



# BALTIMORE AMERICAN FLYER CLUB

## American Flyer Starter Sets Program

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The Baltimore American Flyer Club had a simple beginning in September of 1992. Tom Davis had the original idea to start the club. He was a member of an O-Gauge Club based in Washington, DC. When he made the important switch to American Flyer, he realized that there were no S-Gauge clubs in the area. He placed an ad in the Clubs column in the S-Gaugian magazine. Three people came to the first meeting at Tom's house in September of 1992. Over the next few years, membership grew slowly but steadily. The Baltimore American Flyer club had 27 members at the beginning of the fourth year, 85 members at the beginning of the seventh year and 172 in 2012.

### CLUB RULES

The Baltimore American Flyer Club has an unusual organizational structure:

*"It's just for the fun of it"*

The following are the club's "non-rules":

1. **No dues:** It is free to join.
2. No officers, officials or official staff
3. No constitution or by-laws
4. Operate on a consensus basis: Majority rules but the minority has to be able to go along with it or we just don't do it.
5. Attendance is never required at club functions. Members attend only the functions in which they are interested.
6. Members receive **free** admission to the train shows in which they participate.
7. Club funds are generated from the fees collected for operating the club's modular layout at local train shows.
8. Exchange newsletters with other clubs.

## THE AMERICAN FLYER TRAIN STARTER SET PROGRAM

In an effort to increase the interest in model railroading, the Baltimore American Flyer Club has established an innovated program to help young people who are interested in trains to have the opportunity to enjoy the lifelong pleasure of model railroading. The program is centered on the presentation of a free complete American Flyer Train Set to an eligible child and parent/guardian. Eligibility requirements are listed below.

The hobby of model railroading is a great **family-oriented hobby** that parents will be able to share with their children for a lifetime. The children will learn the principals of:

- Railroading,
- Electricity and controls,
- Model building,
- Family fellowship and
- The fun of “Playing Trains”.

A complete American Flyer Electric Train Starter Set will be given at no cost to any child and parent/guardian who express an interest in joining the Baltimore American Flyer Club, likes to “Play Trains” and have met the below listed eligibility criteria.

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The American Flyer Starter Set will include the following:

- American Flyer Steam Engine and Tender
- Three American Flyer rolling stock cars: Box, Tank, Gondola and/or Flat Car
- Of course, a Caboose
- **Brand new electric transformer** with speed control
- American Flyer track: curves and straight track and crossover for a loop of track including a figure 8 design.
- Plasticville Buildings
- Manual uncoupler
- Track power clip and wire
- American Flyer wiring and instruction booklet
- Durable plastic see-through storage box

## **STARTER SET ELIGIBILITY**

In order to be eligible for a free American Flyer Electric Train Starter Set, the child and parent/guardian will need to meet the following simple requirements:

1. The Child must be a minimum of 6 years old.
2. The Child will be requested to submit in writing by their own hand a brief reason (50 to 100 words) why they would like to receive their own American Flyer Electric Train Set.
3. The Child & Parent/Guardian will need to attend any two (2) Club events over a 6 month period.
4. The Parent/Guardian will need to sign a “Release of Acceptance” of the free give-away American Flyer Electric Train Starter Set.
5. The starter set will be presented at the first club meeting after eligibility has been met.

## **THE BEGINNING OF A LIFE LONG EXPERIENCE**

The Baltimore American Flyer Club is excited to bring the joy of “Playing Trains” to a young child who has expressed a desire to have fun with any and all aspects of model railroading by offering our free American Flyer Electric Trains Starter Set.

Will you and your child be our newest members?

## GENERAL WAIVER AND RELEASE

The Baltimore Area American Flyer Club, Inc. (the “Club”), a Maryland nonprofit corporation, has provided to \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Recipient”), without charge, an American Flyer starter model railroad set, including an original Gilbert American Flyer engine, cars, track, accessories and a new Lionel transformer (the “Equipment”).

The Club and its members assume no liability and make no warranty or representation whatsoever with respect to the Equipment. A transformer warranty is provided by Lionel, the manufacturer.

Recipient and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), representatives, attorneys, successors and assigns (“Recipient Persons”) hereby release and forever discharge the Club and its directors, officers, members, agents, employees, representatives, attorneys, successors and assigns from any and all liabilities, damages, judgments, indebtedness, obligations, losses, claims, suits, causes of action, costs, fees and expenses, whether fixed or contingent, known or unknown, or foreseen or unforeseen, and whether based on contract, tort, statute or other legal or equitable theory of recovery, including any fees and disbursements of counsel (collectively, “Liabilities”) related to the Equipment or the use of the Equipment.

Recipient Persons hereby waive any right to, and shall not, bring, or assist in bringing, any claim, suit, cause of action, administrative or regulatory proceeding, governmental investigation, arbitration proceeding or mediation proceeding regarding or in any way related to any of the Liabilities released pursuant to this Release.

AGREED TO ON THIS DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Capacity (Parent, Guardian, other)

WITNESSED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (printed):