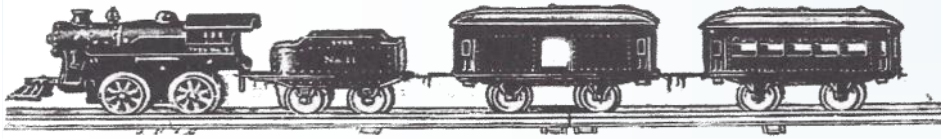


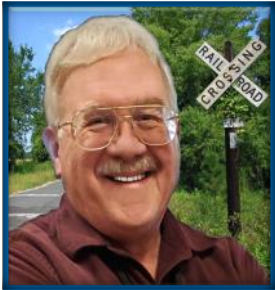
# Virginia Train Collectors Association



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## President's Side Track By Wayne Antoniazzi



Greetings all! Well, where did February go? It seems like it just began and now it's over! Well then, on to business.

First off, I hope everyone enjoyed Russ Dolbear's presentation on pre-war, that's Pre-FIRST World War Lionel's at the January meeting. Honestly I can't say I'm particularly excited by ancient Lionels but Russ's presentation was top-notch, humorous, extremely well-done and held my interest from beginning to end, a great show! Well done, Russ! And thanks! And I hope everyone enjoyed the 'Mini-Meet!' A great idea on Russell Youens part!

Our next Meeting is **Thursday, March 16th Meeting** at *different location at Westchester Commons, 153 Perimeter Dr, Midlothian*

(Between Target & Office Max), in the same place as the Spring Train Show. The featured presenter at is **Doug Riddell**, former Amtrak Engineer, and Author of **2 Auto Train books!** I'm sure you all know what the Auto Train is and would like to know more about it. Personally, I remember the original Auto Train passing through the Marine base at Quantico, VA on the RF&P when I was stationed there in the mid-1970s and it was quite a sight to see roaring through the base! So I'm looking forward to Doug's presentation and so should you. **Please bring examples of Amtrak Auto Train Engines & Cars** (all gauges) to the meeting, so we can enjoy the Model train versions represented through the years. While we really want to enjoy your company at the meeting, you can also watch the program **LIVE** on our Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/VirginiaTrainCollectors](http://www.facebook.com/VirginiaTrainCollectors). You need a Facebook account to watch and it will just show-up on our page when it starts about 7:15pm, or watch any of our program videos later at your convenience. By the way, there'll be no March 'Mini Train Meet' before the meeting.

Last month we sent Emails & Postcards to announce our **SPRING TRAIN SHOW, March 18-19, 2023** also at **153 Perimeter Dr.** I'll leave it to our Events Director, *Russell Youens*, to give out the pertinent details in his **'All Aboard'** column (Page 3) but I will say this, **Volunteers are Welcome (MORE than Welcome)** for **TABLE SET-UP** at **Noon on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. As this is the first big show since last fall I'm really looking forward to it. So come along and bring a friend! *Spread the 'gospel'*, I'll be there helping with a few others, but ALL are Welcome. Get with Russell ([jryouens@verizon.net](mailto:jryouens@verizon.net) 702-467-7550) for duties and please remember *'Many Hands make Quick Work!'* Don't think you aren't needed, you certainly are!



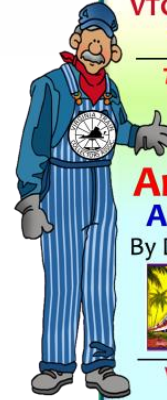
We are up to EIGHT promised articles for another publication of our VTCA **'OBSERVATION'** magazine, but as stated before we need a minimum of **TEN varied ARTICLES** to make it happen. We're almost there, but not quite. And as said, any articles pertaining to toy trains, all Gauges, all Makes, all Models, all Operating Systems, all aspects and all Eras up to and including the present (Modern & 3D printing) are welcome! So step up folks, I know you're out there and you've got it in you. And don't we all like to brag JUST a little about what we've got? (contact me at [jer-seynuke@gmail.com](mailto:jer-seynuke@gmail.com)).



And a brief plug for the **VTCA 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 'Virginia Heritage' Club Cars**. They are on-hand and can be purchased at the upcoming meeting, Spring Train Show or at Tiny Tim's Trains & Toys in Ashland, by phone (804-368-0063) or by mail (Form **Page 5**) & on our website under the Marketplace Tab. *I've got mine, how about you?* Remember, as with all special-run Club Cars there's a limited amount and once they're sold out there will be no more of that item, so don't hesitate and miss out. This is an easy acquisition of a one-of-a-kind collectible and a great way to support the club.

The **Next Newsletter** will be in **May**, along with our next Meeting featuring **Ray Bruce** and **Lay-out Scenery** techniques. Until then, Happy Easter and enjoy the Spring Weather!

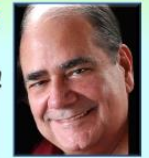
*That's all for now. See you at the Meeting and at the Show!*



**VTCA Membership Meeting**  
**Thurs, Mar 16, 2023**

**7:00pm Membership Meeting**  
**7:15pm Meeting Program**  
*(program also LIVE-Streamed on VTCA Facebook Page)*

**Amtrak's AutoTrain**  
By Doug Riddell!



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### VTCA Spring Train Show

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April 20-23, York, PA  
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## Please Take Me Home With You!" Wayne Antoniazzi



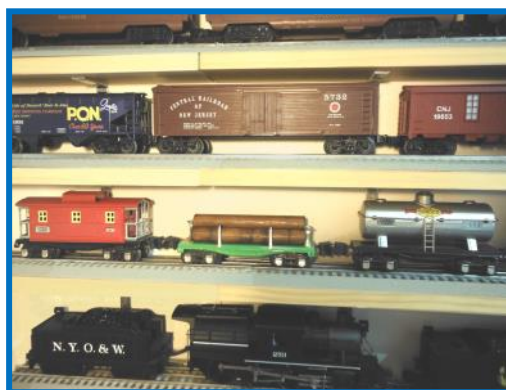
Well, there I was doing a walk-through at our Charlottesville show, looking around to see if there was anything I might be interested in and adding to the collection. Have you ever heard a "voice" as you passed by a table, just something that made you stop and take a look? Well, it happened to me.

### "Please take me home with you!"

Huh? Well I started looking at an exhibitor's display and there it was in all its gunmetal glory, a pre-war Lionel 259e, and with a tank car, a flat car, and a caboose along with it, and in nearly new condition!

Now honestly I'm not particularly interested in pre-war tinplate. I'm not a rivet-counter by any means but I like my trains to look as authentic as reasonably possible, toylike trains don't interest me, but that 259e and its consist caught my attention, the thing was as cute as a button! Not only did it say **"Please take me home with you!"** once, but every time I walked past it. "Hmmm" I said to myself, "I'll think about it."

Now there was a LOT of good stuff at the show, a number of things I might have picked up but that voice didn't stop.



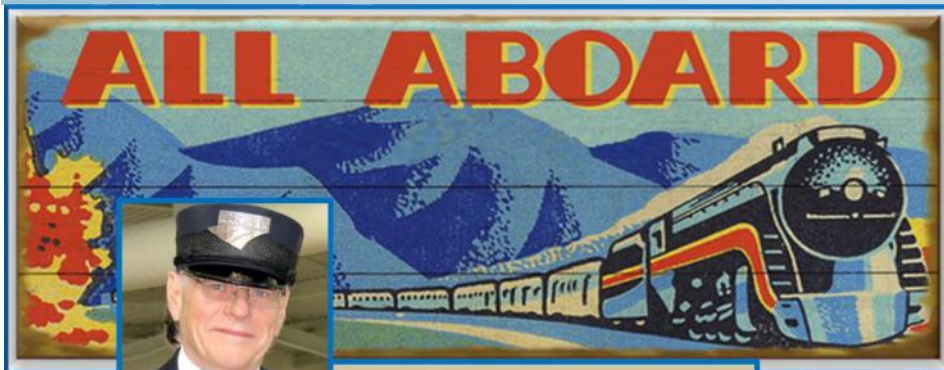
**"Please take me home with you!"** OK, why fight it? I bought it!

You know something? I've really gotten attached to the thing! I had a ball running it on the layout! I even set up a mini-layout around a small Christmas tree on the dining room table to run the 259e

around! And since she's into 1930's nostalgia the wife likes it too!

I'm glad I listened to the voice! How often do you get to **'Party like it's 1939?'**





Russell Youens *Events Director*



### SPRING TRAIN SHOW

#### Outdoor Kiddie Train Ride

(Saturday Only 11am-2pm) will take show participants and their kids from the show location across to the **River City 3 Railers** modular showroom, which is only one block down from the show. The price of the train ride will be included in the show ticket, and parent (s) must accompany children under 12. EVERYONE will have to have a ticket to ride. *Thanks to the RC3Rs for helping with this event.*

### Summer Tidewater Show

We are thrilled to put this show back on the calendar for **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** at **Nansemond Academy** (3373 Pruden Blvd, Suffolk, VA) . We are excited to see all our Tidewater Members & Guests and encourage your participation. *Details to follow in the May newsletter.*

It looks as if winter has passed us by, so we are moving forward with our annual **SPRING TRAIN SHOW**, again at *Westchester Commons*, **March 18-19, 2023**. This time we have been moved to a bigger venue very close to the other site, at **153 Perimeter Dr, Midlothian** next to the *Office Max* store. I am expecting 100 selling tables and 2 working layouts presented by the **River City 3 Railers** and the **Silver Rail Club**.

**FOOD SERVICE** - both Saturday (pizza & drinks) and Sunday (hot dogs & drinks). Morning coffee and donuts will be available both days. There is a nominal charge for this and it helps offset the cost of the show. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

**TABLE SET UP** - will begin on **Thursday at noon** and if you have some free time and muscles, help would be greatly appreciated even if to set up chairs. Sellers can do Early Set-up on **Friday** beginning at **Noon till 5pm**, and again early **Saturday 7-9am**.

**HOURS** - Show will run Saturday from **9am till 4pm**, and Sunday **9am till 3pm**. Please plan on staying till the end of both days as we expect a large crowd of Train Enthusiasts. The shopping center has already put up our big entrance Banners and all stores have been provided with Posters and we are having new Yard Signs printed. Again, Word-of-Mouth is our best advertisement and I encourage you to tell your friends and neighbors about our show. We look forward to seeing all our Club Members and Guests in Mid-March.

*Keep on track for a Great Train Year !*

## Spring Train Show & Sale

**March 18-19, 2023 Sat 9-4, Sun 9-3**  
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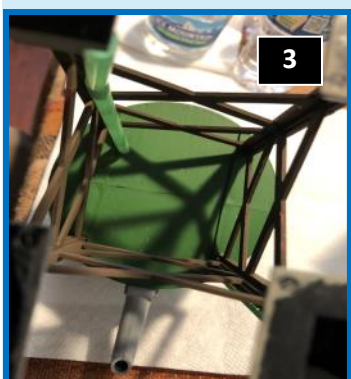
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## Marx Water Tower Rehab by James Cox



This Marx Water Tower **Photo 1** has been part of our toy train collection since 1957. For years I have wanted to modify it to make it more lifelike. For instance, there was no visible way for water to get up into that nice large cylindrical water tank! Also, the colors did not seem quite right, and the shiny plastic tank legs and base seemed kind of hokey to me. Nevertheless, I love this Water Tower, with its memories of childhood fun at every Christmas during the whole stretch of Christmas vacation, with the 4'x8' layout board taken down from its spot leaning against the corner bedroom wall and installed in its proper place between the door to the hall and the two twin beds. The back of the train board was painted to match the bedroom wall, and was not at all noticeable during the school year when there was little time for trains.



In **Photo 2** you can see the newly painted Water Tank. The legs are still shiny plastic, but this old Water Tower looks much more lifelike than before, with its Vallejos Flat Green paint job on the tank and Vallejos Sky Gray on the top lending realism to the scene.

In an effort to add more realism to this old Marx Water Tower, I then painted its legs and bracing with Vallejos Chocolate Brown to lend a rustic air to this rural steam era structure **Photo 3**. By then I had also painted the ladder to match the Water Tank.

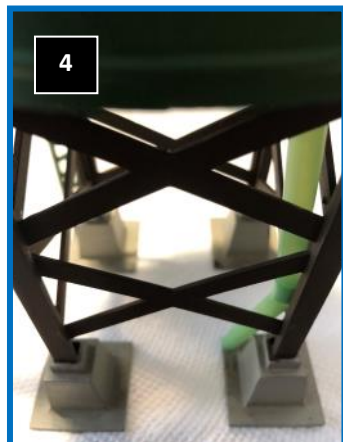
To take care of the problem of depicting the water supply pipe, I installed a soda straw **Photo 4** between the tank and the ground and painted it flat green.



In this photo, the new paint scheme **Photo 5** helps this water tower look right at home on our layout in progress. The water supply pipe is visible.

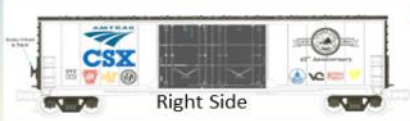
I replaced the soda straw water supply pipe with a carefully painted cardboard tube **Photo 6** cut from a paper towel center cardboard tube. This represented Water Tower design for more northern climates or for water towers at a higher elevation **Photo 7**.

This was the last step in my kit bashing project for this venerable Marx steam era railroad Water Tower.

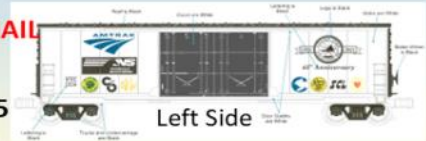




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## VTCA is Another Word for Friendship!

By **Curtis Hofstetter** 82-331

I have said this before: Our **VTCA membership is more than just buying and selling trains!** When I walked into the building at Westchester Commons for our January meeting, I received many friendly greetings. **I felt like a kid again**, joking & laughing. Where else can you spend a few hours with so many friends who like trains as much as you do?



We had all gathered to enjoy **Russ Dolbear's Pre-War Lionel Train** Presentation. Russ did not disappoint us.

Anytime Russ shares his train collecting knowledge with his matchless enthusiasm, *it's always Fun!*

Sitting among new and longtime friends, I was grateful we could all attend and have fun. We are grateful that our friend Russ Dolbear is healthy & gave us another of his entertaining presentations.

**I wasn't the only one feeling like a kid last evening!** Bob Buehler walked up and handed me a trolley he had just picked up that afternoon in Harrisonburg, VA. I believe you will agree that **VTCA Membership is another word for Friendship!**

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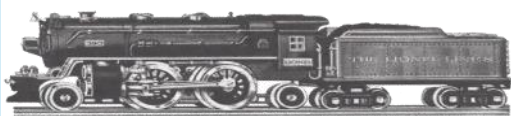
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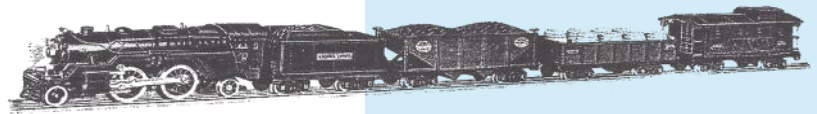
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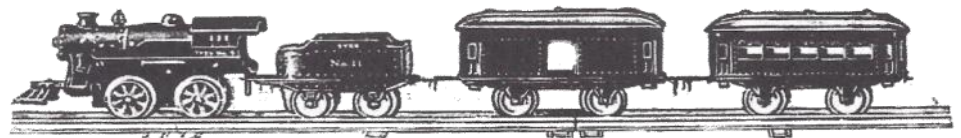
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## VTCA Meetings & Events

- Mar 16** - Doug Riddell's Auto Train
  - Mar 18-19** - Spring MIDLOTHIAN Show
  - May 18** - Ray Bruce Scenery
  - Aug 5** - Summer SUFFOLK Train Show
  - Sept 9** - Annual Picnic
- Meetings at Westchester Commons  
Perimeter Rd, Midlothian, VA

*Train Collections are like 4 Leaf Clovers, Hard to Find, Lucky to have!*



Stay Up-to-Date with VTCA on **Facebook** and our club website [VaTrainCollectors.com](http://VaTrainCollectors.com)

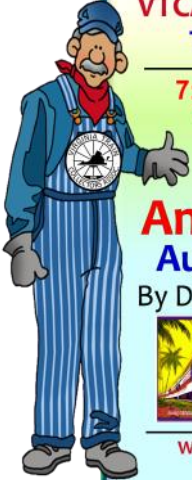
# Meeting - Mar 16, 2023 7pm (3rd Thurs)

## Virginia Train Collectors Association

The VTC was founded in 1976 when a group of local train collectors came together to form the club. Forty-Five years later and counting the Virginia Train Collectors are going strong with almost 300 active members. While the majority of our members reside in Virginia, we also have members who live in many other states. The Club remains true to its original cause which is to **Promote the Hobby of Collecting and Preserving Toy Trains.**

In 2018, the club became the Virginia Train Collector's Association (VTCA) with 501c3 status.



Meeting at Westchester Commons 153 Perimeter Rd, Midlothian, VA



**VTCA Membership Meeting**  
**Thurs, Mar 16, 2023**

**7:00pm** Membership Meeting  
**7:15pm** Meeting Program  
*(program also LIVE-Streamed on VTCA Facebook Page)*

**Amtrak's AutoTrain**  
By Doug Riddell!

Westchester Commons Shopping Center  
153 Perimeter Drive, Midlothian, VA  
[VaTrainCollectors.com](http://VaTrainCollectors.com)

**Spring Train Show & Sale**

**March 18-19, 2023**  
Sat 9-4, Sun 9-3

**WESTCHESTER COMMONS**  
*(Between Target & Office Max)*  
**153 Perimeter Drive**  
Midlothian, VA 23113

**ADULTS \$8.00**  
*For 2 Day Admission*  
**CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) FREE!**

*Admission Includes viewing River City 3 Rollers Operating Modular Layouts*

**Table Reservations & General Info -**  
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