box, a very cheap set that I have not seen at any meet.

#226E steam engine w/ three Blue Comet cars---this is a hard to find combination, engine and cars are easily found separately, no boxes

This is not a complete list! These are just a few items that are easily identifiable and if seen may lead to the recovery of the rest of the items.

If you should see any of these items offered for sale it may lead to finding the rest of the trains that were stolen.

Please contact: Bill Trushel, 600 Rochester Road, Pittsburgh PA 15237 or call 412/366-7182 or [e-mail---w.trushel@att.net](mailto:w.trushel@att.net) or contact the Ross Township Police Department, case # 09-12310.

Thank-you, Bill



Fort Pitt TCA Summer Outing to the Western Maryland Scenic



When we arrived, we found 35-40 speeders lined up for an excursion from Cumberland to Frostburg.



The engine and tender prepared for our trip, 10,000 gallons of water in the engine alone.



We had about 60 Fort Pitt members and guests ride in this beautifully restored parlor car. Yes it was air-conditioned...one way!

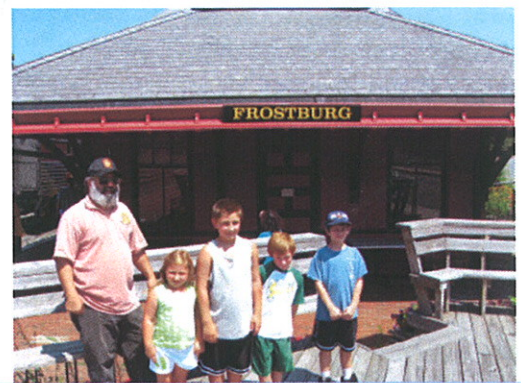


ABOVE At Frostburg Station, we posed for a group picture.

BELOW We could not let the Kid's Club Members go unnoticed.



You really don't get to see this very often..an engine on the operating turntable. Cool!



We are currently thinking about our next outing. Possibly a bus trip to either the Altoona area or possibly south for a Budcar ride. Keep this in mind because both trips include wonderful layouts to visit. More information is to come.

Fort Pitt Division of the TCA

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I was told they were the last two available from the company and that the company had no more sets. In the short interval of time the individual mint car had a selling price greater than 60% of the original cost for the set of four. However, as in the case of the 1998 Commemorative 6-19660 "Lionelville Bank and Trust Armored Mint Car" and the Commemorative 6-19682 Alaska Klondike Mining Car I have arbitrarily limited classification of mint cars to those that have a relationship to either a genuine or imaginary mint. Thus the Monopoly car is listed here in CATEGORY VIII. The Eastwood packaging boxes are labeled: 6-

52158/MLR MINT CAR - MONOPOLY/SHOP ORDER 047227/11/20/98 in black. In addition, "50625 RICHARD W. BLVD./CHESTERFIELD, MI 48051-2493 is stamped on the boxes in red ink. Within the packaging box each car was in a celluloid bag within a standard orange and off-white Lionel box. Mention has been made by some that the cars came in boxes with consecutive numbers. This is not so with the cars in the reference collection and I have been unable to verify other boxes showing it. One of the two packaging boxes of the reference cars has a black imprint of "13278" on the one side and bottom. The numeral "2" is weak but identifiable.



Ernest J. Montgomery, M.D. and his Golf Car

A second set of four Monopoly cars was manufactured for Eastwood. They are entirely different and none is a bullion or mint car. Eastwood Automobilia is no longer involved in the model railroad business.