



# TCA UPSTATE NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024



## *President's Message*

Let me begin by thanking all those members and friends who came out to support our March 23<sup>rd</sup> Train Show at St. Mary's at the Lake. It was one of the best attended shows sponsored by our Chapter in a number of years at the St. Mary's location. Vendors and attendees alike were extremely happy with the facility and offerings. Kudos to Mike Michalczak our Show Chairman, who did an outstanding job pulling the show together. Our Chapter is doing a much better job of marketing our events via flyers and ads and David Kaczor's email and mail correspondence to members and friends is having a very positive impact on attendance a Vendor participation. I also want to thank those individuals, member and non-member, that showed up to assist with set-up and

break-down after the show. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are hopeful that others catch the bug and take the time to help support our shows and activities in the future.

Speaking of shows, our next scheduled show is on May 11, 2024 at the Dunkirk Fairgrounds. Mike Michalczak will be covering the details in his portion of this newsletter. A flyer for the event is attached for your information. (Please pass it on!) Last year the event was well attended and many of the vendors have already reserved tables. At the same time our event is taking place a Craft Show will be held in an adjacent building. Great opportunity to bring your wife, or significant other, along for a great morning and early afternoon event. Last year the Craft Show admittance fee was \$1.00. Join us and help support your chapter.

Last newsletter we reached out to our Local TCA membership reminding everyone it was time to renew your dues. We also reached out to TCA members who are not affiliated with our local chapter inviting them to join us. Please....your membership and participation continue to be the lifeblood of our organization. We hope you will take the time to fill out the attached form and join us.

Opportunities still abound for your participation in our Chapter. We are still looking for individuals to fill the following positions:

- Chapter Secretary
- By-Law Review Chairman and/or Committee member
- Web Page Developer and Manager
- Train Show Volunteer for Set-up and Break down

I look forward to seeing you at our Dunkirk show on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Jerry Lepsch, President**

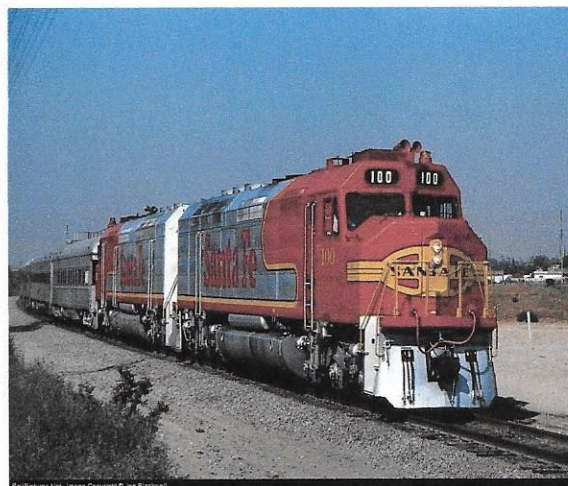
### *Meet Chairman Report*

Well our St. Mary's of the Lake Spring Show was held last month on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am pleased to announce it was well attended and produced a profit of \$661.27 for the Chapter. I would like to thank all those who helped out. Next month is our Chapter Show to be held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds in Dunkirk, NY. Our third show for 2024 is going to be held on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's of the Lake in Hamburg, NY.

**Below is listed some of the upcoming train shows in the area.**

April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Batavia Train Show
April 18-20	York PA Train Show
	TCA Eastern Division
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Upstate TCA, Dunkirk
Sept. 21-22	Hemlock Train Show
Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Upstate TCA, Hamburg

**Mike Michalczak, Meet Chairman**



### *Announcements*

#### **Chapter By-Laws**

There is a need to update our chapter by-laws. We are working with the Eastern Division of the TCA to adopt many of the comprehensive elements of their by-laws to establish consistency. We are looking for 4 or 5 members to set up a By-law revision committee. Please contact us if you are interested in serving your chapter. You can contact us at

[tca.upstatenychapter@gmail.com](mailto:tca.upstatenychapter@gmail.com).

#### **Sponsorships**

If you are interested in helping to sponsor any of our events send an email to [tca.upstatenychapter@gmail.com](mailto:tca.upstatenychapter@gmail.com). Great way to promote your business and help the hobby.

#### **Volunteers Wanted**

We are always looking for **and need** volunteers to help us set up the day before meet events. Send us an email at [tca.upstatenychapter@gmail.com](mailto:tca.upstatenychapter@gmail.com) or call Mike at (716) 913-4195. We would love to have your assistance.

### **Board Opening – Board Secretary**

Your Board of Directors are looking for a member to fill the position of Board Secretary. This is a very important position in our organization. If interested please contact us at

[tca.upstatenychapter@gmail.com](mailto:tca.upstatenychapter@gmail.com).

Become an active member of your organization.

### ***Membership Opportunity***

Are you a member of the Upstate New York Chapter of the Train Collectors Association?

We would be happy to have you aboard!

Your support of our chapter and our events insures the continuation of our great hobby.

Our dues are minimal (\$10) and it gets you admission to all our Chapter Train Shows.

(Add \$10 if you want hard copy information mailed) It also gets you our Newsletter that

is packed with great information. Chapter members who reserve tables at our home

based meet location at St Mary of the Lake, will additionally get a \$3 discount on their

table cost. This does not apply to any other scheduled venues. An application with all

the pertinent information is attached. **We**

**hope you will join us.**

### ***Board Members***

Jerry Lepsch, President

David Kaczor, V. President

John Ptak, Treasurer

Mike Michalczak, Director/Meet Chairman

Frank Patti, Eastern Chapter Rep.

Patrick Lepsch, Director

### ***Contact Information:***

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Upstate TCA

PO Box 222, West Falls NY 14170

# TOY TRAINS & COLLECTABLE TOYS



Brought to you by the TCA UPSTATE NY CHAPTER

**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Location: Dunkirk Fairgrounds**  
1089 Central Ave. Dunkirk, NY 14048

## SHOW HOURS:

**9:00AM to 3:00PM General Public**

**TCA Members allowed in at 8:30 AM**

**Admission: Adults \$5.00 / Children 12-17 yrs. \$3.00**  
**Upstate Chapter Members & Children under 12 yrs. FREE**

## TABLE RESERVATIONS:

**Call Mike: 716-913-4195 / Dave: 716-208-5842**

**Tables \$20.00 per 8' table**

**Setup: 7:00am to 8:30am morning of show**

**On Display at the Fairgrounds**

*Boston & Maine Steam Locomotive No. 444*  
*along with a D & H Boxcar and NYC Caboose*

**Craft Show**

***at the Fairgrounds on May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>***



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BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TCA UPSTATE NY CHAPTER

**Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

at

**St. Mary's of the Lake Church Hall**

**4737 Lakeshore Rd. (Rt. 5)**

**Hamburg, NY 14075**

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9:00AM to 2:30PM Open to General Public

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Tables are 8ft. and cost \$20.00

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## "Making the Chapter Great Again" 2024

### TCA Upstate New York Chapter Membership Application

TCA # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

TCA National Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly dues \$ 10.00 Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (Made out to; Upstate New York Chapter, TCA, Inc )  
Mail Checks to Upstate New York Chapter, TCA, Inc. P.O. Box 222, West Falls, NY 14170

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Add \$10 to cost of renewal if you are not providing an email address and wish your newsletter and chapter updates to be mailed via USPS.

**Your dues will give Chapter Member in Good Standing free admission to all Chapter Train Shows.**

1. Membership Dues are \$ 10.00 , if you join now your due's will expire December 31, 2024
2. All Applicants must currently be TCA National Members in Good Standings !
3. If A Chapter Member allows their TCA National Membership to expire, their Chapter Membership will have to expire on that same date. No Exceptions !
4. Applicants Must Agree to Support our TCA Upstate New York Chapter Mission and promote Fellowship to all TCA Members for which our Chapter was founded.

Please take a minute and answer questions on Page 2

## What are your interests?

### All About You

What are your favorite road names \_\_\_\_\_ ?

What scale do you collect or model \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Do you or model a specific era \_\_\_\_\_ ?

What are your favorite Manufacturers \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Do You Operate, Collect or both \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### TCA York Meet

Have you ever been to TCA York Meet in York, Pa \_\_\_\_\_ ?

How often do you go to York \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Would you be interested in finding a ride to York \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### Train Shows

As for Chapter Train Shows what's more important to you. Quality / Quantity

Have you attended a Chapter Event \_\_\_\_\_ ?

How far would you travel for a Chapter Train Show \_\_\_\_\_ miles

Would you be interested in being a Co-Chairman of a Chapter Show \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Please share your thoughts or comments

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