

NEWSLETTER

METCA DIVISION TCA

AUGUST 23, 1997

HELLO FELLOW TCA MEMBERS AND METCA BOOSTERS,

I WOULD LIKE TO OPEN THIS NEWSLETTER WITH A SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE ATTENTION OF OUR TABLEHOLDERS/DEALERS. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY SALES TAX DIVISION REGULATIONS. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OF WHAT YOU NEED TO DO YOU CAN CONTACT THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF TAXATION AT 1-800-323-4400 AND LISTEN TO THEIR SERVICE MESSAGE OR IF YOU HAVE A ROTARY PHONE YOU CAN CALL 1-609-588-2200.

I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR JUNE 8th SHOW AT THE GARFIELD BOYS CLUB HAD A VERY GOOD TURNOUT. WE TOOK IN ENOUGH TO COVER OUR COSTS OF PUTTING ON THIS SHOW AND CAME OUT ABOUT \$ 200.00 IN PROFITS. THE SUPPORT WE GOT FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT CAME IN AFTER 9:00 AM AGAIN ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT HALF THE ATTENDANCE. I STILL FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMIND THE MEMBERSHIP THAT WITHOUT SUPPORT, BOTH THE MEMBERS WHO ARE LOOKING TO SELL THEIR TRAINS AND THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE LOOKING TO BUY COULD POSSIBLY LOSE A SAFE AND INEXPENSIVE PLACE TO GET TOGETHER.

WITH A LITTLE MORE SUPPORT WE COULD MAKE OUR SHOW A GREAT ONE. WE HAVE THE CHEAPEST TABLE PRICES AROUND (\$25.00 FOR 8 FOOT TABLE), FREE COFFEE AND DONUT IN THE AM AND EXCELLENT AND NUMEROUS DOOR PRIZES. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A CLUB. THAT IS WHAT YOU JOINED TCA FOR. THERE MAY BE OTHER MEETS IN THE AREA, BUT THIS IS YOUR CLUB SHOW! COME OUT AND SUPPORT IT! MAKE NEW FRIENDS OR SEE SOME OLD FRIENDS. THIS YEAR WE HAVE ADDED ALOT OF NEW METCA MEMBERS. WE ARE GROWING AND IF WE JOIN TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE METCA A GREAT CLUB.

PLEASE NOTE!!!

WHEN SENDING US A CHECK FOR DUES, RAFFLES OR ADMISSION TO A SHOW PLEASE SPECIFY WHAT THE MONEY IS FOR. SINCE DUES, RAFFLE TICKETS AND ADMISSION FOR METCA MEMBERS IS ALL \$ 3.00 EACH IT'S HARD TO TELL WHAT SOMEONE WANTS WHEN THEY JUST STICK A \$3.00 CHECK IN AN ENVELOPE. WE RECEIVE ALOT OF MAIL THIS WAY. PLEASE HELP!!!

YOU WILL FIND IN THIS MAILING A FLIER DESCRIBING OUR
"THIRD FUND RAISING RAFFLE"

FOR A 1994 YORK NATIONAL CONVENTION BANQUET CAR. THIS CAR IS MADE BY LIONEL AND IS THE .16413 CLINCHFIELD HOPPER WITH COAL LOAD. THE DRAWING FOR THIS CAR WILL BE HELD AT OUR SHOW ON NOVEMBER 9TH 1997. TICKETS ARE \$ 3.00 EACH WITH A LIMIT OF ONLY "200" TICKETS AVAILABLE.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT OUR SEPT. 14TH AND NOV. 9TH SHOWS OR ORDERED BY MAIL BY SENDING A CHECK & S.S.A.E. TO:

M.E.T.C.A. 1473 BURNET AVENUE, UNION, NJ 07083.

SPECIAL NOTICE!!! "METCA DUES PAYING MEMBERS HOLIDAY GIFT NOTICE"
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS APPROVED THE MAKING UP OF 300 XMAS TYPE DECORATION
BALLS THAT WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT OUR NOVEMBER 9TH SHOW "ONE (1) PER DUES PAYING
MEMBER". MEMBERS MUST SHOW A CURRENT DIVISION CARD AND NAMES WILL BE CHECKED
OFF A MASTER LIST. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME BASIS WHILE SUPPLY
LASTS. BECAUSE OF THE VERY DELICATE NATURE OF THESE GLASS ORNAMENTS ALL MUST
BE PICKED UP AT SHOW. IF FOR ANY REASON WE HAVE SOME LEFT AFTER THE SHOW THEY
WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME BASIS TO MEMBERS THAT DIDN'T ATTEND AND
WOULD LIKE ONE. HOWEVER THERE WILL BE A SHIPPING FEE. THIS FEE WILL BE
FIGURED OUT BY THE NOVEMBER SHOW.

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!

MEMBERS WHO ARE SIGNING UP NEW APPLICANTS PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT ALL
APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE ONLY ORIGINAL SIGNATURES ON THEM.
WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE ONE OR BOTH OF THE SIGNATURES
OF THE RECOMMENDERS PHOTO COPIED. THE BLANK APPLICATIONS CAN BE COPIED AND
THEN FILLED OUT BUT YOU CANNOT FILL OUT THE RECOMMENDERS INFO AND THEN
PHOTO COPY AS MANY COPIES AS YOU WANT.
AS UNPLEASANT AS IT IS ALL APPLICATIONS FOUND TO HAVE PHOTO COPIED SIGNATURES
ON THEM ARE BEING RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT WHO WILL HAVE TO GET THEM
PROPERLY FILLED OUT ALL OVER AGAIN. THIS DOES NOT MAKE FOR A VERY NICE FIRST
IMPRESSION OF OUR ORGANIZATION TO THESE UNFORTUNATE APPLICANTS. HOWEVER IT IS
VERY NECESSARY AS WE DO HAVE RULES AND REGULATIONS WE ALL AGREED TO FOLLOW
WHEN WE JOINED TCA.

PLEASE NOTE!!!

MANY OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES FOR OUR MAILING LIST ARE PROVIDED BY THE TCA
NATIONAL BUSINESS OFFICE. SINCE YOUR DIVISION HAS NO CONTROL OVER THIS INFO
PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL INFORMATION AND IF YOU FIND ANYTHING IN ERROR
EITHER CONTACT OUR DIVISION SECRETARY BY PHONE OR MAIL OR JUST DROP OFF THE
CORRECTED LABEL AT THE REGISTRATION DESK AT ONE OF OUR UP COMING SHOWS.

ALSO JUST A REMINDER; IN JUNE NEW JERSEY CHANGED ALOT OF AREA CODES. IF YOURS
WAS CHANGED, PLEASE NOTIFY THE TCA NATIONAL BUSINESS OFFICE OF YOUR NEW AREA
CODE. ALSO ALOT OF PEOPLE NEVER NOTIFIED NATIONAL WHEN THE 908 AREA CODE WAS
ADDED. PLEASE CHECK THE DIRECTORY TO SEE IF YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT.

I HOPE TO SEE AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE AT OUR UPCOMING SHOWS

HAPPY RAILROADING, STEVE SINIAWA, PRES.

