

METCA

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84 COLLECTORS ATTEND HARRISON MEET

METCA's first Sunday meet drew largest Metropolitan Division crowd yet: 84 collectors and guests plus liberal sprinkling of wives and children. William Vagell was early bird as first registrant with Peter Detmold bringing up the rear position. Trading was brisk but not as spirited as at 2nd Meet in February at Englewood. Among items trading hands were a Blue Comet bought by Bill Vagell from Sid Weiss. Les Morris shook up Red Chapman and Ted Hindmarsh with a Marklin No. 1 gauge electric loco but no deal was made. There was a sprinkling of Ives here and there and a host of foreign O gauge. Also plenty of literature.

No business meeting was held which means that a business meeting will be held at the Sept. 22 meet at Norwalk, which is a joint meet with New England. The committee handling the Sept. 22 meet will meet at Norwalk on May 20 with the Piepers and NETCA committee. Total receipts of the Harrison meet were \$152.00. The Hall had previously been paid for. Thanks must be given to Joe Ranker, Ron Goldenbaum, and the others who helped with the cleanup after the meet, saving the Division \$25. in security charges. Also to Kaye Marron who handled the registration desk.

Among the guests were applicant Dick Young and Bob Van Buskirk, both old time trolley men and tinplate operators. Dick was buying up Quarterlies like crazy so guess he is hooked ... We were happy to see Don LaSpaluto for the first time at a METCA meet, also NETCA prexy Jack Roscoe, and former National President Bill Krames. Carl & Emily Pieper were also present, discussing arrangements for the Sept. meet at Norwalk... Ed Wichmann and son came by truck when car broke down shortly after leaving their Lenox, Mass. home... and we were happy to have Janice Bennett.

Thanks to Doc Robinson for several items in this issue. All METCA members are invited to submit brief items of general collecting interest.

Marklin O and No. 1 gauge and Lionel Standard gauge are the featured items in Hal Carstens' collection which he says is still a small one. Scale equipment is els ewhere. Also some Bing, Hornby, Flyer, Kusan, Fleischmann & Ives.



COMING EVENTS . . .

SCHEDULED MEETS: See APRIL TCA NEWSLETTER FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS OF ALL DIVISIONS.

JUNE 2 : Lenox, Mass. Contact: Ed Wichmann. NETCA.

JUNE 15-17: Hershey, Pa. Contact: Eric Buckley. This is a special joint meet of Eastern, Metropolitan, and New England for those who can't make the National in San Francisco.

SEPT. 22: Norwalk, Conn. Contact: Carl Pieper. Joint NETCA-METCA meet at Junior High School. Open house at nearby Std. Ga. C&E Lines.

AROUND THE DIVISION: Joe Ranker wishes some 'scale O modelers could be found in or around Leonia, to help on construction and operation on his giant 2-rail scale layout... METCA members at Hershey's April meet included Doc Robbie, Joe Ranker, Hal and Phyllis Carstens, Les Morris, Bill Vagell, Joe Levy, Frank Rochat, Al Roth, and we know we've missed others, not including those who are primarily Eastern Division members, as is Al Roth... Hal Carstens finally has much of his HO out of storage and on special narrow shelving... New shelving also up at Joe Levy's and at Les Morris'.

A Vet at Put-Put and Toot Toot!

Old trains hard to find? Listen, friend, here is a tip from Les Morris on how its done. Give the pup a distemper shot, grab the nearest motor scooter while still in your whites - ala Kildare!

Over the Turnpike and through the parkway off to the antique store he goes, a put-put-putting all the way. On arrival - lo and behold - the kindly old shop owner has a boxed IVES 1906 clockwork No. 1 clockwork set complete with full color catalog. "Here's your money. Wrap it up. I'll take it with me".

Now to get it back home! Here's where years of experience come in handy. Try balancing a precious Ives train set on your knees while piloting a motor scooter through dense Rte. 17 5 O'Clock rush hour traffic.

But Les swears that's the only way to find old trains. G. A. Robinson.

PROFILE ON WARREN SCHUCH

This is the "Sod King" himself. You need crab grass - give him a call - he has all kinds. Warren is married, has a lovely wife and 3 swell kids; 2 boys and a girl. He has been a toy train nut these past 3 years specializing in the Golden Era of the American Big 4: Lionel, Ives, Flyer, and Dorfan.

Among his gems are: Flyer Chief and American Legion, and Lionel 2 tone dark green 408E with state cars.

The teakettle is always whistling but please call first. GAR.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

President Joseph Levy
Secretary-Treasurer Harold H. Carstens
Directors: Joseph Ranker, John Marron, G. Robinson

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-

The spectacular growth of the Metropolitan Division indicates that some changes in organizational structure will be required next year. The present President and combination Secretary-Treasurer system should be changed to President, Secretary and Treasurer, with possible addition of a Vice President. The present director system is working satisfactorily for the handling of committee chores and frees the meets from extra lengthy business procedure. An officer and director meeting now precedes each meet business meeting, at which time new membership applications are also pre-screened. We have changed from a mimeo newsletter to an offset paper with most members approving the change despite the extra cost.

LAST RUN: GEORGE E. BRINK, M. E., April 1962. Formerly of Bellville, N. J. A founder of the original Standard Gaugers Assoc. and present group. George's outdoor 110 volt Std. Ga. line was famous. We'll be missed.

NEW ADDRESS: Norman Young, Chatham Center, Rte. 66, N. Y. (Effective July 1, 1962). Immediate mail change OK.

TCA LITERATURE FOR SALE

The following TCA literature is available through the division secretary:

- QUARTERLIES, assorted back issuesea. 1.25
- 1961 TCA Membership Directory 1.00
- TROLLEY CATALOG E-1 (LIONEL) 4.00
- Membership Certificates, 4 color..These are mailed from Pittsburgh direct to you . . 1.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

A complete treasurer's report will be given in the METCA NEWSLETTER following the start of the new year. METCA Division memberships run from Jan. 1, through Dec. 31 of the same year. New members joining the Division after Nov. 30th will be considered as having paid their dues for the following year. Members wishing to see the treasurer's books may do so at any meeting of the division...As of April 1, 1962, METCA had 379.50 in receipts and had expended approximately \$325.00 of which \$50 covers Harrison Hall rental, payable in advance...A bank account (checking, non-profit) is maintained at the Allendale, N. J., branch of the Citizen' First National Bank of Ridgewood, N. J...The Division has on hand a several year supply of membership cards and has recently purchased an addressing device to speed up the addressing of newsletters and meet notices

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- Many METCA members have picked up real goodies in recent months. Its our hope that those members whose names haven't yet appeared in this paper will make their recent hauls known:
- FRED WEBER - Lionel No. 8 Trolley plus Lionel Std. no. 18-19-190 cars in orange.
- JOE RANKER - blue litho AF President Special (2nd model) picked up at Hershey from Ray Melzer. Also a Lionel std Shell tank car.
- GEORGE YOHE - Made a terrific haul on Ives std ga circus cars still in original boxes. Wowie!
- JOE LEVY - nice Flyer 4633 red St Paul electric loc. G.A. ROBINSON - Lionel No. 6 steam type loco.
- LES MORRIS - near mint Lionel 226 loco, O gauge.
- HAL CARSTENS - big MMrklin CL64/13021 steeplocab 1 ga. in green plus cars, acquired from Redman.

MEET WILLY VAN ROOSBROECK:

Willy originally hails from Belgium, endures numerous misspellings of his name, notably "van" which most people spell "Von". Writes Willy, "The decade following 1919 was the period of my initial interest in toy trains. I ran O and Standard Gauge trains, mainly Ives and Lionel, followed each year's new developments in the catalogs, and saw something of prototype in travels in this country and in Europe. My present interest naturally tends to be centered in the 1920s, and is not yet particularly specialized. It has snowballed to include Ives, Lionel, and Vol-tamp before 1920, MMrklin, Bing, Dorfan, and other makes, as well as the large sets that are representative of the 1930s. While I bought a Lionel 1928 catalog in 1953, it was only at the 1960 Mulraney auction that I started a collection that has grown fairly rapidly since. I find collecting a pleasant diversion from my principal activity, which is theoretical work in physics at Bell Telephone Laboratories, currently on electrical properties of semiconductors, from which transistors and other related devices are made."

METCA MEMBERSHIP THRU MAY 1, 1962

- CHARTER MEMBERS: (1) Joseph Levy, (2) Harold Carstens, (3) Joseph Ranker, (4) G. A. Robinson, (5) William Vagell, (6) John Marron, (7) Milton Walsh, (8) Tihamer Geng, (9) Don Fernandez, (10) Robert Cornell, (11) Frank Rochat, (12) L. Dickinson Morris, (13) Albert Roth, (14) Walter Popek, (15) Fred Weber, (16) Arthur Pellisier, (17) Bert M. Hoe, (18) W. D. Melville, (19) George Miller, (20) Ben Smith, (21) Louis Napoliello, (22) Joe Reid, (23) Phil Rosen, (24) Frank Lopat, (25) Willy van Roosbroeck, (26) Sydney Baker, (27) Allen Sherry, (28) Robert T. Hess, (29) Robert Davenport, (30) Ted Hindmarsh, (31) Warren Schuch, (32) James Greiner, (33) Stewart Bearn, (34) James Dunne, (35) Gerald Van Dyk, (36) William Sommer, (37) Norman Young, (38) Carl Pieper, (39) George Yohe, (40) Alfred Bennett, (41) Harry Highfields, (42) John Karch, (43) Frank Mazzerella, (44) Christian Bassick, (45) Jay Duke, (46) Harold Ashley, (47) Harvey Roe, (48) W. Paul Sauls, (49) Arthur Rice, (50) Paul Bidonde, (51) Joseph Stankovich, (52) Everett Chapman, (53) Arthur Thomas Jr.

- MEMBERS: (54) Carl Larson, (55) George W. Powell 3, (56) Lee Clark Jr., (57) William Krames, (58) Ray Melzer, (59) Alan Greime, (60) John Boate, (61) Joe Henrichs, (62) Edward Fisk, (63) John Wrona, (64) George Indig, (65) Wendel Roth, (66) John Gillander, (67) Blair Whitton, (68) Ronald Goldenbaum, (69) John McAndrews, (70) Don LaSpaluto, (71) Earl Doney, (72) Bert Race, (73) Joseph Caravalko, (74) James Cohèn, (75) Pat Scuorzo, (76) Rev. S. Patterson*, (77) Albert Schrader, (78) Sid Weiss, (79) James T. Welch, (80) James Wiley, (81) James Crone, (82) William Clapper, (83) Wesley Frye, (84) Sidney Brown, (85) Frank Leslie, (86) James McKircher, (87) Harold Sachs.

* Application for TCA membership pending.

AROUND THE DIVISIONS: The secretary is starting to amass a good collection of Division newsletters and they make interesting reading. The other divisions were surprised at reading how we had 73 members PLUS guets at our 2nd meet and after a snowstorm at that. Our METCA Newsletter goes to all TCA Division secretaries. We'll bring these bulletins to our next meet so those interested can read them. Or send \$1 (usually?) and get on the mailing list of any one division.