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To preserve an important segment of history - Tinsplate Toy Trains
Through research, the establishment of collecting standards, education, community outreach and fellowship, and to promote the growth and enjoyment of the hobby.

Terminus Chapter Puts On a Couple of Great Events.

Well, we pulled up our boot straps and put on a good show. The May meet at the VFW was a great success and the Open House was a very pleasant day as well. As we settle into the hot summer season, we move our activities inside. What better way to spend some time than playing trains with some friends. Call up a buddy, and go play trains! Please enjoy the read! Comments welcome.

TERMINUS CHAPTER NEWS

T-C AT THE AUGUST 8TH GOLDEN SPIKE SHOW

Members of the T-C will have a table at the Spike show. We will be promoting TCA and the toy trains we love. Come stop by and join us.

T-C ACWORTH MEET A SUCCESS

T-C christened the new venue for our meets, the VFW in Acworth. It was a good show.. ~ Page 3

OPEN HOUSE RECAP

Bob Smith made it a special day for all who attended his Open House. Read all about it. ~ Page 5

'IN-TRAINING' WITH RICK HEMER

Rick takes a closer look at some of the items on the Display Table at the May meet. ~ Page 6

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAIN SHOWS

A full list of area train shows and events. ~ Page 7

Also, the registration form for the Sept Meet is included!

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Next T-C Train Meet: Sept 26th 2015



Some of the gems at the May 23rd T-C Train Meet.



Join fellow TCA members for all the fun, camaraderie and new treasures found at a TCA sponsored train meet!





The Prez Sez...

As I write this installment of my President's message, I can reflect on the events of this

past two months. First, your Terminus Chapter Train Meet in Acworth, and second, the fine Open House at Bob Smith's. Two great events for sure.

But before we get to that, I must apologize for the slight delay in the newsletter getting out to you. I wish I had a better reason, but I have been fighting some cancer related back pain again and it has led to me starting treatments. So I lost a few good days for writing.

T-C OFFICER NOMINATIONS STILL OPEN

As you should know, Bob Kettel is chairing the nominations committee for this term of officers. With the current vacancy of Treasurer, he will accept nominees for elected positions until August 1st. Contact Bob for more info at: RobertKettel@gmail.com

Bob plans to now present the slate of officers in the next newsletter. We will then have the election at the September meet. If for some reason you can not attend the Sept. meet and would like to vote, please let us know and we will certainly do what we can to accommodate your vote.

As an effort to make things better for our next Treasurer (it could be you) I have been working on updating the way we keep track of the business end. Now, I am no accountant so I couldn't do this alone. So, Mike Brown, who is a professional numbers guy, has been

helping me get this in line. Many thanks to him for taking the time to help the chapter out. I think I owe him a cigar.

T-C TRAIN MEET AT VFW #5408

The big announcement at the business meeting was the attempt to make these meets cost less for the membership. The goal is to have members pay only \$3 to enter the show, \$5 for a non-member guest and still \$7 for the public. All tables will be \$15 with no registration fee for table holders. We still offer the buy 3 tables get the 4th table free. If you think about it, you will be able to attend all 3 of our train meets in a year for less than you would pay for lunch at the local burger joint. How can you not go now?

Many thanks to all involved for making this meet a success. Not only the obvious people such as Tommie Turner, Bill Frey, Dave Rodgers, Rick Hemer and Bob Kettel for the planning, execution and manning the registration desk. But more to Parker Wain for printing the show flyers and new train show signs. Ed Chellino for placing those signs out on the streets. My son Travis for providing the PA system, music and some much needed heavy lifting. And to all the members who showed up early and helped with the set-up, and who stayed to clean up.

This meet was the first at this venue and was not without its surprises. The tables were set up differently than we thought, so the original table plan was thrown out the window. But we made it work and the result was worth it. Thanks to Tom Jaworowski for giving up a table to make it work, we owe you one Tom.



The old roller skating rink proved to be very spacious for us. The lighting was good throughout, except where the S-gauge group was set up, but I think they were going for the dusk look anyway! There were good reviews about the snack bar. Many who sampled the food were happy with the result. It was nice to have that option.

T-C PLANS OPEN HOUSE

Bob Smith's Open House was yet another great success. Bob hosted about 40 people for the afternoon. They were not disappointed by the trains, food, drinks or fellowship. I know I had a great time. We thank Bob, and his wife Jane, for generously opening up their home to the membership. We are making plans for more open houses. Stay tuned.

Thanks for reading this again, I hope I have brought some joy into your day. Enjoy the newsletter!



President,
Terminus Chapter

Your President and Vice-President manning the front desk, (in)competently doing the job of one man. We miss you Mac!



The large room of VFW Post 5408, a roller-rink in past life, had plenty of space for the wheels on our trains.



Les Livingston was the person behind our new meet location. Thanks Les!



Terminus Chapter's Train Show

MAY 23RD, 2015 ~ ACWORTH, GA

~Arno Baars

The T-C held its first meet at the Acworth VFW hall, a new location for us, and to say it was successful would be an huge understatement. Many members were in attendance and a healthy amount of public walked thru the door as well. We had nearly 50 non-member attendees, which is the most we have seen in many years. Many thanks to the members who distributed show flyers around the area as this led to the increase. Let's all help grow that number. Bring a friend to the next show, or maybe a member who has not attended one of our shows for a while. I think they will enjoy it and maybe go home with a train or two!

We used all 67 tables available for members to peddle their wares. Lots of trains were available in all shapes and sizes. There were also 2 operating layouts, lots of door prizes and a snack bar!

I saw many leave with new purchases. More importantly, the members had a good time whether selling, buying or just talking trains. To me, that's made this train meet such a huge success.



Door Prize Winners:

Nick Dalba
Jonathan Lathbury
Mike Yudiskas
Roger Branka
Barry Lewis
Philip Denslow

Grand Prize Winner:

Tommie Turner



Bob Lacheen and crew set up the Atlantic S-gauge Club module display.



Tommie Turner was happy to win the Grand Prize at the meet, an MTH Rail King work caboose and crane.



Andy Mays was there to sell trains and toys. He brought enough of them for sure.



They start 'em young on Roger Branka's layout.



Nick Dalba (r) with his door prize winnings.



Armand DeAmbrosio takes a break from searching.



Lots of trains to choose from. All sizes, shapes and colors.



Stephanie Armstrong and her sister selling some of her Dad's trains to Mike Yudiskis.



Bob's train room was a big hit with the visitors. Bob believes in operating and he does so with 10 trains at once!



Three generations of Smith's.

Bob Smith Gives Back

OPEN HOUSE RECAP ~ JUNE 13TH, 2015

A GREAT AFTERNOON RUNNING TRAINS

It was a beautiful, sunny, hot day. One that you might expect beginning this time of year. But it was far from that in Bob Smith's train room. Bob isn't all about trains either. Sure, trains were the major draw, but Bob also has a bunch of model cars, trucks, planes, boats and ships displayed around the basement area. Quite the array of transportation vehicles.

Bob is an true operator. He does not have trains hiding in their boxes under the layout. They are either running on the

50's-gone-modern themed layout or even a few adorn the walls. But if he doesn't use it, he gives it up. Simple as that.

There were about 40 guests that took advantage of Bob's hospitality. Some from the T-C and others from the North Atlanta O-Gauge Club. A good meld of people with all sorts of train stories to share.

Bob also provided a fine spread of food and a plethora of drinks for all to enjoy, and they did. Bob was a great host and we look forward to doing it again sometime soon. Thanks Bob.



Philip DiTrollo gets the inside scoop from Bob Smith.



The Display Table

IN-TRAINING ~ WITH RICK HEMER

The Display Table is the place where members are encouraged to bring trains and/or related items to our T-C meets, to be put on display for all to enjoy. These items are not for sale. We ask everyone to look all they want but please don't touch unless you have permission from the owner. Some members may be hesitant to bring their prized items, but if we all follow these simple rules, we all can feel safe bringing those special pieces. The goal is to make our T-C meets better by allowing us to see and show those items that normally would never leave their owners house. What will you bring to share?

The display table theme for the May 23rd meet was Georgia railroads and/or railroads that ran in Georgia. Here are just a few of the interesting beauties that your fellow members brought to share with you.

- A neat "shorty" passenger car that was designed to run on small diameter 2-rail track. It features a single 6-wheel truck, metal body and GEORGIA & SOUTHERN livery. We are not 100% sure, but believe this small passenger car was manufactured by The Brass Works in the 1940's or 50's.
~ Dave Rodgers 05-59173

- Three custom painted O-gauge freight cars: GEORGIA RAILROAD boxcar, SAVANNAH & ATLANTA boxcar and GEORGIA gondola
~ Dave Rodgers 05-59173

- Nice American Flyer S-Gauge SOUTHERN CRESCENT Hudson Steam Locomotive #1401 and matching lighted caboose #916. These one of a kind custom assembled and painted pieces were made by the former A.C. Gilbert American Flyer Authorized Service Station Repairman, "Doc"

Robert Navarre, of Buchanan, GA back in the 1990s ~ Bill Frey 10-65568

- Rare prewar Dorfan diecast signal. While not strictly Southern, it is green
~ Bill Frey 10-65568

- Huge standard gauge #1108 SOUTHERN locomotive & tender made by Classic Model Corp circa 1977
~ Arno Baars 92-35012

- A nice SOUTHERN RAILWAY Headrest cover ~ Andy Mays 92-36507

- 100 year old O-gauge Ives #67539 ATLANTIC COAST LINE boxcar
~ Rick Hemer 98-48434

- GEORGIA RR Maintenance Limit sign ~ Dave Rodgers 05-59173

- An original SOUTHERN RAILWAY warning poster, probably from the 60's
~ Dave Rodgers 05-59173



Future Events & Train Meets

~ CLICK THE SHOW NAME FOR MORE INFO ~

GOLDEN SPIKE MODEL TRAIN SHOW

August 8th • 9am-4pm
North Atlanta Trade Center • Norcross GA

DIXIE DIVISION TCA MEET

August 29th • 9am-1pm
Catoosa Colonnade • Ringgold GA

RIDES & RAILS

September 19th • 11am-5pm
Fleur de Lis Farm • Moreland GA

TERMINUS CHAPTER TCA MEET

September 26th • 9am-2pm
V.F.W. Post #5408 • Acworth GA

MANCHESTER RAILROAD DAYS TRAIN SHOW

October 17th • 9am-4pm
Manchester Mill • Manchester GA

EASTERN DIV. TCA YORK MEET

October 22nd-24th • York PA

TERMINUS CHAPTER TCA HOLIDAY MEET

December 5th • 9am-2pm
American Legion, Post #201 • Alpharetta GA



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TOY AND MODEL TRAIN SWAP MEET

SEPT 26RD 2015

V.F.W. POST #5408

4764 Cobb Parkway NW | Acworth, GA 30101

Operating Train Layouts

**New and Antique
Toy & Model Trains**

Parts • Appraisals



ADMISSION:
General Public - \$7.00/person
TCA Members - \$3.00/person
Children ages 16 and under are FREE

**Show Hours: 9am-2pm
OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC**

Note: No trading or selling outside the meet hall. Table holders are asked to abide by the show hours and not leave early so all patrons can be served. Attendees agree to comply with all rules and regulations of the TCA.



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FROM:
TERMINUS CHAPTER • TCA
1401 Hopedale Ct.
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

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MAIL TO:
Member
4321 First Street
Anytown, State ZIP





TERMINUS CHAPTER TCA TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET

VFW POST 5408 IN ACWORTH, GA

DATE CHANGE FOR THIS MEET, NEW DATE:

Sept 26, 2015 • 9:00 - 2:00

(set-up Sat. 7am-9am, Business Meeting 9am)

Admission: \$3 for TCA Members ~ \$5 for TCA Members Guests

\$7 for the General Public ~ Children ages 16 and under are FREE

V.F.W. Post 5408 • 4764 Cobb Pkwy NW, Acworth, GA 30101

Directions From ATLANTA:

I-75N to EXIT 277, turn LEFT onto GA-92S. Turn RIGHT in .3MI & follow GA-92S.
Drive 3.7MI & turn RIGHT onto US-41N/COBB PARKWAY & VFW is 2.2MI on RIGHT.

Directions From CHATTANOOGA:

I-75S to EXIT 285 & turn RIGHT onto RED TOP MOUNTAIN RD SE. Take 1st RIGHT in .3MI & follow
RED TOP MOUNTAIN RD. Turn LEFT onto US-41N/COBB PKWY & VFW is 5.5MI on LEFT.

All Table Holders Eligible for a \$50 Cash Prize

TO GUARANTEE YOUR TABLE(S), PLEASE MAIL
COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

Table Reservation Deadline:
Sept 21, 2015

Tommie Turner
1401 Hopedale Ct.
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

For Info on Event, call 770-339-4246



**Bring Your UNION PACIFIC
Item for the Display Table!!**



Please Make Check Payable to: TERMINUS CHAPTER-TCA

NAME _____ TCA# _____ - _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE# (____) _____ - _____

☐ 8' Tables - buy 3 get 4th FREE! Qty _____ (x) \$15.⁰⁰ \$ _____

☐ I will wear my Terminus Chapter badge

☐ Request my table(s) next to: _____

☐ Spouse ☐ Child (free admittance) _____

All table requests must be accompanied by payment. Tables are sold on a 1st come, 1st served basis.
Reserve your tables online at: www.dixiedivisiontca.com/registration-terminus-chapter