

From The President

As this is my last letter as President, I again want to thank all the officers, the Board of Directors and the committee members who all did a great job for the division. I especially want to thank Scot for the great job on the new newsletter, Rem for all the new computer systems he installed and Paul for keeping the books in great shape. Rem and Kevin, a job well done for the two Garfield shows and congratulations to Bob Amling for breaking new ground for METCA in New York with the Brooklyn show. I also want to mention the great job Bob Dobrowolski did on the Membership Committee and for printing all the show flyers the division needed. Paul Licata and Sam Deo did a great job on the Election Committee and on following up on the election. A new Division Car was presented for approval at the last meeting by Stu Rankin. Many of the members are sporting new METCA shirts, designed and embroidered by Mike and Carol Rapp~ several were given away as door prizes at the shows! I again want to mention the letter from our 2007 TCA President, Jim Burke. You'll see it in this issue. And on a sad note, we offer our condolences to the family of Sarah Reed Lavinus, our TCA National Secretary who passed away. I know I forgot to mention many people and their contributions to our division, but please know how much I have appreciated working with all of you and watching our division go forward. To all of you, many thanks. May the blessings of God go with us all and good luck to all in the coming years.

Yours truly,
John Bernich

**Your METCA Board of Directors meets
On January 13, 2008
RIGHT AFTER THE NEXT SHOW!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

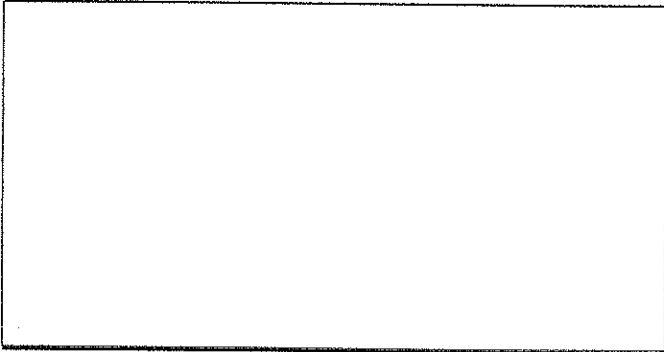
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Editor's notes

I get an opportunity one time a year to attend York. I set aside one week of vacation, and with good reason! Saturday, I attend to my car~ oil, tires, fluids and a good bath. Sunday and Monday I spend time deciding what I want to sell and how much I can reasonably expect. Most times I'm practically giving stuff away! Tuesday morning, I'm packing~ the car, my suitcase~ and dashing off last minute notes to my family and friends. And then, somewhere around mid-afternoon, I'm off! My time at the Eastern Division meet is nirvana for me. Surrounded by trains, friends and positive energy, I am revitalized. "Fun" is breakfast, lunch and dinner get-togethers. "Fun" is someone unexpected who shows up at my table and becomes a new friend. "Fun" is catching up and telling stories with my York friends. "Fun" is putting all the reading and toy train knowledge that I've gained over the past year into action when I make my new train acquisition. "Fun" is returning to my table and my buddy Chris Scull says, "You've got CASH!" "Fun" is making and following your own traditions while in York. "Fun" is volunteering with the Eastern Division folks and helping with the biggest train show in the world. "Fun" is learning something new about the hobby. "Fun" is what you make it and how you find it. Do I have fun at York? You BETCHA!

We're very excited to bring you this edition of the Metca Waybill. It's packed full of goodies~ Bert Schuck reports on the SGMA in Altoona, PA; we introduce you to NEW TCA/Metca members (maybe some in YOUR area); read about what your Board of Directors has been up to; see the updates on our Garfield and Brooklyn shows; and check out our ALL NEW Division car! So go ahead~ turn the pages and have FUN!

~ Scot Kienzlen





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August 14, 2007

Mr. John Bernich
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Subject : Congratulations to METCA

Dear John,

I have recently received and read the July issue of the "METCA Waybill Newsletter." I want to congratulate you, the Division officers and Board, committees, meet volunteers and everyone that has been involved in the progress to put METCA back on its feet and move forward that is reported in your newsletter.

Thinking back to conversations that I had with various Division members in November and December of 2006, the Division's strides forward are impressive: re-energized meets, the upcoming TCA show in Brooklyn, better financials, new members, passage of official By Laws for the division, an informative well prepared "Waybill" newsletter and most important an overall positive feeling. This is an impressive list of accomplishments in just a few months. Please pass on to one and all my congratulations on the accomplishment for all the hard and successful work!

Best in Collecting and Operating,



James J. Burke, Jr.
National President

Garfield Show Report

~by Kevin Quinn, Show Chairman

Our return to the Garfield Boy's and Girl's Club continues to be successful! In addition to a great turnout, we gave away 17 door prizes! Congratulations to the following **door prize winners**: 9 AM: **Angelo Frannicola, Joe Michalczak and John Marrinan**; 10 AM: **Lex Bruninni, Mark Poklemba, Sam Minore and Noah Omar**; 11 AM: **Leonard Kotz, Bill Serratelli and Bill Serratelli, Jr!** At noon our prize winners were **Ed Polterala and Ken Vanderhouten**; 1 PM: **Jack Leary**.

We also had some long-distance travelers to our show, too! Thanks to our "**furthest traveled**" visitors **James Castoro** of East Hampton, L.I.; **Pete Costa** of Plymouth Meeting, PA; **Daniel Fisher** of Lehighton, PA, and **John Ratowski** of Tom's River, NJ for coming out to help make the METCA show grow!

Our next Garfield show is on January 13. Complete the admission form in this issue and come on out. It's a great opportunity for you to find out what METCA has in store for its members in 2008!

Minutes of METCA BOD Meeting 23 September 2007

1. Meeting called to order at 2:40PM by President John Bernich
2. Roll Call of BOD Members by Rem Hunnewell
 - a) Present: President: John Bernich, Vice President: Scot Kienzlen, Sec/Treasurer: Paul DiNatale, BOD Member: Rem Hunnewell, BOD Member: Bill Brennan, BOD Member: Bob Dobrowolski
BOD Member: John Lomio, BOD Member: Kevin Quinn
 - b) Excused: BOD Member Pat Scuorzo
3. Motion made by Mr. DiNatale to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2007 BOD meeting. Seconded by Vice President Scot Kienzlen. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Presidents Report – President Bernich read a letter from TCA National President Jim Burke to the BOD complementing METCA on its new course. Also announced were METCA's nominations to the National Standards Committee: Joe Mania, Stu Rankin, Stanley Ozga, Robert Dobrowolski, Tony Roye, and Rem Hunnewell. Mr. Bernich concluded by asking that all METCA members please make a conscious effort to talk up the Brooklyn show.
5. Vice Presidents Report – Mr. Kienzlen is currently looking into placing advertising on the charter bus's that will be used from the Long Island area to York. In addition, TCA National is planning a cruise to leave from and return NYC in September 2008. METCA will need to be involved with this at some level and he is currently exploring various avenues.
6. Treasurers Report – Mr. DiNatale reported that the Division currently has about \$1400.00 as of July 14, 2007 per the banks records and over \$2000.00 as of July 14, 2007 per his own records. Mr. Kienzlen asked that in the future all Treasurer reports will be a written report and show a total that reconciles with the latest bank statement. Motion made by Bob Dobrowolski and seconded by Scot Kienzlen. Motion passed unanimously
7. Secretary's Report – Mr. Hunnewell reported the following and turned over all receipts to the Division Treasurer for verification.
8. Report given by Stu Rankin on proposed Division car project for 2008 deadline After much discussion, a motion was made by Kevin Quinn and seconded by Scot Kienzlen to proceed with project pending additional information from Lionel LLC. Motion passed unanimously
9. Motion made by Scot Kienzlen and seconded by Bill Brennan to approve Resolution 2007-10. This resolution brings into line the current election with the Division Bylaws that go into effect January 1, 2008. . Motion passed unanimously
10. Motion made by Kevin Quinn and seconded Scot Kienzlen to the purchase of Division shirts for \$300.00 for sale to METCA members and to use as prizes. Motion passed unanimously
11. Next METCA BOD meeting will be held at 2:30 PM at the Brooklyn show November 3, 2007
12. With all posted business successfully attended to, President Bernich adjourned the meeting at 4:15PM

Respectfully Submitted Rem Hunnewell, Acting Metropolitan Division Secretary

Highballing into the future by honoring our past



METCA Train Show

Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008

METCA RETURNS TO THE

Garfield Boys' and Girls Club

490 Midland Ave, Garfield

METCA/TCA members admitted at 9 AM ~ General Public at 10AM ~ Show Runs until 3 PM

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 7:00 AM for set-up. **Please bring your own handcards.** (Limited quantity available at Boys Club)

The We invite METCA members to stay for the METCA business meeting immediately following the show!

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GARDEN STATE PARKWAY NORTH TO EXIT 157 RT 46 EAST TO OUTWATER LANE. TOP OF RAMP MAKE RIGHT. GO 1 LIGHT MAKE LEFT ONTO MIDLAND AVE. BOYS CLUB ON LEFT.

RT 80 WEST TO EXIT 62 MIDLAND AVE. SADDLE BROOK FOLLOW SIGNS AROUND TO THE RIGHT FOR MIDLAND AVE. SADDLE BROOK ONTO PHELE AVE. AT LIGHT MAKE RIGHT. GO 1 BLOCK MAKE LEFT ONTO MIDLAND AVE. TAKE MIDLAND AVE 2 MILES TO GARFIELD BOYS CLUB ON LEFT SIDE

Please reserve _____ table's at the Jan 13th Show @\$20.00 ea. \$ _____
 YES! I want to **GET A 4th Table for FREE!!**
 I am a METCA Division member! My dues are current! My Admission fee is \$ 2.00
 Please allow _____ Adult (age 10+) Admission fee(s) @ \$4.00 each \$ _____
(Adult Admission included w/ Table Registration. Children under 10 admitted free) Total admission(s) \$ _____
 Total of Check or Money Order: \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone(_____) _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____

Email Address _____ TCA# _____

Complete this **PRE ~ REGISTRATION** coupon and return with check and S.S.A.E. to:

METCA Show, c/o Kevin Quinn, 25 Lincoln Ave Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

Or call (201) 712-9481 for additional Information

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New York City Goes to Altoona



Just about everyone likes to see standard gauge trains in action. Their large size, bright colors and dramatic metal on metal sound all add up to toy train excitement. The Standard Gauge Module Association is a group of STDG enthusiasts from different parts of the country who meet to setup and operate a large layout. The SGMA design includes 3 operating mainlines and a power setup able to control original prewar trains as well as modern DCS equipped locos. The groups first operating session was at the TCA York meet in October of 2006 with a layout measuring 20ft x 52ft. In August 2007 the SGMA operated a layout at the TTOS's National Convention in Altoona, Pa. The layout was an enormous 28ft x 60ft. At one point there were FIVE standard gauge trains running at the same time, one on each outer mainline and three trains running simultaneously on the inner mainline using DCS. There was something for everybody and those that saw the layout in operation loved it.

My contribution to the SGMA layout is a 20ft long section of modules which represent a vestige of prewar New York City. The heart of my section is a 1920's era plaster tunnel of NYC with a towering Woolworth Building. This tunnel has a label calling it a Burpalspa Miniature made by Don Shasteen Studios in Toledo, Ohio. Accompanying this tunnel is an array of original prewar toys including a Lionel #113 station, Lionel street lamps and a variety of cast iron and tin cars. Among the cars are a Mohawk Toy Company taxi and a Nonpareil taxi, both NYC manufacturers. Trains run through the tunnel via a siding using 1980's era Ryd-In turnouts. American Flyer signals operate on this siding by insulated rail detection and relays. One side of the section has a collection of brick lithographed buildings forming an industrial area leading into The City. The opposite end of the section has an abandoned siding track including an early 1910 era Lionel turnout (the first STDG switch) where equipment can be displayed.

Videos of the SGMA Altoona layout in action are posted on YouTube. These can be accessed by entering the video titles below into the YouTube search window. SGMA Altoona Layout #1, SGMA Altoona Layout #2, SGMA Altoona Layout #6
For more information about the SGMA visit groups.yahoo.com/group/sgma/ or go to the Yahoo Groups main page and enter SGMA in the search window.

~ Bert Schuck TCA 05-58599

Long Island Sounds

By Bob Amling

The first Brooklyn train show and the first METCA train show on Long Island was a success! The tables were sold out. The paid attendance was \$966 which equates to approximately; 30 METCA members, 180 TCA and public attendees. Clem Clement, TCA President-elect was welcomed to the show by John Bernich, METCA President, Scot Kienzlen METCA Vice President and show chairman Bob Amling. Clem won the longest trip to the show prize; coming all the way from Virginia. Clem also registered his four hour old Grand Daughter in the TCA Kids club! Rem Hunnewell, METCA Acting Secretary, signed up two new TCA members and five new METCA members. The METCA operating layout provided by Scot and the TMCC demonstration by Steve Musso were a huge success with adults and kids alike! Ben Fioriello AKA blueline4, practiced his own brand of attracting kids to the hobby. Ben was seen on numerous occasions giving away rolling stock to kids that visited his table. Way to go Ben!! The scouts and leaders of BSA T396 did a fine job of providing coffee and nourishment. METCA thanks Train World of Brooklyn and Nassau Hobby of Freeport for their generous donations of door prizes. Stan Ozga took home the White Christmas train set, Arnie Mig won the NYC caboose, while Herb Wasserman, Bob Dobrowolski, and N. Martone each won \$15 in METCA money to be spent at the show. Thanks to Bob Del Castillo, Richard Pedone, Ed Sparacio, and Jim Grillo for their help with table setup and sign placement.

(Bob Amling is the Chairman for the METCA Brooklyn show. If you'd like other METCA members to know what's going on on Long Island, Contact Bob or Waybill Editor Scot Kienzlen)

WELCOME NEW METCA MEMBERS!

These new TCA members' names have appeared in the National Headquarters News since our last Waybill. If they live in a town near you, why not call them and welcome them to the TCA~ and METCA!

Louis Ambrogio, Avenel, NJ 732-636-8008
Robert Bosnack, Holbrook, NY 631-431-3024
Jose B. DeJesus, Babylon, NY 631-422-2393
Jay Eicher, Moriches, NY 631-909-1229
Brian Figler, Rockaway, NJ 973-983-2588
Gary Gemain, Lincoln Pk, NJ 973-331-0424
Wesley Glover, Hoboken, NJ 201-795-5474
Alex Herbst, Eatontown, NJ 732-546-2255
Matthew C. Kelly, Lexington, MA 781-862-5902
Michael A. Lauria, Carmel, NY 845-228-4006
Richard J. Manzano, Bronxville, NY 914-961-1832
Paul Micciche, Stony Brook, NY 631-236-2388
Paul Modelewski, Huntington, NY 631-351-4727
Richard J. O'Brien, Bellport, NY 631-286-1311
Ismael Perez, Corona, NY (no phone available)
Joseph Picciano, Scotch Plains, NJ 908-834-8491
Mark Robohm, New York City, NY 212-627-1245
Gregory Rogers, East Moriches, NY 631-878-1517
Kent Seelig, Farmingdale, NY (no phone avail.)
Maureen Thornton-Drost, Sayreville, NJ 732-857-5081
Michael Villani, Bronx, NY 718-822-9841

William Butkowski, New Providence, NJ 908-464-7472
Lonny Cowan, Weston, CT. 203-984-8890
Richard DeGennaro, Belford, NJ 732-787-1308
Robert M. Fishco, Somerset, NJ 732-568-0729
A. Ollie Klein, Spring Lakes Hgts., NJ 732-449-8679
Ladislav J. Rak, Clifton, NJ 973-471-5187
Charles W. Reed, New York, NY 917-331-3127

Richard Beldner, Paramus, NJ 201-843-7035
Timothy Cribbin II, Williston Pk, NY 516-526-4834
Melba Diller, Garden City, NY 516-746-3285
William A. Farber, New York, NY 212-633-1001
Robert A. Francisco, Jr. Harrington Pk, NJ 201-767-2465
Stuart C. Gillard, Plainsboro, NJ 609-799-5003
Donald J. Gogal, Clifton, NJ 973-478-4051
Bryan Hines, Totowa, NJ 973-595-1328
Robert W. Klein, Hackensack, NJ 201-343-4236
Israel Maldonado, Brooklyn, NY 718-809-1004
John McNamara, Staten Island, NY 718-948-7531
James P. Miller, New Vernon, NJ 973-292-9839
Scott D. Moore, Massapequa, NY 516-541-5282
John r. Orlovsky, Ocean, NJ 732-578-8185
David Petersen, Far Hills, NJ 908-834-8491
Thornwell Richburg, Woodbourne, NY 718-531-7274
James G. Rocco, New York, NY 718-320-1686
Carl Schandelmeier, Murray Hill, NJ 908-464-1669
Eric Sporrer, Mineola, NY 516-741-4583
Richard Triano, White Plains, NY 914-682-1712
Steven Wisneiski, Basking Ridge, NJ 908-766-0574

Frederick Ciapetti, Bayside, NY 718-229-5326
Edward E. Davis, New York, NY 718-829-6562
Michael Federochko, Bayonne, NJ 201-339-9392
Brian Handler, Great Neck, NY 516-498-9111
Rich Odierna, Northvale, NJ 201-784-0166
Carol W. Rapp, Yonkers, NY 914-457-7916
Karl F. Serini, Yonkers, NY 914-237-5505

**It is with heartfelt sympathy that we sadly report the passing of Joe Dinatale,
brother of Metca Treasurer Paul Dinatale.**



Highballing in Brooklyn With the Second!

METCA Train Show

Saturday Feb 9, 2008

Marine Park, Brooklyn, NY

2335 Gerritsen Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11229

ATTENTION ALL LONG ISLAND AND METRO NY TCA MEMBERS

METCA is Proud to once again be on Long Island and we invite you to our second of many events scheduled in YOUR area. Please join us for this event.

METCA/TCA members admitted at 8 AM ~ General Public at 9:00AM ~ Show Runs until 2 PM
 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 8' tables held until 9AM only. Table holders admitted at 6:00 AM for set-up. **Please bring your own handcars.** (Limited quantity available)

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Mass Transit: B & Q train to Kings Highway, B31 Bus at E16th and Quentin Road to Whitney Av.

Table Reservations

- Please reserve _____ 8' table's at the February 9th Show @ \$25.00 ea (admission included). \$ _____
- Please reserve _____ 8' table's with electric at the February 9th Show @\$30.00 ea. \$ _____
- YES! I want to GET A 4th 8' Table for only \$10.00 \$ _____

Pre-Admission

- I am a METCA Division member! My METCA Division dues are current for 2008. Admission \$ 2.00 \$ _____
- Please allow _____ Adult (age 10+) Admission fee(s) @ \$5.00 each \$ _____
- (1 Adult admission included with table. Children under 10 admitted free) Total admission(s) \$ _____
- Total of Check or Money Order: **Payable to METCA** \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone(_____) _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ TCA# _____

**Complete this PRE ~ REGISTRATION coupon and return with check and L.S.S.A.E. to:
 METCA Show, c/o Bob Amling 2023 Coyle Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229 rea.ra@verizon.net 718-934-2548**

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And Finally

Date: November 11, 2007

To: Secretary - METCA Division, TCA
From: Paul J. Licata - Chair METCA Election Committee
Re: Election Results

The Election Committee is pleased to present the following results for the 2007-2008 TCA Metropolitan Division General Elections.

The elected candidates are:

OFFICE CANDIDATE ELECT # VOTES

President Scot Kienzlen 105
V.P. John Bernich 102
Secretary Rem Hunnewell 105
Treasurer Paul DiNatale 72

BOD Don Brill 76
BOD Bob Dobrowolski 70
BOD Kevin Quinn 80
BOD Pat Scurzo 77

We received 115 Ballots from the 191 mailed to the membership. This equates to a 60% return rate!

Three ballots were not counted.

1. Ballot from an associate member not eligible to vote
2. Ballot from person not on the official list
3. Ballot whose TCA # did not match the name of the person

These ballots, no matter how they voted, would not change the results.

The three people on the election committee counted the ballots at the Duncan Donuts, Cranford NJ. One person read the ballots, one person recorded the ballots, and one person cross-checked the name and TCA # with the list provided by Rem Hunnewell. This list contained the METCA members eligible to vote. All counts were done a minimum of two times to ensure accuracy.

The process lasted from Noon until 2:00PM.

The only recommendation for future Elections is that a return address label is put on the envelope used to mail back to the EC Chair. We had a hard time figuring out the names of around 40 ballots and this took time to look them up via TCA Number.

The hard copy tabulations with signatures will be forwarded to the Secretary for preservation.

The Election Committee achieved the goals set forth by the mission statement. We stand by the results and guarantee the integrity of the process.

We also want to thank the members of METCA who have helped in the revitalization of this fine organization. There are a number of events / announcements coming up that will make you glad you're a part of METCA.

Submitted and reported November 11, 2007; Don Brill, Sam Deo, Paul J. Licata (EC Chair)