

METROPOLITAN DIVISION -

TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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FEBRUARY 10, 1961 - SNOWBALL MEET - Metropolitan Division TCA. To be held at St. John's Chapel, Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey. This is the same location that proved so popular in November for our first meet. All arrangements for this meet are being handled by Meet Chairman Joe Ranker and Warren (able assistant) Schuch.

HOW TO GET THERE: St. John's Chapel is located four blocks south of Route 4, 3 miles from the George Washington Bridge. From either direction, get off at the GRAND AVENUE LEONIA exit. From New Jersey Turnpike, get off at last exit - Ridgefield Park. Bear right onto Route 46 East and exit at Grand Avenue (about half mile) and head north 3 miles to new highway construction and the Chapel. From New York Thruway, exit at Suffern exit and head south on Route 17, transferring to Route 4 and head east.

IN CASE OF SNOW or if driving is very bad, the meet may be cancelled. If in doubt, call Joe Ranker at the following unlisted telephone number:

BAD WEATHER PHONE . . . . Windsor 4-7539

COSTS: Registration for all collectors, \$1.50 including coffee and cake. No registration fee for wives.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION: Please fill out enclosed card and return immediately so we can have some idea as to how many we may expect at the meet. We want to have enough coffee ready, too, in case its cold.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION MEMBERSHIP: If you haven't already joined, mail a dollar now to secretary Harold R. Carstens, 322 Elizabeth Avenue, Ramsey, N. J. Make checks payable to: Metropolitan Division, TCA. Only paid up METCA members get our juicy, informative NEWSLETTERS. And you have to be a paid up 1962 TCA member to be eligible for METCA membership.

TRADING SUGGESTIONS: Many METCA members are new at the trading pits. Few collectors as yet go for postwar items unless very clean. A few exceptions such as authentic black GG-1. Badly scratched cars don't move. Ditto for locos that are badly marked, broken, etc. Many collectors won't take repaints altho many collectors recognize the place for quality restorations. Items that move in New England or Hershey may lay an egg in New York. Keep trying. Don't be a chiseler. Treat the other guy like you'd like to be treated. Sweeten those deals and make friends. Its more fun. Maybe you can get a new item by offering one of your surplus items plus cash. Any item is worth as much as you want to pay. There will be an AUCTION after the Feb. 10 Business Meeting if we can find an auctioneer. Any volunteers? Applications for new members must be presented to the secretary with all fees prior to officers meeting prior to the Business Meeting (2 PM). Official TCA literature will be on sale. Next Newsletter will list the specialties of all METCA members - if you help us get that information. News items welcome. Leave them at the registration desk at next meet. METCA membership now 55. TCA Division members must pay their 1962 TCA dues or their local membership will be cancelled. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All. HHC