

NEWSLETTER

METCA DIVISION TCA

JULY 25, 2000

Dear Train Collectors,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Perhaps some of you got to the TCA Convention in Grand Rapids. I was there for the Board of Directors meeting, but had to leave early to attend my daughter Michelle's high school graduation. Both events were successful and enjoyable.

Our April show was very well attended dealer wise as well as with people coming to shop. We had a lot of big dealers and a lot of new faces taking tables, and they were well pleased and will be doing the show again, along with many familiar table holders. We had a lot of catalogs and brochures from train manufacturers to give out and we hope to have more at the September show. The club has been giving out some great door prizes at the shows. We give out at least 3 every hour including box cars, rolling stock, and the TCA Standard of the World book.

The Northwest Jersey Highrailers once again set up a beautiful layout for all to enjoy. This one was 20' x 40' complete with freight yard. They will be on hand for the September 10th show. We want to thank them for all the time and effort those guys put in to setup such a display.

Check out the latest issue of the TCA National Headquarters News (pg. 6) to see the big write-up our April show got. Remember to bring the kids to our shows. We have a lot going on for them to keep them busy and to get them interested in "training". And kids, don't forget to bring back your membership cards to get punched.

We have a new fund-raiser raffle starting. (see enclosed flyer) We have several tables sold already for the next two shows. Don't wait too long before sending in your check.

Hope to see you at the show.

Lee Minster

Your METCA President,

PLEASE REMEMBER!!!!!!

Our TCA Museum is closed for the renovations being done to the building, It will be closed for approximately the next 4 months. So please call the museum before you make any plans to visit it.

THIS MAILING INCLUDES A FLIER FOR PAL HALL SHOWS FOR 2000, OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES, OUR 6TH FUND RAISER RAFFLE AND A 2000 DUES REMINDER FORM. WE CANNOT DO PERSONALIZED MAILINGS, EVERYONE GETS THE SAME PACKAGE OF INFO, THAT IS WHY YOU WILL FIND A 2000 DIVISION DUES REMINDER FORM IN THIS MAILING. IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR 2000 DUES WE 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 NOV. 12th SHOW. THIS YEARS PRIZE WILL BE A YORK CONVENTION BANQUET CAR.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE A "6TH FUND RAISER RAFFLE" TO BE DRAWN AT OUR NOVEMBER 12TH SHOW, THE PRIZE WILL BE A YORK 40th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION BAY WINDOW CABOOSE.

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 MAILS 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.