

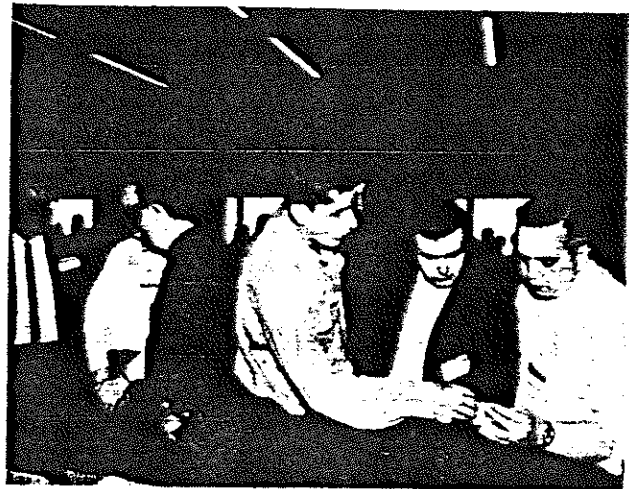
METCA NEWSLETTER

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6th YEAR

324 ATTEND IN FEBRUARY:



PHOTOS FROM THE FEB. 19th MEET. Despite inclement weather during the week prior to the meet, things turned out as predicted - The best attended meet to date. Present were 276 members and 48 guests.



QUESTIONNAIRE

Finally each member's voice can be heard regardless of whether he comes to a meet or not. A questionnaire pertaining to the most controversial topics has been prepared and is included as an insert with this Newsletter. Your Division officers want to know exactly how the membership feels about such things as meets, conventions, and banquets. Your comments are invited at the bottom of the form. It's not mandatory that you answer every question, but the true purpose of the questionnaire is to learn YOUR opinion of these questions so don't let the opportunity pass by. To add some incentive in returning the forms, everyone registering for the May meet who returns this form will have ONE DOLLAR deducted from the registration fee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement as of 12/30/66

Balance as of 9/30/65 411.21

Income:

Registrations	2058.00
METCA Dues	352.00
Auctions	55.00
Raffle	472.50
Misc.	4.20
	2941.70
	<u>\$ 3352.91</u>

Expenses:

Auctioneer	70.00
Custodians	165.00
Police	56.50
Hall Rentals	500.00
Salaries 1965 & '66	500.00
Newsletters	202.41
Phone & Supplies	94.02
Postage	124.80
Membership cards	16.50
1966 Convention	100.00
Door and Raffle	
Prizes	134.00
File Cabinet	22.06
Typewriter	80.00
Bank Charges	1.55
Coffee & Buns	120.00

Balance as of 1/1/67 2186.84
\$ 1166.07

FEATURE COLLECTOR

In this month's Newsletter we visit Oceanside L.I., N.Y. and the home of Charlie Feyh. From the quantity of trains it's hard to believe the collection got started less than three years ago.

The old "bug" bit hard with the first acquisition, a repainted 10E. Then things really started to move when a relative contributed an excellent, orange, 3243 Ives set with both passenger and freight cars complete with a 1924 catalog.

Interest is concentrated on standard gauge, but "0" gauge has found a place on many shelves. As any collector can attest, space is always a problem and this collection is no exception since it is stored away most of the year and brought out for the winter months. In the living room, when December comes, the shelves go up and the track goes down.

No warped wheels in this collection; anything from bad wheels to open armatures are replaced or rebuilt to insure "like new" running condition. Modern Lionel found its way onto the operating floor layout this year powered by three ZW transformers. An interesting feature of the floor layout is the incorporation of many prewar operating accessories such as Lionel's old grade crossings and signals that are great to see in operation again particularly if you've become accustomed to seeing them dormant on shelves. Charlie joined TCA in 1965.

(President's column cont.)

Any other practical suggestions are welcome. We hope the situation clears itself up and it's felt that it will if all members cooperate.

Please do not look for the TCA to do your policing for you. It must be done at the membership level where it can be handled in the only practical way. An enthusiastic showing of the old "esprit de corps" would work wonders.

W.S.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

DOES THE TCA NEED THE CIA ?

Does the TCA need the CIA ? Probably not. Both, however, are involved in current unfavorable circumstances. As individuals there is very little we can do to help save face for the C.I.A. We can all help to keep our own house clean and remedy a new security problem in the T.C.A.

The problem: The disappearance or misappropriation of various train items from tables at the last several meets. It is amazing that we hav'nt encountered this problem before now. As our group becomes larger, and by necessity less personal, and our meets become crowded with more people, more tables and more trains, items are almost certain to become "lost". We use the word "lost", because it is quite possible with the hundreds of transactions going on during the day that the ever present possibility of human error must be considered. In any event let us all be a little more careful in our transactions.

It might be well for all members in the future to reconsider their methods of transacting business at the meets. Following are a few suggestions that we might all observe:

- 1) Don't remove any item from any table without paying for it. If the owner is not present, leave a note marked "Sold" and put your name on it.
- 2) Put your name in a prominent place on your table. Have all items clearly marked as to price, repairs, etc. Try to do your marking on a small card or tag leaving room for the purchaser to write "Sold" and his name.
- 3) If you prefer to wander at the meet, have your buddy at the adjacent table handle the transactions in your absence.
- 4) If you are an impulsive collector, it would be wise to carry a small pad and pencil to fill out your own "Sold" marker right on the spot.

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METCA FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

May 21st
September 17th
November 19th

All meets will be held
at Kenilworth N.J.
DOORS OPEN 8:00 AM

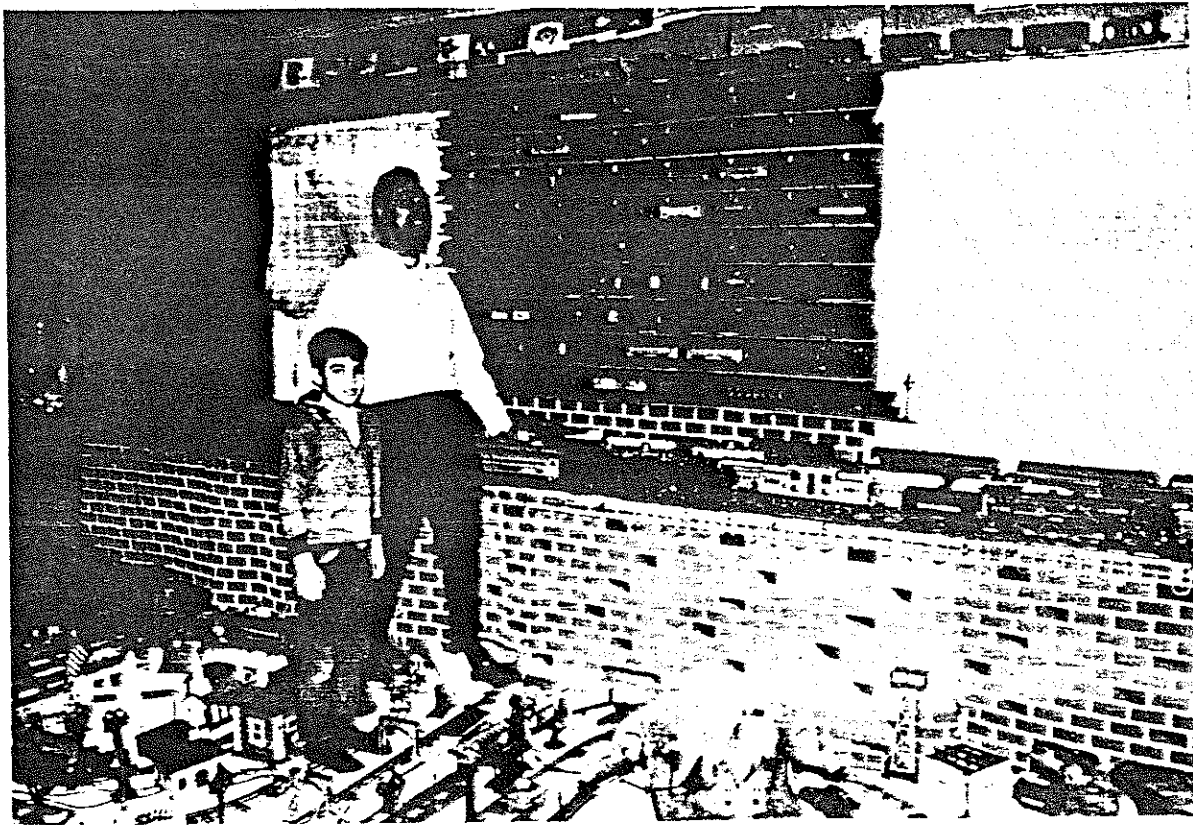
COMING AT THE MAY MEET

If you are interested in hearing about how to insure your collection against fire, theft, etc. or if you have questions you would like to ask on this subject, be at the May meet. Steve Hammond, who has been with Etna Casualty for 30 years, will be a guest speaker to discuss the topic and to answer any questions. It is understood that this will NOT be a sales pitch to sell insurance. Policies should be obtained through your local company and agent. Steve will be talking to us on his day off, strictly as a courtesy.

Door prizes are to be given away at our May meet. Three lucky collectors will go away with either a new 773 Hudson, a new Trainmaster diesel or an attractive "train" wall plaque.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

If you want to get into the Kenilworth hall with a minimum of delay and cost, you can advance register by mail. All members who intend to come should take advantage of this opportunity. Advance registering helps eliminate the big bottleneck at the door and makes Secretary, Geo. Johnson's work on the day of the meet a lot easier. If you advance registered, but are unable to attend at the last minute, your money will be refunded. Remember, also, registration at the door will cost \$1.00 more than advance registering.



NEW MEMBERS

The following collectors have applied for membership. If the METCA Secretary does not receive any written objection to the applications before the end of the next meet, the names will be considered approved.

- John Felber, 636 Buchanan St.
Hillside, N.J. 686-2382
- Bill Weiss, 62-59 60th St.
Ridgewood, N.Y. 967-7973
- Robert McClearnen, 627-59th St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 439-5304
- Victor Crecco, 33-51 Vernon Blvd.
Queens, N.Y. 545-2753
- Patrick DeMarco, 31 Rolling Ridge Rd., Montvale, N.J. 391-7036
- Jack McGarry, 92 N. Spring St.
Bloomfield, N.J. 748-0078
- Frank Powell, 9 Sunset Rd.
Livingston, N.J. 992-4870
- Stanley Johnson, 502 New Brunswick Ave, Fords, N.J. 442-6126
- Andrew Uveges, 407 Crest Dr.
Northvale, N.J. 768-7567

Treasures BURN

AT "TREASURE HOUSE"

On Wednesday morning, March 29th, flames enveloped the "Collectors train room" at Bill Vagell's "Treasure House". The fire, presumably starting in a defective heater, destroyed many difficult to replace items. The fire didn't gut the building, fortunately, but due to heat, smoke and water damage, the trains may be a complete loss. The adjoining store, where the train repair center is, did not suffer any major damage.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Fred Schuster has set of Blue Comet cars w/ brass plates