



METCA NEWSLETTER No. 8

DECEMBER 1962 NOEL

NEW METCA MEMBERS - 1963

- 90- Dennis A. Yusa Brooklyn
- 91- Len Chandler Eastern Div.
- 92- Craig McMillan Eastern Div.
- 93- Nick Razza Brooklyn NY
- 94- Russell Welker New England Div.
- 95- Larry Palmer Eastern Div.
- 96- Fred Heimann New England Div.
- 97- Matthew King South Orange NJ
- 98- M. C. Weill East Orange NJ
- 99- William Wiles Cedar Grove NJ
- 100- Viola Courtney Yonkers NY
- 101- Roger Galosi Eastern Div.
- 102- Mae Wrona New England Div.
- 103- William Szabo Carteret NJ
- 104- Robert Lakemacher West Orange NJ

For complete addresses, refer to TCA Yearbook,

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: NOVEMBER 18, 1962, HARRISON NY

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman John Marron at 3PM. As meeting reports have appeared in the Newsletter no secretary's report was given. A treasurer's report was read and accepted and is printed in full in this Newsletter.

The recommendations by the nominating committee for the new officers for 1963 passed unanimously with the secretary instructed to cast one ballot. New METCA officers for 1963 are as follows:

- President John Marron
- Secretary Harold H. Carstens
- Treasurer L. Dickinson Morris
- Director Ex-Officio (1963). Joseph Levy
- Director (Term expires 1963). Joseph Ranker
- Director (Term Expires 1964). Gerard Robinson
- Director (Term expires 1965). Warren Schuch

FINAL NOTICE FOR 1963 METCA DUES

METCA had 89 paid up members during the year 1962. So far, 60 members have paid up or renewed for 1963. 15 of these are brand new METCA members, indicating that 44 members have not as yet paid their dues for 1963. Slip a dollar into an envelope tonight before you forget. If you send a check, make it payable to: Metropolitan Division TCA. Your 1963 membership card will be sent with the next meet notice or newsletter unless you include a stamped addressed envelope (5¢ stamp after Jan. 1, 1963).

Members not renewing will not receive any further METCA Newsletters until their dues have been paid. It goes without saying that current membership in TCA is mandatory for METCA membership. METCA members who have not renewed their TCA membership will automatically be dropped from the roster upon receipt of the 1963 TCA Directory, or upon notice of the National Secretary.

WHILE THE CAT'S AWAY, THE MICE DO RATHER WELL

A number of METCA members took in the METCA Uxbridge meet on Dec. 1, including Earl Doney, Bill Vagell, Joe Ranker, Joe Levy, Doc Robinson, and a number of others.

Back home, Les Morris followed up a lead in Leonia, N. J. (near the site of METCA's first 2 meets) and picked up 3 Lionel Hudsons and a rare Ives O gauge 1694. METCA Director Joe Ranker, who lives in Leonia, has already made Les an offer on the 1694 but its not up for grabs.

Joseph Levy was appointed to head a committee to make a full report on the possibilities of having the 1964 TCA National Convention in the Metropolitan Division area. Work is to be completed in time for METCA to make a presentation at the 1963 TCA Boston National Convention.

There was also discussion on certain material presented in the TCA Quarterly, specifically relating to obscure foreign material taking up the entire issue. It was recommended that any METCA member wishing to see a change sit down and write material for the paper, as well as for our METCA Newsletter.

A First Anniversary Cake was brought in by Joe Levy, with appropriate loco and train design...Warren Schuch won the Door Prize, a cast iron train lamp, which had been purchased at Bloomingdales in Paramus NJ...Long distance guests included TCAers Jim Fry of Cleveland and Norville Wehrheim of St. Louis...Of course we were delighted to see many neighboring Eastern and New England Division members...Wronas showed up late (probably a deliberate staging) and stole the spotlight as they unloaded case after case of Ives, Flyer, Lionel, Dorfan, and other goodies...Allen Sherry has a new 7" CNR LP sound record at \$1.50...Craig The Magician, alias Bill Vagell, produced a magical boxfull of genuine new Lionel Std. Gauge drivers...Our thanks to Lines Brothers, Ltd., and International Models, Inc., and Railroad Model Craftsman, for the items in the registration package...It was raining most of the day, turning to snow as the meet broke up.

After the meet activities were held at the Marron home with John's collection open to view, one of the largest collections in METCA. Largely Lionel, Ives, Flyer, and Dorfan. Also some Marklin, Tootsietoys, and more...The last stragglers headed for home around 11PM.

BIG DEALS DEPARTMENT

Joe Ranker: has Ives-Flyer caboose, gon, box, F-G cond to trade or sell. Some busted couplers. Also Ives-Flyer cattle car or-red, Ives-Flyer-Lionel 190 tank car, Ives-Flyer box car G-VG for trade or sale. All std. ga.

Les Morris: S/T Lionel 773 Hudson, Madison, Manhattan cars, 2332, etc. Wants std. gauge.

Season's Greetings



METROPOLITAN DIVISION

TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

- President John Marron
- Secretary Harold H. Carstens
- Treasurer L. Dickinson Morris
- Directors: G. Robinson, J. Ranker, W. Schuch, J. Levy

Make out all checks to: Metropolitan Div., TCA.

A LETTER FROM JOHN MARRON:

Dear Fellow Collector: I am very happy to be your president for the coming year and hope I can do as good a job as our past president, Joe Levy, did for the organization.

I want you all to feel free to call on me for advice on rarities and variations. I am no expert nor claim to know it all but I do have a few pieces that we can compare yours with. Check on the rarity of the item before trading it off. I suggest the old timers ask the new collectors whether they really want to trade off rare pieces as it is becoming more difficult to replace old items. This will lead to better fellowship among our members.

You have a board of directors and officers. They are elected to serve you so use them to get the answers to the history of old toy trains. Don't guess when or where it was made or when the color changed or when nickel trim replaced brass. A question will gladly be answered by phone, visit, or mail. Include a stamped addressed postcard, please.

We wish you would look around your home town for a hall to have our meetings in. We like to hold them in different places so as to make it convenient for fellows living in different parts of our division. Check with the local VFW or other veteran's groups, and other organizations, for suitable halls and be host to your division. Show an interest and take part in its organization. In no time we could have the largest and most active division in the organization. But size of itself means nothing.

Get out some paper and take pen in hand and write some short stories, facts, new finds, and send them to smiling Hal Carstens. He needs your support if the Newsletter is to continue. His job is non-paying and his enjoyment will be in hearing from you and receiving your support.

John

AROUND THE DIVISION:

Visitors at Vagell's Treasure House included Leon Jacobsen, of San Francisco and our West Coast TCA Division... Many members have received Al Springman's new O gauge list containing a number of gems... METCA's directors saw a showing of the movie classic "A Great Train Robbery" at a recent meet at Hal Carstens... Another meet is scheduled for Dec. 7th at president John Marron's home. Your directors are busy making METCA better and more enjoyable for you. Levy's 1964 Convention Committee is also busy and needs your help in locating a good meet site...

Two directors, Ranker and Morris, recently visited Bob Cornell, a METCA member who is an invalid. If you have any extra catalogs or other similar literature, Bob would appreciate having it as it is difficult for him to pick up these items.

CATALOG YOUR COLLECTION

I have noticed that many collectors have not inventoried their collection. Here is my system:

I maintain a set of loose leaf books. I have one for each of the Big 3 manufacturers, one for catalogs and paper materials, and one for other manufacturers. As an example, the Lionel No. 8 engine is listed in the Lionel book under Electric Type Locomotives, motor driven:

No.	Year	Color	Trim	Remarks
8	1925-33	Red	Brass	Combin. Hook & auto coupler. Bought from Lou Redman 7/59.

PASSENGER CARS

No.	Year	Color	Type	Remarks
309	1925-39	Green	Pullman	Came with Green No. 318. Trade, Joe Levy 3/62.

Information on dates are taken from catalogs and are reasonably accurate. Equipment obtained from sources other than collectors need not be noted. I find most visitors like to know what collections items have come from. John Marron

COMING: Next METCA meet probably Feb. 16 in Englewood. Notices out in January. Next Newsletter after Feb. meet. Pellissier 1 ga. pic.

TREASURERS' REPORT

The following treasurer's report covers the period from Sept. 23, 1961 through November 15, 1962:

Income From Meets

Englewood, N. J., November 1961	\$108.50
Englewood, N. J., February 1962	179.00
Harrison, N. Y., May 1962	153.75
Norwalk, Conn., September 1962	<u>289.60</u>

Other Income

METCA dues	89.00
Sale of METCA Newsletters	2.25
TCA Catalog Sales (Not at meets)	<u>8.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME , , \$830.10

Expenses

Newsletter Printing	56.56
Postage, Envelopes, Paper	35.62
Hall Rentals	156.00
Office Supplies	27.28
Food	215.42
TCA Dues & Literature (To National)	152.50
Advance Hall Deposit (Nov. 1962 Meet)	25.00
Bank Charges	4.42
Misc. (1/2 Sept. meet proceeds to NETCA)	<u>43.34</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$716.14

BALANCE ON HAND 113.96

\$830.10

Explanatory Notes: The early mimeographed newsletters are not listed under newsletter printing. Office supplies include necessary rubber stamps, addressing machine, and other sundry items... METCA acts only as a collection agent on Food and TCA Dues and TCA Literature Sales, remitting all collections to National or to the caterer, as the case may be... Net profit on the Norwalk meet was \$36.68 but as this was a joint meet, half the proceeds went to our sister division NETCA.

Metropolitan Division, TCA, maintains a checking account with the Citizen's First National Bank, of Ridgewood and vicinity, N. J. (Merged in 1962 with the First National Bank of Allendale, N. J., where we first maintained our account)... The books were turned over to our new treasurer, Les Morris, who also lives in the area served by CFNB.

FINANCIAL REPORT ON HARRISON MEET, NOV. 18

Income

Registrations: 94 @ 1.50	\$142.50
Door Prize	37.00
TCA Literature Sales	2.00
TCA Dues and Initiation (2)	<u>18.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$199.50

Expenses

Hall Rental	50.00
Door Prize (Bloomingdale's)	19.95
Cake	13.00
TCA Dues and Lit. Sales to National	<u>20.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE \$102.95

Net Proceeds of Meet \$ 96.55