

NEWSLETTER

METCA DIVISION TCA

OCTOBER 1, 2000

Hello everyone,

Our September meet, although held during the busy back to school season, was fairly well attended. We had a lot of big name dealers who took the time to attend our show. All who came through the door received their choice of a 2000 Lionel or Weaver catalog. We have been getting a tremendous amount of local people coming to the show with favorable response. We've had ads and write-ups in many local papers. The local Parsippany paper, Suburban Life, sent a photographer to the show to take pictures for an upcoming edition.

The Northwest Jersey Highrailleurs 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 November 12th show. We want to thank them for all the time and effort those guys put in to setup such a display.

As always, several door prizes were given away (4 to 5 every hour from 10 am to 2 pm) along with 2 donated prizes by HST VIDEOS and TOM'S TRAINS. The Kids Club contest of guessing how many trucks in the Thomas pail, was won by a local girl, Victoria Romanello. Her guess of 33 trucks was right on the money. There were many great guesses - most everyone was close.

The November 12th show will have many exciting happenings. We will be picking the winner of the fund raising raffle - a 1994 York Convention Bay Window Caboose. {Tickets are still available} Also, the yearly "Dues Payers Only" prize will be awarded - a 1994 York Convention Banquet Car. In addition, the kids who bring back their yellow membership card for the third time, will be receiving a prize and we will be picking the grand prize winner of the Kids Club package that includes a Mickey Mouse boxcar, a CED player, a Furby, Pokemon, etc.

Also, all paid dues members will be able to pick up their annual holiday gift by attending the show. Only those who attend will be eligible to receive the gift. November is traditionally our best attended show, so come out and join the fun and help support the club. And if you have not seen the layout by the Highrailleurs, you are really missing something. Come out and see the results of 2 days of set up by these guys - it's spectacular!

Hope to see you at the show.

Your METCA President,

PLEASE REMEMBER!!!!!!

THIS MAILING INCLUDES A FLIER FOR PAL HALL SHOW FOR 2000/2001, 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 MAILES IT TO US. WE RECEIVE A LOT OF MAIL THIS WAY. PLEASE HELPIII

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.