

73 Attend 2nd Meet

The snow started falling early Friday night, causing concern among METCA officers. Then the early birds started arriving, eager and raring to go. Saturday morning was bright and clear. All the roads were open. At 9AM the doors were thrown open and the crowd began pouring in. From Baltimore came Al and Wendel Roth. From Boston we had Annie and Bob Davenport and Ted Hindmarsh from Quincy and John Wrona from Uxbridge. And there was Eric Buckley and Frank Mazarella, and Lou Redman, and many more out of towners, all helping to liven things up. Trading started early and continued right up until the meet broke up at 4PM.

The business meeting started at 2PM with President Joe Levy presiding. Minutes of the Nov. 25th meet were read and accepted. No old business was carried over. Discussion of new business centered around the next two meets. The May 6th Meet will be at Harrison, N. Y. under the chairmanship of John Marron. Some concern was expressed about the joint NETCA-METCA meet scheduled for Sept. 22, 1962, at Carl Pieper's, in the event of bad weather. Joe Ranker and Warren Schuch are METCA liason agents for this meet. Bad weather or good, the joint meet promises to be one of the best meets of the year..

Once again the Ladies' Auxiliary did a grand job in providing coffee and cake and sandwiches... National Secretary Lou Redman did a fine job as our very first auctioneer, with George Yohe handling the paper work. Division proceeds of 10% were \$13.50.

NEW MEMBERS

Seven new members were accepted into membership:

JOSEPH CARAVALKO, 125 Baker St., Bridgeport, Conn.
Rec. by John Marron. Has 25 locos: Ives, Lionel.

EARL DONEY, 306 North 11th St., Newark 7, N. J.
Rec. by Wm. Vagell. 20 locos: Lionel, Flyer.

RONALD GOLDENBAUM, 81 Locust Ave., Trenton 10, N. J.
Rec. by J. Ranker. Has 32 locos: Lionel, Dorfan.

JOHN MCANDREWS, 39-54 221st Pl., Queens Village 27.
Rec. by H. Ashley. Has 25 locos: Lionel O, Std.

PAT SCUORZO, 305 Princeton Rd., Linden, N. J.
Rec. by John Marron. Has 25 locos, Lionel.

BURT RACE AND BLAIR WHITTON. Application sent to Nat'l Hdqtrs. OKed by Redman. Addresses to come.

NEW MEMBERS can join TCA in two ways. One, by sneding required forms to National Hdqtrs. Two, by joining through a local division such as METCA.

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JOE RANKER'S Lionel Converse Trolley is one of the finest of its type we've seen. Was bought in Hackensack, N. J.

COMING EVENTS . . .

MARCH 10 - UXBRIDGE, MASS - New England Division Spring Meet At the Community Church Hall. John and Mae Wrona are running this one.

APRIL 13-15 - HERSHEY, PA. Eastern Division Spring Meet. Hershey Community Center. Probably the biggest eastern meet of the year since the National is being held this June in San Francisco. Its also Palm Sunday weekend and you'll find plenty of churches in the area. Details from Eric Buckley, 501 Kissell Hill Rd., Lititz, Pa.

MAY 6 - HARRISON, N. Y. - Metropolitan Division Spring Meet. John Marron, Chairman. Notices will be sent in April. At John Cabatte Hall. Collectors are advised to clean up all litter after the meet as the division will lose \$25 security money if the hall is left looking like a pig pen.

METCA area TCAers who still desire to receive Eastern Division meet notices and newsletters must pay \$1 Eastern Division dues to Eric Buckley if they want to stay on the mailing list. Same applies to METCA members wanting to get New England Division notices. \$1 to Mae Wrona puts you on the NETCA rolls. And those in other divisions who want to get METCA notices, send \$1 to Hal Carstens.

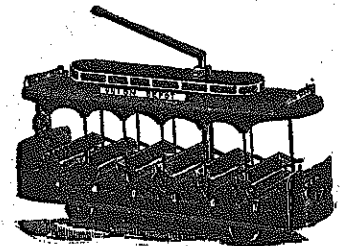
meet LES MORRIS

LES MORRIS is a fairly new collector; got his start only about two years ago when he recalled his original Lionel No. 262 with passenger cars. Les specializes in Lionel Standard Gauge and also has some Lionel O. Immediate goal is to collect all Lionel Standard Gauge steamers. Pride and joy is an immaculate 400E which his wife graciously permits to sit on the living room mantle. Has about 40 locos including some HO. Just picked up a Lionel 385E at the Feb. 17 Mulraney auction. Les' wife lays claim to two old Marklin locos which Les has in his collection. Les is a veterinary doctor and has his practice in Ridgewood, N. J. Les went to NYU, got his veterinary degree at the Veterinary School of the University of Pennsylvania. Les and his wife and infant daughter recently bought a home at 184 Sheridan Ave., Hohokus, N. J. Phone 652-1258.

THE PIT

Hal Carstens has some big O scale locos too big or modern for his layout. All All-Nation, clean, good runners. 4-8-2, F-7 A unit, 1000 hp diesel switcher.

Dr. G. Robinson - Anything in Ives. Is trying to corner the market.



meet Bob Cornell

One of our members is Bob Cornell, 37-08 Utopia Parkway, Flushing 58., and an invalid. When our first meet came around last November, we saved one of the registration packages for Bob and mailed it off to him. Here's what Bob wrote: "...I can only say that when the package came the other day, I felt like a youngster opening his stocking on Christmas morning! That copy of RMC is wonderful. The Lionel Dealer's (advance) catalog and the American Flyer catalog are great! I guess you knew too well that they are hard to come by these days. The stores don't pass them out willy-nilly any more. I'm glad to have my membership card and the newsletter. That was a wise move joining the Metropolitan Division...". Thanks to Bob for his letter and he is welcome to use the Newsletter to help in his collecting, as is every METCA member.

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HIAA SHOW

METCA Secretary Hal Carstens attended the Hobby Trade Show in Chicago February 3-8. Hal rode the cab of the Erie-Lackawanna Limited from Hoboken to Scranton. Reports lots of new HO ready-to-run items. Gilbert had two booths for planes and cars but no trains. Lionel displayed lots of HO but is holding O gauge for the Toy Fair in NY. Lionel will have an O gauge turntable. Its in the advance catalog. TCAers Bob Hirstenstein was present, is being evicted from present location and says he is loaded with catalogs... German TT Nokal line will have American type F-7 this year with passenger cars... Hal returned on E-L Train No. 2.

Other Divisions

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - December Newsletter had a Hornby article. And they're bragging that chapter members now own three white Ives standard gauge train sets: owned by Herb Morley, Russ Hafdahl, and Ralph Schisler. So even in California this Ives myth is active and cultivated!

MIDWEST - 21 members and 7 guests turned out for the January meet and the snow was heavy. March meet is March 11th, 11AM, Bird Park Fieldhouse, Kankakee, Illinois, if anybody has business out that way.

One of the sour notes in our collecting hobby concerns the few fast buck artists whose prime consideration is to screw the other guy but good. Many times TCAers have been victimized by such men. METCA will shortly have a committee, chairman for whom will be appointed by Pres. Levy, to look into all complaints by METCA members in reference to unfair trading practices. Meanwhile, if you have been the victim of a sharpie, drop a note to Pres. Levy so that he can pass the letters on to the chairman as soon as he is appointed.

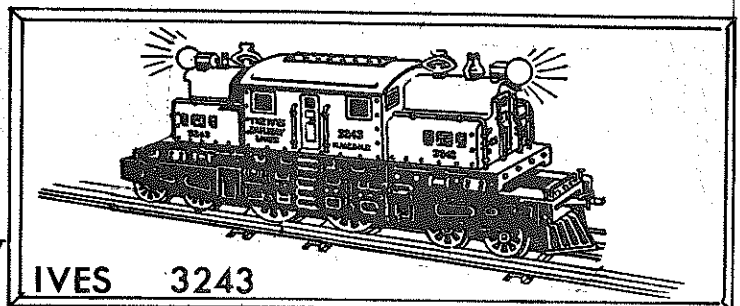
Perhaps many of these deals are merely a matter of misunderstanding. Whatever the cause, METCA would like to make a study and see just how widespread the sharpie practice is.

In METCA...

Our own Bill Vagell has turned up with a catalog of parts and reproductions for standard gauge locos, for which he asks 50¢. It is pocket size. Joe Levy wants to see more standard gauge at METCA meets. Joe just opened a new factory in South Carolina and has been traveling like a commuter between NY and SC. Last weekend he stepped off and saw Al Roth... Bill Krames Snowball Social held Feb. 11th with about twenty guests present, most of whom had taken in our meet the day before. Worked out well. Bill's new room coming along fast... Trading at Feb. 10th meet was heavy, far heavier than at first meet last November. Lots of goodies traded hands... Al Bennett has some nice juicy American Flyer pieces in his collection and in fine condition... Carstens bitten by Marklin bug - blames Davenport... Ranker just picked up another 408. Ranker just cleaned up an old repainted car and the litho job underneath is beautiful. Its Marklin...

This issue of the Newsletter is somewhat late and comes to you in offset form because the RMC mimeograph machine we've been using needs repairs. This method is more expensive but is neater and permits use of photos (at still more expense). Comments are welcome.

METCA Secretary Hal Carstens has received a first shipment of 5 copies of TCA's new Lionel Standard Gauge Trolley Book #E-1, at \$4.00 each. Hal has two left or you can order direct from Lou Redman. Its a goodie.



Camera stores sell tiny round self adhesive tabs used for identification of color slides which come numbered from 1 to 999, and in several colors. These are ideal for identifying cars and locomotives. Just press the tab underneath the car or loco. In a master notebook, jot down the number and such other information as may be important, such as: Manufacturer, Number, Color, Date acquired, From Whom, Amount Paid, or Estimated Value, Misc., Date sold... Duplicate equipment can be stored in plastic bags such as sold in super markets for freezing food, etc. RAILROAD MODEL CRAFTSMAN's new plastic subscription bags, still scarce, can also be used for the same purpose if opened carefully. Such bags accept even small standard gauge equipment and protect them from dust and scratches. Two bags can be joined with Scotch Tape to hold big items. Such bags are also great for storing duplicate books, magazines, and catalogs... In actual trading by mail, always be accurate in your descriptions. If an item is badly scratched, don't say "it was used by a little old collector on Sundays". Don't use the terms "Mint" or "Brand New" unless the items are actually that. "Mint" infers never out of the box and still sealed. An item can be "Never Run" and still be in terrible condition... In mail order trades, postage or shipping charges are usually an extra but not always.