

SEPTEMBER 1964

METCA MEETING SCHEDULE

NOV. 14 - Livingston, N. J.
American Legion Hall
FEB. 13 - Livingston, N. J.
Tentative American Legion Hall

METCA MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The listing of METCA members in the April 1964 METCA NEWSLETTER No. 11 included all METCA members whose dues were current at the time. Members residing in METCA area were not otherwise coded. Members living in the geographical area of other TCA divisions were coded with (E) Eastern, (W) Western, (N) New England. As this was a METCA membership list only, we did not list other divisions to which METCA members may belong upon payment of \$1 annual divisional dues.

Delete the following names for nonpayment of TCA national dues:

- 109 Oresky, Herbert
- 90 Yusa, Dennis
- C27 Sherry, Allan

Add the following new METCA members:

- 158 Rosoff, Irving
- 159 Monck, Ernest F.
- 160 Benson, Clark A.
- 161 Snell, August
- 162 Staffu, Harold
- 163 Clark, Oliver B. E
- 164 Tebolt, Geprge F.
- 165 Henglein, George C.
- 166 Vonderschmidt, George
- 167 Knoecklein, Max
- 168 Garber, Andrew
- 169 Pins, George
- 170 Billings, Robert E
- 171 Singley, James E
- 172 Borsman, John E
- 173 Kollman, Clint

Add the following, inadvertently omitted from the master membership list in April Newsletter:

- Baker, Sidney
- Hindmarsh, Ted N
- Vasa, Jerry

METCA SPRING VALLEY MEET

89 collectors met for the May 16 METCA meet at Spring Valley, N. Y. Margaret Ranker was appointed by the president to serve out the unexpired term of former secy-treas. Jean Morris, who has resigned.

ABOUT REINSTATEMENT

Members who become delinquent in their national TCA dues are automatically dropped from membership in TCA and from METCA. To be reinstated, the ex-member must reapply for membership, paying the \$5 initiation fee plus the \$4 national dues for the year plus any divisional dues (METCA \$1.00). Dues are payable Jan. 1st.

**METROPOLITAN DIVISION
TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION INC.**

- Presid ent Joseph Ranker
- Secretary —
- Treasurer —
- Directors: G. Robinson, John Marron, Warren Schuch, George Miller.
- Newsletter Editor. . . . Harold H. Cars tens

NO METCA SEPTEMBER MEET. RANKER URGES ALL METCA MEMBERS TO MAKE NEW ENGLAND MEET AT LENOX, MASS.

METCA president Joseph Ranker has announced that there will be no September METCA meet. Instead he has urged all METCA members to make plans to attend the big New England Division meet at Lenox, Mass, on September 19th. Hosts are Ed and Janiece Wichmann. Anyone wanting or needing specific instructions on how to get there should contact Joe Ranker at (201)-944-7539 or drop him a note at 91B Lakeview Ave., Leonia, N. J.

Lenox-Eastover is a pleasant drive from all METCA points. New Yorkers head north on the Taconic State Parkway as far as completed to Route 23, turn right, and head north again at Great Barrington, onto Route 7, right into Lenox and Eastover.

New Jerseyites and those from the West can also take the New York Thruway to Catskill, cross the bridge, and continue east on Rte. 23 to Route 7, then head north.

This'll be the first joint meet of METCA-NETCA since the Connecticut meet hosted by the Carl Piepers. This time, however, the meet is completely operated by METCA and we are guests. Lets show them a good crowd from Metropolitan Division. Fall foliage should be at its peak. There'll be lots of goodies.

WB&A CHAPTER OF EASTERN DIVISION FORMED, 78 COLLECTORS ATTEND FIRST MEET AT BALTIMORE

78 collectors headed for Baltimore and the new WB&A Chapter (Eastern Division) Meet held August 19th. Al Roth is the guiding light back of the new Chapter. Among METCA members attending were Division Prexy Joe Ranker, Bill Vagell, Les and Jean Morris, Doc Robins on, and others.

The new Chapter is the second to be formed in Eastern territory within a few months. At the Spring Meet held at Hershey in April, the Lake Cities Chapter was given the green light to organize and hold meets.

METCA COLLECTIONS OPEN TO VIEW

A few METCA members have registered complaints with the BOD that some members barge in unannounced to view collections, sometimes from members unknown to themselves.

While some METCA or TCA members welcome such visits, other members are unable to provide such drop-of-the-hat hospitality for many reasons, including odd working hours, babies, prior commitments, and a desire to be alone sometimes.

The TCA Directory gives a clue to many TCA member visitor requirements. Generally it is only courteous and proper to call a day or two prior to dropping in for a visit. Some collections are open to view by "invitation only", so always check first.

1965 NATIONAL CONVENTION SET FOR PITTSBURGH

No bids were presented at the 1964 National Convention at Chicago by any Division for the 1965 National. Lou Redman therefore advised members that Eastern Division was placing a bid for the 1965 National to be held at Pittsburgh, Pa., next June. An air-conditioned hotel has already been signed up and plans for a trolley fantrip are already in the works. The chance is good that an old time deck roof car no longer in service can be used.

BOB LAKEMACHER TAKES OVER AS METCA NEWSLETTER EDITOR WITH NEXT ISSUE, NEEDS MATERIAL.

Bob Lakemacher has accepted the post of editor of the METCA NEWSLETTER with the next issue, replacing Hal Carstens who is now national TCA president.

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS COMING: POSTS OPEN

The November annual elections of METCA will see almost all of the original METCA directors retire. If the Board of Directors is left at seven members, there will be four vacancies to fill: President, secretary-treasurer, and two directors. Remaining on the board are Joe Ranker, who as retiring president becomes a board member for one year, Warren Schuch, and George Miller.

The growth of METCA has been rapid and spectacular and it is in need of strong, firm leadership. There are many METCA members capable of making METCA into the finest collecting group ever. METCA needs new blood to take over.

CARSTENS ELECTED TCA NATIONAL PRESIDENT: FIRST METCA MEMBER TO HOLD POST. 178 AT NATIONAL.

Harold H. Carstens, of METCA, was elected President of TCA at the 10th National Convention held at Midway Motel, Chicago. Russ Hafdahl, of California was elected V. P. Lou Redman was reelected secretary-treasurer.

178 collectors including a good crowd of west coasters attended the fun filled session, with trains moving almost as fast as boxes could be emptied.

Joe Ranker brought home a carton of special white TCA coffee mugs, offered while they last at 50¢ each. These have a TCA commemorative seal imprinted thereon and are great to use when the gang is over. Also offered are money clips at 75¢ each, also with TCA emblem. They can be picked up at Ranker's Train Room in Leonia, N. J., or at Lenox.

LOST PIN

The secretary is holding a pin found at the Nov. meet at Livingston. The owner can have same back by identifying it properly.

MEET WARREN SCHUCH AND HIS NEW TRAIN ROOM

Just about completed is Warren Schuch's new train room with one of the nicest train displays in the METCA area. Warren's collection includes most major lines of U. S. made toy trains: Lionel, Flyer, Dorfan, Ives. Most items on display are Standard Gauge. Much of the collection is still in boxes. Warren is a Director of METCA, and a METCA Charter Member. Among the top items are several 381s,

SPECIAL NOTE: SEPT. 19th METCA meet at TALLY HO BUILDING, Eastover, Mass, in Lenox. Optional rte., follow Eastover signs from Exit 2 MASS PIKE north on Rte 20. TALLY HO on EAST STREET



Preregister for LENOX-EASTOVER MEET thru Ted Wichmann, New Lenox Station, Lenox, Mass. \$2.50 per collector.