

Keeping Track Newsletter



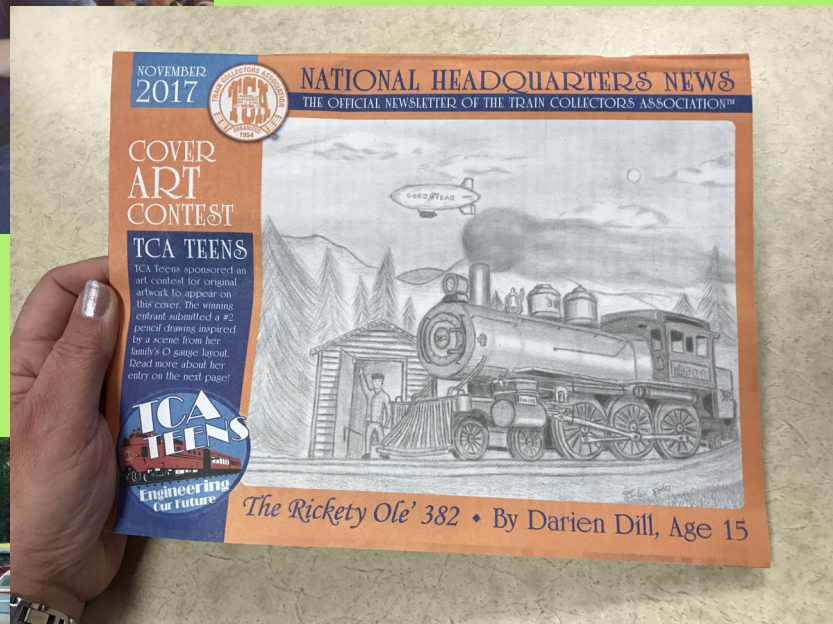
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In addition, if you have a story and pictures you would like to share with the rest of the teen train world, please submit them to the same email address.

Open House Special Presentation

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The National Toy Train Museum's semi-annual Open House event in October featured a special presentation to Darien Dill, art cover contest winner. Pictured below is Kids Club co-Chairman and METCA President, Kevin Quinn (98-47167) being presented the framed artwork. Also pictured, the actual November Headquarters News Cover and Darien and her family with Amy from the TCA National Business Office in the middle.



York Kids Korner... "Morkosky style"

By Kevin Quinn METCA President 98-47167

If you attend Eastern Division's York train show you have probably heard of the "Kids Korner". If you been to the blue and silver hall you definitely have passed the "Kids Korner". For those who have not attended York let me tell you about it. It sits in the foyer between the two halls surrounded by a short curtained barrier. In this area you will see all different kinds of youth oriented trains. Battery operated ride on floor trains run on a figure eight & square track. Wooden toy trains, plastic tracked trains and even a small loop of o gauge with post war trains are played with by the kids. Supervising this area that is mixed with kids and trains is an amazing lady. Her name is Pam Morkosky. Pam and her Husband Chuck have been running the Kids Korner at York for 11 years. Prior to Pam taking over the Korner, it was run by Mary and Pat Jackson. Accompanying Pam are her children and grandchildren who help her run the Kids Korner. Over the years thousands of kids have enjoyed their time playing in the Korner. Are you one of them?

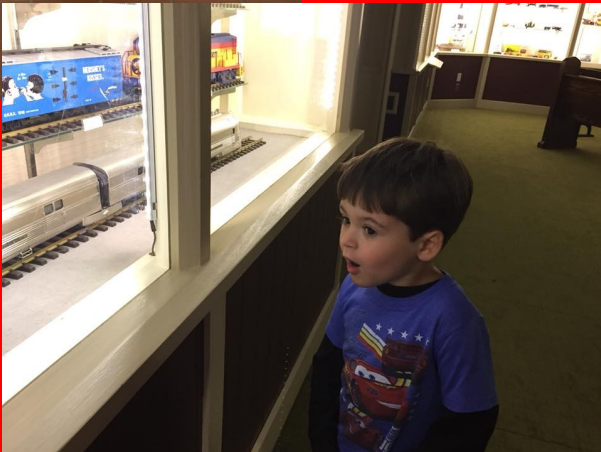


Pam's week starts on Wednesday with set up, putting down the ride on rails and setting up the other layouts. She decorates the tables with kid toys and donated trains that she uses as door prizes that are pulled every half hour. Pam sets up a tv and shows youth train videos that the kids sit and watch. Parents sit in chairs that ring the play area and watch their kids play with the trains. It's truly a sight to see all these kids happily having the playing with trains experience. When each child is done playing in the Korner, Pam distributes a kiddie bag as a memento of visiting the Korner.

When I asked Pam why she does this she replied "because it is good to have a place for the kids to go to have touchy hands on experience". After continuing our conversation on what a terrific job she does, I thanked Pam, Chuck and her family for their service to TCA. Pam then told me "she loves being around children". To round out the end of the week, the big door prize is pulled on Saturday at noon and after that door prize is awarded that signifies the closing of the Kids Korner until the next York show. So when you are walking thru the silver and blue halls take a look at the Kids Korner and admire the great work of the Morkosky family. On behalf of TCA, Thank you Pam.

Holiday fun at the National Toy Train Museum

On Saturday, November 18, the National Toy Train Museum hosted a Holiday Event featuring Polar Express™. There were coloring and craft stations, a selfie station, special Polar Express™ Scavenger hunt with prizes, Polar Express™ trains featured on the layouts and pretty balloons! Below are a few photos of the successful and fun event!





NATIONAL TEEN CLUB ESSAY CONTEST

Write or type a one page essay about your favorite train related topic. Possible ideas are: building your first layout; your favorite model and it's history; a real train or railroad; a TCA function or trip to the National Toy Train Museum.

The winner will be awarded a prize and their essay (with pictures if included) will be published in the next *Keeping Track Newsletter!*

- Essays should be mailed to the business office by **November 1, 2017**. *Now extended to February 1, 2018!!*

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Or emailed to membership@traincollectors.org (please include below information)

- One submission per person, please.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

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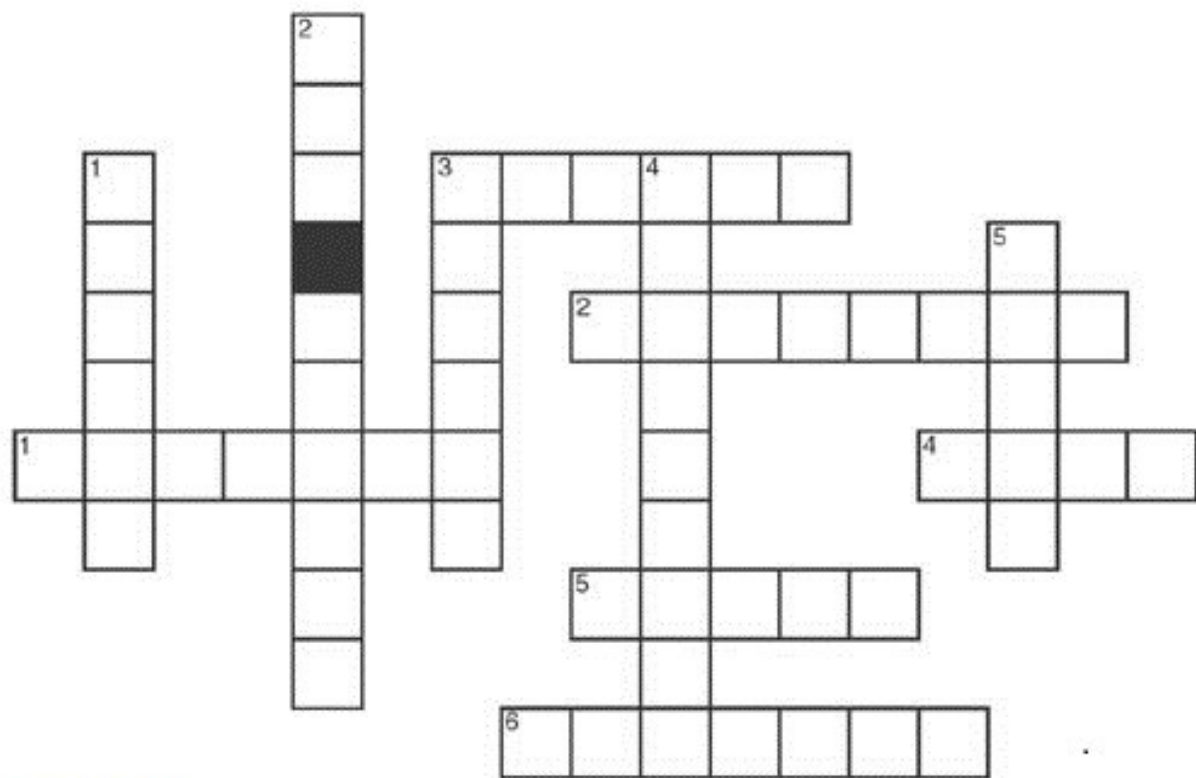
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City and State: _____

email: _____

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Just for fun



ACROSS

1. Last car on freight train.
2. He runs the locomotive.
3. The train travels down the _____.
4. Steam locomotives burn this.
5. What water turns into when it boils.
6. He shovels the coal into the firebox.

DOWN

1. The engineer uses this to oil his engine.
2. The conductor shouts this when ready to go
3. The conductor punches your _____.
4. He's the boss of the train.
5. It's the building where you buy your ticket.