

President's Message

Greetings, everyone! As you will see, your newsletter is in a new format. The Board of Directors are continually trying new ideas to improve your division. We hope that this new format will make it easier to read and be more informative.

This is your division, please let us know what you think. Do you like the new format? Do you like the old format? Or would you like a different format? What articles would you like to see in the newsletter.

Your input is important, so let us know what you think. Despite what you have read on the internet or heard in conversation, we are not going back to Garfield at this time. Nothing has been decided by the Board of Directors yet. We are looking at several options and will pick the best one for the dealers and our division.

We are going to have a small celebration party for our division's 45th birthday in November.

Come out and bring a friend to share in the fun and excitement of trains!

John E. Clinton
President

Editor's notes

Welcome to the NEW format METCA newsletter! We think you'll find the changes interesting and exciting. We've made some changes to make it a bit easier and less confusing to read; we hope you'll agree.

We also want to begin adding new 'member interest' sections to the METCA newsletter. These items could be birthdays, members layouts, unusual items, a discussion of variations of a particular item, member profile and other articles of interest to METCA members.

To do that, we need your participation; and we have several ways to do that. First is to contact your Newsletter Editor (me) by phone. We can work together to develop an interesting and concise article.

Second, you can mail me directly. My address is listed in the TCA's Directory.

And lastly, we developed a Yahoo Group for interaction between METCA members. Although not yet officially sanctioned by your BOD, we feel it's a meaningful and quick way to share members' ideas and concerns.

So, tell us 'bout your kids. When are their birthdays? Are they Kid's Club members? Do they share your love of the hobby? How do you keep kids' interest in trains? Want us to know your spouse's birthday? Do you have a layout? How about something in your collection of which you're REALLY proud? These are all things we want to know about METCA members. This newsletter is for YOU.

We're really looking forward to learning about METCA members. We're looking forward to developing this newsletter into something of which the METCA division can be proud.

Come help us. Rededicate your commitment to your division. Be part of its rebirth and growth. And PLEASE tell your friends about METCA; just because you're TCA doesn't mean you're automatically a METCA member. Be sure your dues is paid in full~ and we could see YOUR photo in the NEXT METCA newsletter!

~ Scot Kienzlen

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SHOW INFO!

The next METCA show is on Sunday, November 12, 2006

Parsippany P.A.L. Building, 33 Baldwin Rd.

Crosses Route 46 East of Route 287; West of the Routes 80/280 merge

METCA/TCA members admitted at 8 AM ~ General Public at 9AM ~ show runs until 2 PM

Standards Statement: I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the Train Collector's Association (TCA) in effect from time to time, specifically including all the rules and regulations of the TCA committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA member or at any TCA sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent all such items are authentic and in the manufacturer's original condition unless I have caused item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction.

All table holders must be TCA members, no exceptions. Pre-registration (non-refundable fee) received 10 days prior to the show with S.S.A.E. will be mailed out; all other tags will be available the day of the show. Reserved tables held until 9AM only. Table holders admitted at 6:15 AM for set-up Flat-style carts are available at no charge. The State of New Jersey requires that DEALERS be registered with the division of taxation, and must charge and collect sales tax. Call 1-800-323-4400 for additional information or questions.

Your METCA division shows are the primary source of income for the division. We still sponsor 8' tables! Division income from table holders helps pay for the upcoming show; we always have at least 80 tables available. You can also help by participating in other fund raisers mentioned throughout this newsletter. We thank you in advance for that participation.

YES! I want to reserve a table at the next METCA show! First table ~ \$ 25.00

YES! I want to reserve _____ additional 8' tables @ \$20.00 each \$ _____

Total Table(s) : \$ _____ .00

I am a METCA Division member! My dues is paid current! My Admission fee is \$ 3.00

Please allow _____ Adult (age 16+) Admission fee(s) @ \$4.00 each \$ _____

I want to add _____ Children's (over 12) Admission fee(s) @ \$1.00 each \$ _____

(Children under 12 admitted free)

Total admission(s) \$ _____ .00

Total of Check: \$ _____ .00

Name: _____ Phone(_____) _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____

Email Address _____ TCA # _____

**Complete this PRE ~ REGISTRATION coupon and return with check and S.S.A.E. to:
METCA, c/o Steve Siniawa, 230 North Boulevard, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663**

**ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS to 33 Baldwin Rd, Parsippany, NJ can be found on our website www.METCA.org
We invite METCA members to stay for the METCA business meeting immediately following the show!**

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METCA'S Shop-At-Home Page

Totals:

- A. _____ 1994 TCA Convention York Banquet Car(s) by Lionel @ \$210.00 each (includes shipping) \$ _____
- B. _____ 1997 METCA Holiday Ornament(s) @ \$5.00 each; add \$7.00 UPS shipping (limit 2) \$ _____
- C. _____ TCA's "Lionel Trains" Book(s) 1900-1943, 2nd Edition @ \$35.00 each (includes shipping) \$ _____
- D. _____ Salt/Pepper Shaker Set(s) licensed by Lionel, ceramic, @\$17.00 each (includes shipping) \$ _____
- E. _____ METCA's "Early Years" booklet(s) of assorted newsletters @ \$10.00 each (includes shipping)\$ _____

Make checks payable to METCA and send with this coupon to:

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INVOICE \$ _____

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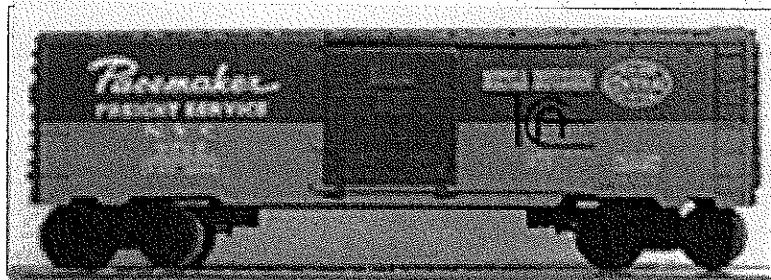
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WIN THIS BOXCAR!!!

This is the 1976 METCA Division Boxcar made by LIONEL

METCA lettering in yellow TCA lettering in black

Winner will be announced at our November 12th show!

(Winner need not be present)

Tickets are only \$5.00 ~ limited to 200 ~ they can be purchased at the show OR

Complete this coupon and mail with check and a stamped, self-address envelope to:

METCA, c/o Steve Siniawa, 230 North Boulevard, Saddle Brook, NJ 07683

Please print clearly

YES! I want to be entered in METCA's raffle for a 1976 METCA Division box car! Please send me _____ raffle tickets @ \$5.00 each. Total sent: \$ _____ for _____ tickets

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Email address _____ TCA # _____

Draft Minutes of the Metropolitan Division Board of Director's Meeting

Sunday, September 17, 2006 at the Parsippany P.A.L. Building, Parsippany, NJ

(To be adopted on November 12, 2006)

Meeting opened by John Clinton, President at 2:35PM

Board Members Present:

John Clinton, Pres.; John Bernich, V. Pres.; Bill Brennan, Dir.; Bob Dobrowolski, Dir.; Rem Hunnewell, Dir.; Scot Kienzlen, Dir.; John Lomio, Dir.; Kevin Quinn, Dir.; Pat Scuorzo, Dir.; Steve Siniawa, Dir.; Chris Uchrin, Dir. Absent: Paul Dinatale, Treas.

Treasurer's Report:

Postponed until Paul returns.

Unfinished Business:

1. Motion to amend the minutes of March 26, 2006 meeting by Rem to include that we discussed changing the format/layout style of the show mailings. 2nd, by Bob; all voting yes except abstention by Chris who was not at the meeting. Motion to accept amended minutes by John Bernich, 2nd by Rem, all voted yes.
2. John Bernich reported that he and Steve were still getting prices for METCA hats as a fund raiser item.
3. Steve reported that the man with the free HO layout was in Florida and would contact him when he returns to NJ.
4. Steve has the following on the 2007 tentative dates we picked out for the PAL; Dates available are: March 18th, September 16th and November 11th. Also the hall rental has gone up starting July 1, 2006. The city of Parsippany is now supervising the operations of the PAL due to operating losses in the past. We were paying \$1050.00 per show since 2002-5 years. New cost is \$1260.00.
5. Scot reports he is still researching the list of Free Ads.
- 6 A. Scot reports that he and Mike Rapp are continuing looking into locations in Yonkers, NY. Long Island and Manhattan.
B. John Clinton reports that halls he has looked into are: Woodbridge Elks \$650.00 but we have to rent table sat \$9.00 each; Hungarian-American Hall \$1400.00; Holiday Inn Carteret \$650.00 but 2nd floor location; and the Ramada Inn \$5,000.00.
C. Rem reports following: Garfield Boys Club \$400.00 including tables and setup; schools in Oakhurst area %575.00 per school ass't small locations.
- 7 A. Motion to form 3-man committee to explore new locations and give board recommendations (committee cannot enter into contracts for hall rentals or reserve dates with halls) by Kevin and 2nd by Chris. All voted yes.
B. John Clinton appointed following to committee: Scot, Rem and Kevin. Committee to give preliminary findings at Nov. show and possibly have new locations for 2007 to discuss.
8. Rem made motion, 2nd by Kevin to appoint Scot Editor of Newsletter/Mailing for the purpose as discussed in March to reformat the design of the newsletter. Scot to receive from John his President's letter, Paul will provide the Treasurer's report and Steve will send the rest of the pages of the mailing. Scot will take all info and arrange it into his new design and send John the finished mailing sample for final approval before Steve prints and mails it. This arrangement can be done away with if it turns out not to work out. All voted yes.

New Business:

1. The Treasurer's report is postponed until Paul returns.
2. John Clinton reports he is looking into having hobby shops giving METCA gift Certificates as Door Prizes.
3. John Clinton reports discussed possibility of a METCA display in with a New York Location Museum. A Ms. Hoffman from NY has gotten a grant for a Museum type Building and would have a section that may be perfect for a train display and if it works out would give METCA exclusive rights to a display there. Location is still to be finalized, maybe in Brooklyn.
4. John Clinton also talked with Lionel Ceo Jerry Calabrese about METCA's upcoming 45th Anniversary in November. John will follow up with a letter to him and maybe they can do something for us.
5. Motion to increase division dues to \$10.00 per year with stipulation that Board will designate one show per year as a Free Admission for METCA memebtrs who are Up-to-date dues payers, by Scot and 2nd by Bob. All voted yes.
6. Rem reported he received from Natonal TCA a list of 991 METCA members/applicants E-MAIL ADDRESSES, cost from National was \$29.82, cost donated by Rem. Rem Sent out letter to the 991 about 40-50 bounced back as no good for whatever reasons. He did get back response from George Wybenga of Caboose Art who sent a framed engine sample fof his work. Art prints sell for \$45-55 each. Rem will look into other pictures to possibly sell for profit at our shows.
7. Rem discussed for thought only the forming of a Chapter in Monmouth County as he knows 7 people who are interested in it.
8. John Clinton was given a calendar from another division that we can use fora floor raffle prize in November.
9. Rem discussed how National puts Headquarter News on its web page and made motion to put METCA newsletter on our web page, 2nd by John Bernich. All voted yes.
10. John Clinton asked about October York Advertisement about a METCA Standard Gauge Moduular Layout and was told by Scot that it was a printing error as Eastern thought it was METCA because a few up front members belonged to us.
11. Motion that the current President of Division send out a first contact postcard/letter to the 1st mailing applicants under METCA in the National Headquarters News and a later follow up phone call by him or his designated alternate. Motion by Scot and 2nd by Rem. All voted yes.

Motion to adjourn at 5:30 PM by Chris Uchrin and seconded by Rem. Meeting adjourned by John Clinton.

Ear To The Rail

(news and notes from around the division)

Your Show Committee is looking for a few good helpers! We're trying to develop "mini-meets" within the division. These would be in ADDITION to our regular shows, but confined to TCA members only! It'll give members a chance to get together, swap stories and sell 'excess baggage." Mike Rapp is already working in the Yonkers, NY area. If you think you'd like to help you can call Rem Hunnewell, Kevin Quinn or Scot Kienzlen, and we'll work to help get the ball rolling!

Our 8x8 display layout is going on tour! Don Brill, a METCA member and operator of the Dover NJ train show, asked if we'd be interested in setting up shop there~ we, of course, agreed that it would be good for the division to do just that! Scot will be there with his son, Danny. Stop by and say hi!

If you're a collector of division or commemorative cars, we remind you that the METCA Division has produced only three in its 45 year history~ the 1971 "A"cab F-3 Jersey Central; 1976 ~9754 Pacemaker Boxcar and 1979~ 9272 New Haven Bay Window Caboose. If you have any doubt about the authenticity of an item you're considering purchasing, please consult any member of the METCA BOD for help; the photos of these can also be see on the METCA website www.METCA.org

METCA Member Jay Duke was an "open house" host at the recent O Scale National Convention. About two dozen fans showed up at his house to run trains and enjoy Jay's stories. Congratulations, Jay!

Bus service from NY is available to the METCA shows in Parsippany! It runs every hour on the half hour, starting at 7:30 AM. Call Lakeland Bus at (973) 355-0600 for exact info. Bus info is also available on our website www.METCA.org

Rem Hunnewell reports that many train items on Ebay are selling for less than what's reported in the hobby guides. Shop around; some train prices may continue to drop as the hobby's demographics change.

The Board of Directors has authorized 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'd like to set up for the purpose of running trains. **No Selling** of any kind will be allowed on these tables! Contact Steve Siniawa for more information.

Mailing label incorrect? Let your METCA Secretary/Treasurer, Paul Dinatale, know about it! You can call him or drop off the corrected information at one of our upcoming shows.

Have something of interest you'd like to share with other interested METCA members? **Let Us Know!** Call your Newsletter Editor at 973-945-1401 or email me at friendlytm@hotmail.com Hope to hear from YOU!

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Let me know!

~Your Newsletter Editor, Scot Kienzlen

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