

# NEWSLETTER

METCA DIVISION TCA

AUGUST 15, 1999

I hope all of you have been enjoying your summer. The TCA convention in San Francisco was very exciting. The national board got a lot of things accomplished. The new additions to the museum will be very impressive. Lionel had their new product line on display as did Mike's Train House.

We are gearing up for our September 12th Show at the Parsippany PAL. Tables are almost sold out. The Northwest Jersey Highrailleurs will have a large operating layout at the show, William Brennan is scheduled to be on hand to sign any of the many train books he has written. There will be many trains, parts, etc to buy or trade and many nice hourly door prizes.

Everyone should come out and bring the family to help get the show off the ground and get in on an exciting day. Our kids club will be having another setup and a special drawing for kids only. At our last show, one lucky kid took home a prize package including Thomas the Tank Engine, Cars and Pokemon cards and stickers. Be sure to sign up your children and grandchildren for the TCA kids club. (Applications available at the show).

We would like to congratulate the winner of the Kids Club cover contest held by national, TABATHA MINSTER. Her original artwork will be the cover of the TCA Quarterly in November. Tabatha is also the Kids Club representative for METCA. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions or items to donate to the kids club, please contact her.

As always, any comments, questions or suggestions can be directed to me, evenings, at (908) 851-0172. Show your support and come out to the September 12th show. See you there!!!

Your METCA President,

*Lee Minster*

THIS MAILING INCLUDES FLIERS FOR BOTH OUR NEW PAL HALL SHOW ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1999 AND OUR SHOW AT THE GARFIELD BOYS CLUB ON NOVEMBER 14, 1999. PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY AS THEY CONTAIN DIFFERENT INFORMATION THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE TWO DIFFERENT HALL LOCATIONS. ALSO YOU WILL FIND A FLIER DESCRIBING OUR "FIFTH FUND RAISING RAFFLE" FOR A 1997 CONVENTION TINPLATE RED ROCK WATER TOWER. DRAWING WILL BE THE SAME AS OUR PREVIOUS ONES. WE CANNOT DO PERSONALIZED MAILINGS, EVERYONE GETS THE SAME PACKAGE OF INFO, THAT IS WHY YOU WILL FIND A 1999 DIVISION DUES REMINDER FORM IN THIS MAILING. IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR 1999 DUES THANK YOU AND JUST DISREGARD THIS NOTICE.

#### REMINDERS:

AS WE DID THE LAST FEW YEARS WE WILL AGAIN HAVE A "FREE DUES PAYERS ONLY DRAWING" AT OUR NOVEMBER 14th SHOW. THIS YEAR IT WILL BE THE 1998 CONVENTION CRANBERRIES BANQUET CAR.

WE STILL HAVE AVAILABLE FOR SALE THE METCA HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS. THEY ARE \$ 5.00 EACH AND CAN BE PURCHASED AT ANY OF OUR UP COMING SHOWS FROM LEE OR STEVE.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS APPROVED A "DISPLAY ONLY TABLE CATEGORY" THESE TABLES ARE FREE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TRAIN PRODUCTS AND RELATED ITEMS THAT THEY WISH TO DISPLAY OR FOR LAYOUTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SETUP AND RUN TRAINS ON. THERE WILL BE NO SELLING OF ANY KIND ALLOWED ON THESE TABLES. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT LEE MINSTER.

PLEASE NOTE!!! WHEN SENDING US A CHECK FOR DUES, RAFFLE TICKETS, ADMISSIONS OR TABLES PLEASE SPECIFY WHAT THE MONEY IS FOR. SINCE DUES, RAFFLES AND ADMISSIONS CAN ALL BE \$ 3.00, IT IS SOMETIMES HARD TO KNOW WHAT THE PAYMENTS ARE FOR WHEN SOMEONE PUTS A CHECK FOR \$ 3.00 IN AN ENVELOPE AND MAILES IT TO US. WE RECEIVE A LOT OF MAIL THIS WAY. PLEASE HELP!!!

TABLE HOLDERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUIRES THAT TABLE HOLDERS BE REGISTERED WITH THE DIVISION OF TAXATION AND CHARGE AND COLLECT SALES TAXES.

MEMBERS WHO ARE SIGNING UP NEW APPLICANTS PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE ORIGINAL SIGNATURES NO PHOTO COPIED ONES. THE BLANK APPLICATIONS CAN BE PHOTO COPIED.

IF YOUR MAILING LABEL HAS ANY ERRORS EITHER CONTACT OR DIVISION SECRETARY BY PHONE OR MAIL OR DROP OFF THE CORRECTED LABEL AT THE REGISTRATION DESK AT ONE OF OUR UPCOMING SHOWS.