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### LAST CALL FOR 1982 METCA DUES

Your METCA Dues are needed to help defray the high costs of printing and mailing. If You have not already paid for 1982 please send Your \$2.00 to SYBIL FEYH or include it with Your September Meet Reservation.

### METCA MEET NOTICES

We make every effort to send Meet Notices and Newsletters to all METCA Members on our own METCA mailing list. Any change of address registration to National does not correct our list. Send all address changes to METCA, c/o JOE FRANCIS, P.O. Box 207, South Amboy, NJ 08879.

### TO ALL NEW MEMBERS

You are reminded that where correspondence is required the mailing address for any member is listed in the TCA Directory.

### METCA MEET DATES REMAINING FOR 1982

Sunday, September 19th - Sunday, November 14th  
All Meets at Garfield, NJ Boy's Club.

1983 Meet Dates have not been finalized.

### TCA 1979 SILVER JUBILEE CARS

A limited number of 1979 Twenty-fifth Anniversary Silver Bullion are still available to all Dues Paying METCA Members on a first come, first served basis, only limited to one per member. The price is \$55.00 per car to be picked up only at Garfield Meet on September 19th.

Mail Your Order and check for full payment to SYBIL FEYH, P.O. Box 122, Oceanside, NY 11572.

On unfilled orders checks will be returned.

### METCA TRAIN MEETS

A successful Train Meet is mixture of Table Holders who come to trade and Collectors who come to see, learn and acquire. Table Holders may be Collectors trading their duplicates and excess inventory or they may be Dealers seeking a wider audience for their trains and parts. All are needed together with a liberal sprinkling of good natured fellowship. Arrive with a Smile, have a lot of Fun and leave with a Grin.

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GUEST EDITORIAL**ANTIQUES TODAY (from the Newark, NJ "STAR-LEDGER" - 7/22/1982)****'OB' on the right track to a high price for train**

By LITA SOLIS-COHEN

Ever heard of a blood-curdling toy train? This one could be worth a mint if it is "OB."

*Q: I have a complete Lionel Girl's Train. It is in excellent condition. Can you tell me what it is worth? — L.G.D.*

Your Lionel Girl's Train is worth between

\$850 and \$1,000 depending on its condition and if it is "OB" — that is, in its original box, says Ted Maurer, who holds six train auctions a year at the Lionville Fire Hall in Lionville, Pa. According to Maurer, your train was introduced by Lionel in 1957 for \$39.95 with the slogan "Now She Can Do Anything He Can." In the 1958

Lionel catalogue it was called the Lady Lionel and cost \$49.95. The transformer was white and gold, the locomotive pink and the freight cars pastel colors. "It is dreadful looking. The colors made any American boy's blood curdle," says Maurer. By 1959 Lionel discontinued it and dealers were dumping the set for \$19.95. Maurer said

a friend of his picked one up for \$18 and when Maurer auctioned his friend's entire collection in 1973 he got \$600 for the girl's set. Maurer says the price has gone up since then because collectors seeking the 6464 series of box cars pay around \$160 for the box cars alone and there are two in each set. It is hard to find the pastel cars in

good condition, though, because the paint chips easily and every fingermark shows on the light colors. In used condition the set will bring \$200 to \$300 at auction, Maurer says. If you want to sell your set at one of his auctions, write to Ted Maurer, 1931 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown, Pa. 17864.

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METCA SOAPBOX

TCA in 1982 has become a strong nationwide organization with upwards of 15,000 members. As we grow in numbers it has become increasingly difficult for any individual member or group of members to present or advance any new suggestions or complaints to the larger membership.

Neither the Quarterly nor the National Headquarters News now present any forum for these individual ideas, and to attempt any contact with the entire membership by mail involves the expenditure of hundreds of dollars.

METCA NEWSLETTER now offers a forum in which more than 10% of the National Membership can be reached and in addition the Secretaries of all other TCA Divisions:

METCA NEWSLETTER will publish any serious letter from any TCA Member regarding the National affairs of TCA. Letters must contain members signature and should be limited to 200 words.

EXTRA!

IT'S A GIRL for Marlene and Lee Minster, Michelle Joy, August 10th, 1982.

