



The Tidewater Big Train Operators (TBTO) Club was founded in 1985. The organization's continuous existence places it among one of the oldest garden railroad (also known as "G gauge" and "large scale") clubs in the U.S. The Club membership consists of families from the greater Tidewater and Richmond, Virginia areas, as well as Southeast North Carolina. The Club meets monthly to share in the enjoyment of the large scale train hobby. Typical meetings include operating trains, sharing tips and information on model and garden railroading, and promoting fellowship among members. TBTO also participates in a number of activities and events designed to entertain and educate the public on various aspects of the hobby. For instance, the Club promotes fund raising activities to assist charitable organizations. An annual Holiday Train Show, consisting of many layouts is exhibited and free to the public. The Club also supports various educational displays at schools and libraries.

Operating a garden railroad is a fascination for all ages and a hobby the entire family can enjoy. For that reason, the Tidewater Big Train Operators Club, Inc. membership continues to grow each year. So, come join us, even if you don't own a layout. We promise to make your participation a rewarding experience! Annual dues are \$20/family payable in the month of June. If you are joining after January 1<sup>st</sup> then your dues are prorated and will be \$10.00.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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