

# NEWSLETTER

## METCA DIVISION TCA

AUGUST 5, 1995

HELLO FELLOW TCA MEMBERS AND METCA BOOSTERS,

I HOPE EVERYONE IS HAVING A PLEASANT SUMMER. YOU WILL SEE WHEN YOU READ THE ENCLOSED MEET NOTICE OUR NEXT SHOWS WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1995 AND ON NOVEMBER 5, 1995 BOTH OF WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE BOYS CLUB OF GARFIELD, GARFIELD, NJ.

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR MAY 7, 1995 SHOW AT THE HUNGARIAN HALL IN WOODBRIDGE, NJ HAD ENOUGH SUPPORT BY OUR MEMBERS SO AS TO GIVE US ANOTHER DIVISION SHOW THAT WAS SELF SUPPORTING IN OTHER WORDS WE DIDN'T LOSE ANY MONEY BUT MADE A VERY SMALL PROFIT THAT WE CAN CARRY OVER FOR THE RUNNING OF FUTURE SHOWS. AS I STATED PREVIOUSLY YOUR DIVISION WITH THE HELP OF ITS LOYAL MEMBERS AND THE ADDED SUPPORT OF MORE OF OUR MANY OTHER MEMBERS IN THIS DIVISION WE HOPE TO START BUILDING UP OUR TREASURY WITH SHOWS THAT GENERATE MORE REVENUE THAN EXPENSES. WITH A HEALTHY RESERVE IN OUR TREASURY IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER TO PLAN AHEAD ON HOW MANY SHOWS THE DIVISION CAN HOLD EACH YEAR AND ALSO WILL GIVE US MUCH NEEDED EXTRA MONEY TO HELP PROMOTE AND ADVERTISE OUR SHOWS WHICH IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF BOTH MEMBERS WHO ARE LOOKING TO SELL THEIR TRAINS AND THOSE OF US WHO WILL HAVE MORE TRAINS TO SEE AND BUY.

YOU WILL ALSO FIND IN THIS MAILING A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FROM OUR MAY 7, 1995 SHOW. I HOPE THIS WILL HELP THE MEMBERSHIP GET SOME INSITE AS TO WHAT THE BOARD IS TRYING TO DO IN THE WAY OF RUNNING BETTER SHOWS AND SOME OF THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS THAT MUST BE SOLVED IN ORDER TO CONTINUE HAVING THESE SHOWS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP.

YOU WILL FIND IN THIS MAILING A FLIER DESCRIBING OUR FUND RAISING RAFFLE CONSISTING OF ONLY 500 TICKETS AT \$3.00-EACH FOR A 1991 CHICAGO NATIONAL CONVENTION BANQUET CAR. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW THE ANNUAL CONVENTIONS HAVE A SPECIAL LIMITED EDITION CAR MADE FOR THE BANQUET AND THERE IS ONLY 1 CAR PER TABLE AVAILABLE MAKING THESE VERY DESIRABLE. WE ARE HOPING TO RAISE ENOUGH WITH THIS RAFFLE TO PAY FOR AT LEAST ONE OF OUR UPCOMING SHOWS. COMPLETE DETAILS ARE ON THE FLIER. HELP SUPPORT YOUR DIVISION AND BUY ATLEAST ONE RAFFLE TICKET.

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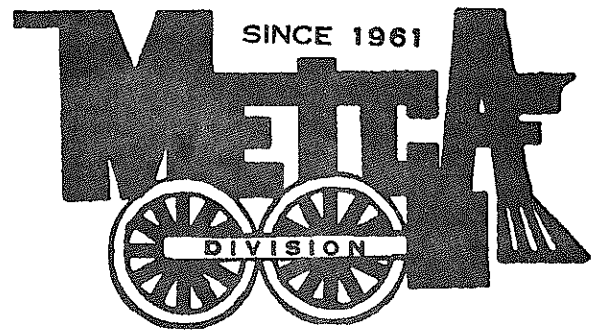
I HOPE TO SEE AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE AT OUR UPCOMING SHOWS ON SEPTEMBER 10 AND NOVEMBER 5TH.

HAPPY RAILROADING, STEVE SINIAWA, PRES.

# TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION



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June 6, 1995

## MINUTES OF METCA DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

ON SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1995  
HUNGARIAN CLUB HALL, WOODBRIDGE, NJ

2:22 PM METCA Board Meeting Opened by Steve Siniawa, Pres.

### Board Members present:

Steve Siniawa, Pres.	Marlene Minster, Sect/Trea
Lee Minster, Pres-Elect	Charles Feyh, Past-Pres/Dir
Pat Scurzo, Vice-Pres.	Bill Brennan, Dir.
Sybil Feyh, Dir	Chris Uchirin, Dir
Bill Sidote, Dir	

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion to approve minutes of November 6, 1994 meeting by Charles Feyh and seconded by Lee Minster.
2. President's report of raffle ticket sales on the 1991 convention car raffle is 104 tickets sold for a total of \$312.00 to date.
3. With the appointment by the President of our newest director Chris Uchirin, we are in better shape than before but will still need at least 1 more director.
4. At this time we have several members who are willing to help out at our divisional shows with questions in regards to information about standards & frauds of various train related items. However none of these people want to get involved in any way with the National Standards Committee.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board again unanimously approved the continuing of the 1/8 page ads and calendar of meets listings in the National Headquarters News.
2. President explained the three agenda items submitted for the 1995 BOD Meeting in June in Seattle, and also polled the board to see if anyone was going to Seattle and could serve as a possible alternate, as no one else was going I would report no alternate to the National Secretary.

3. President informed the board of the 1994 York Convention Banquet Cars that we had received at the April 1995 York Meet, and discussed the raffling off of these cars in the same basic way as our 1991 Car raffle and also the selling of these cars at our upcoming shows. Based on the auction prices of these cars at the York Convention we decided to make the selling price of these cars \$ 375.00. Also the raffling of cars would probably be best at \$ 3.00 per ticket with about 250 tickets total. Final amounts to be finalized on or before our September 10, 1995 show.
4. Board discussed and approved our 1996 show dates to be: Hungarian Hall on May 5, 1996  
Garfield Boys Club on September 8 and November 3, 1996  
These dates are tentative until confirmed by the 2 Hall renters.
5. Board approved the continuation of the 1/8 page ads and listings in the National headquarters News.
6. Sect/Trea Marlene Minster gave summary of show results as:  
A total of 50 8 foot tables of dealers and about 8 more used for our operating "O" layout and the TV/VCR set up that ran the new Standards Committee Video (we sold 6 tapes as a result of this presentation). No tables were needed for the Standard Gauge Layout and Test Track as they were located on the elevated stage. Also we had 160 paid member admissions which doesn't include the wives and children. Dues paid at the door for 1995 were 27 plus 1 booster. Dues paying members to date are 175. With today's revenue after expenses being paid we have about \$ 3400.00 in the treasury.

Taking together all expenses incurred to hold our May 7 show and then adding up our table sales and admissions we were happy to see that we came out ahead so show was self supporting. This was very good news to all as this was our third show in a row that did not lose any money.

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 3:28 pm made by Pat Scurzo and seconded by Charlie Feyh

Meeting Adjourned by Steve Siniawa,  
METCA Division President