



President's Message ***"Big Fires Start Small"***

That small fire started for me in 2004. I'd decided to expand my circle of 'O' gauge friends. Joining the TCA's online discussion group, the TTML, former National TCA President Gordon Wilson and I got into an online debate about the necessity of the 'two signature' rule (I'm for it). From there we've developed a great friendship. I'm proud to call him my mentor. I also joined the METCA BOD at the end of that year.

Seeing a need to 'punch up' the METCA shows, I went to Allentown's "Spring Thaw" Meet with the idea of asking a manufacturer or two to attend a METCA show. Arriving at the Weaver booth, and not knowing just exactly with whom I was speaking, I asked the fellow there if they'd be interested in attending a METCA show.

Another fellow nearby, a well-known executive with one of the two major 'O' gauge hobby magazines, laughed and scoffed incredulously, "You want Joe Hayter???" To attend a METCA show??!!!" (Mr. Hayter is the President of Weaver). Well, Mr. Hayter politely declined, as I'd expected. But my resolve to help MY division had become steeled.

Fast forward to today. Since 2005, the METCA Division's paid membership has more than doubled. More volunteers are stepping forward to make the Division one of which to be proud. We have developed our own set of bylaws. We have set a division policy. We have made inroads on Long Island. We have established ourselves as a 501(c)3 non-profit group. We have established profitable shows both in NY and NJ. Members have a chance to speak directly with Division Directors and Officers as a result of our Meet-n-Greet program. And, I am very pleased to announce that LIONEL has agreed to send factory representatives to OUR NEXT NY SHOW on November 15!

What the division has accomplished since 2005 was due to volunteers who stepped forward, because THEY believe in the METCA Division, too. Kevin Quinn is our Garfield, NJ Show Chairman; Bob Amling handles the Howard Beach, NY show.

We have just completed a successful collaboration with PBS station WNJN. Mario Ciliotta is working to bring this Waybill to you. We have a mini-met coming up. And check out the NEW METCA Division cars in this issue! We are exploring the possibility of being the first group ever to run trains under the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree. None of this is possible without volunteers who believe that THIS division is important to the toy train hobby, and that they personally can make a difference. They have, because we have ideas that need even more volunteers to help make these dreams happen. For example, how about METCA's first-ever sponsorship of a TCA National Convention?.

None of this is possible unless YOU step forward with YOUR ideas. That's what I did and that's what your METCA Directors want you to do, too!

One can blow out the flame of a candle; one cannot blow out the flames of a forest fire. Don't let those who sit idly by, blow out your flame

You can volunteer to help in any capacity by contacting any one of the Division's Directors at www.metca.org.

There IS a place waiting for YOU.

Cordially,
Scot

Editor's Notes

Hi.

My name is Mario Ciliotta and I would like to introduce myself as the new editor for our "Waybill".

I am very excited about this opportunity to help METCA grow. These are exciting times - membership is growing, the number of shows and attendance is increasing. Check out page 2 for info on METCA first ever Mini-Meet.

METCA is involved in the local community with the NJN-TV event (see page 5) and the possibility of being the first to run trains under the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree.

Check out the insert for information on the new METCA Mint Car.

Do you have a story that you would like to share with your fellow members? Please send any train-related stories, articles or images for publication in the "Waybill" or on the Division website, to newsletter_editor@metca.org.

These really are exciting times for METCA and this excitement and growth can only continue with your involvement.

~Mario

Long Island Sounds

Some of this may sound repetitive; but I think it needs saying again. My time in the TCA started in 1980, which is years later than many of you; but still earlier than others. When I first was introduced to METCA, it was at Garfield, NJ. Some may say that it had already started a downward spiral; however I thought that it was a nice show. It wasn't long after that first encounter that it started to slip; less tables and attendance. I had personally requested that a show be held on Long Island, I also offered to get involved in working the show. Needless to say I was rebuffed. I like many New Yorkers, stopped attending METCA shows when there was nothing new to see; and the tolls kept rising.

Jump ahead to early 2007; there is some thing in the wind at METCA! The first time that I became aware was when Scot Kienzlen, then the METCA VP, posted on the OGR Forum that METCA is reaching out to NY METCA members. At first I wasn't interested; but then Scot announced that Nassau Hobby would be hosting a Meet and Greet (M n G) so that NY METCA members could meet with the new METCA officers. I attended that M n G along with a dozen or so other NY TCA members, and a few non TCA members that signed up that day. There was a lot of energy in the air that day; and the idea of a first ever TCA show in NYC was born. That show, which was held in November at a Brooklyn location was a mild success; and the METCA BOD decided that another show should be held the following February. At the February show, we introduced Drag Races for the kids. The races were very well received by young families. We are hoping that the word spreads for the upcoming show which is November 15, 2008; but we are not stopping there!

We are working on having a train related book reading for the younger set; complete with posters and costumes. The theme is to attract youngsters to the hobby and hopefully their parents will get enthused in their own right. We haven't forgotten the adults either; we will have the first of many Manufacturer factory reps at this show. We will be starting this feature with none other than Tom Nuzzo of Lionel. Tom will have a 16' X 21' display featuring Lionel Legacy and other Lionel products.

Some say shows are dead because of E-Bay. I don't accept that; shows have to re-engineer themselves to be attractive to kids and their families. We need the shows for exposure to those families; the ones with the kids playing with Brio and Thomas. Hopefully the shows bring them to the next level.

On May 10, 2008, which was National Train Day; METCA and Central Operating Lines (COL) co-hosted a MnG at the COL location in Ronkonkoma, LI. There was a good turnout of TCA members and local families. METCA was able to sign up six new members. So me of us brought our own trains to run and they ran flawlessly on the magnificent COL layout! Many thanks to COL President Phil Gravenhorst, COL Secretary Larry Laskowski and the rest of the COL crew for a warm welcome!

Does this all sound good? Have you liked the METCA initiative in NY so far? Well guess what? It can't go on forever without your participation! I wonder where the buzz went after that MnG in April, 2007? If you want to see METCA return to dark ages of the 80s and 90s then just sit there and watch it happen or get off your donkey and apply your knowledge and expertise to YOUR hobby.

Bob Amling, NY Show Chairman
NYshows@metca.org



August Mini-Meet

METCA Director Don Brill has worked very hard to bring members a FUN event at the Clinton Station Diner!

This nicely-done diner, www.clintonstationdiner.com has attached to it an ORIGINAL OBSERVATION CAR from the Jersey Central's famed Blue Comet! The "Biela" can easily be seen from Route 78 and is the site of METCA's first ever Mini-Meet on August 16. (Rain date - August 23)

If you've ever attended a "Billy Budd" meets at the York Holiday Inn, you have a feel for this meet; and if not, you're in for a real treat! A VERY limited number of spaces are available for selling trains in the parking lot; but attending the show is absolutely FREE! Visit www.metca.org and click on "Shows and Events" to find a flyer with more information and directions.

METCA is we're very excited to bring this first-annual event to you. Come on out, have some fun buying and selling trains from 9 AM to 1 PM, enjoy some of the excellent food they offer... and stay for the business meeting at 2!

Selling spaces are very limited; and since these 7'x15' spaces are going for only \$10.00, they'll be gone fast! Grab your chance to be part of METCA's first ever Mini-Meet.

Update 2008 NYC Mint Car

We're right on schedule with the NYC Mint Car.

Lionel has informed us that the cars are leaving the factory at the beginning of July

They should arrive in NJ at the beginning of August. Our goal is to have them shipped out and in your hands by the end of July

Thanks for your support of this project.
Stuart Rankin, Division Car Chairman.



These new TCA members' names have appeared in the *“National Headquarters News”* since our last Waybill. If they live in a town near you, why not call them and welcome them to the TCA and METCA!

George Adams	Irvington, NJ
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Brain Fowler	Washington, NJ
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Brain Hager	Staten Island, NY
Charles Hellstern	Scotch Plains, NJ
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John Mikesh	Irvington, NJ
Peter W. Miller	Holtsville, NJ
Joseph D. Nally	Morristown, NJ
John Naughton	West Nyack, NY
Gregory Orlando	Staten Island, NY
William Osbun	Oak Ridge, NJ
Paul O'Sullivan	West Orange, NJ
Richard Pandolf	Smithtown, NY
Stephen Peters	Monmouth Junction, NJ
David Setzer	Florham Park, NY

Chris C. Shaffer	Ossining, NY
Samuel Telzer	Riverside, CT
Mario Tomiatti	Southhold, NY
John Vastano	Fanwood, NJ
Richard Williams	Wharton, NJ
Jessica Lynn Van Horn	Edison, NJ
John Vastano	Fanwood, NJ
Richard Williams	Wharton, NJ
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All table holders must be TCA members, no exceptions. Pre-registration (non-refundable fee) received 10 days prior to the show with S.S.A.E. will be mailed out; all other tags will be available the day of the show. Reserved tables held until 9AM only. Table holders

admitted at 7:00 AM for set-up. **Please bring your own handcarts.** (Limited quantity available at Boys Club)

We invite TCA members to stay for the METCA business meeting immediately following the show!

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Directions to the Garfield Boy's Club: PARKWAY SOUTH TO EXIT 159. BERGEN TOLL PLAZA. STAY TO YOUR RIGHT FOLLOW EXIT FOR NORTH MIDLAND AVE SADDLE BROOK. STAY ON NORTH MIDLAND AVE GOING SOUTH 2 MILES . BOYS CLUB ON LEFT.

GARDEN STATE PARKWAY NORTH TO EXIT 157 RT 46 EAST TO OUTWATER LANE. TOP OF RAMP MAKE RIGHT. GO 1 LIGHT MAKE LEFT ONTO MIDLAND AVE. BOYS CLUB ON LEFT.

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METCA meets WNJN-TV

“Maybe METCA would be interested in doing this”.

The email came from METCA Director Bob Dobrowolski in early May. PBS station WNJN-TV was having a membership pledge drive; the program was about “Great Scenic Railway Journeys”, and they were looking for people to handle the phones. A few emails to the station, and we were in! I was planning to have some fun~ AND round up some volunteers!



LOTS of old trains! See the prototype of the new METCA

“Sure,” I said, “we can do that for you”, knowing full well I had to build one~ Fast! The display layout we brought was 6’x 9’. Two perimeter loops and a figure 8 with a 45-degree crossing made up the lower level; we squeezed in an upper level to have plenty of action for the cameras. Some Plasticville buildings, Life-Like trees, a cardboard ‘lake’ and ‘Main Street’ filled out the rest.



The layout as featured on WNJN-TV

break was to begin, they turned up the studio lights. WOW. I think it was brighter than the sun.

The first break was taken care of by the in-studio hosts. The neat thing was that going into the break and coming out of the break, the camera zoomed in on the layout, complete with METCA and Train Collectors Association billboards on the station platform. The hosts also thanked, live on the air, the volunteers from the Metropolitan Division of the Train Collectors Association. There were cameras and TVs off stage and we could see the actual show, including the images of ourselves in the background behind the hosts. Kinda cool seeing yourself on TV. Then to break 2. Scot was being interviewed about the hobby; I was busy answering calls. More show. Then to break 3. Here's where Scot got the chance to talk specifically about METCA, the TCA, and the National Toy Train Museum. So much to say in so little time. Again, the phones were ringing off the hook, so I had to answer Scot's phone while he was on TV...LIVE.

This was followed by the final portion of the pre-recorded program. I had never before participated in an event like this, so I had no idea what to expect. Well, let me tell you, this was FUN, FUN, FUN!!! It doesn't get any better than getting together with a bunch of friends, meeting and making some new ones, giving back to society in a positive way, and spreading the joy of railroading and the hobby of toy trains in general. We ended up with so many stories and memories, that we'll be talking about this event for a long, long time. I'm proud that I got off my couch and actively participated. I invite you to do the same. It's a good feeling.

Our thanks to Kevin and Renee Quinn; Bob and Debbie Dobrowolski; Joe, Joanne and Danielle Mania; Clint Jeffries; Stu Rankin; and Scot and Lucy Kienzlen who all volunteered their time... to have a GREAT time!

Soon afterward, the emails from WNJN's production staff started coming. “Do you have someone who could talk about toy trains?” Well, sure, I said~ my background is in Broadcast Journalism. “Do you think we could talk about the National Toy Train Museum?” Of course~ the TV station was giving tickets to the Strasburg Railroad; right around the corner from the museum! “How about some old toy trains to display?” Absolutely~ and I knew just the people to contact; Joe Mania and Kevin Quinn. “By the way, do you have a train layout that we could run some trains on?” That was The Big One. Many are aware that we have an 8’x 8’ interactive display layout; but I didn't want to drag it in its trailer all the way to Trenton; about an hour and a half drive for me.



Table for Four~ 1-r: Kevin Quinn, Renee Quinn , Debbie Dobrowolski. Foreground: Joe Mania

Painted people populated. It took about 45 minutes to set up and get trains running. METCA Treasurer Stu Rankin recalls: After signing in at the television studio, I went to the Green Room. There were big comfy chairs, a couch, tables, and a TV (go figure, a TV in the Green Room of a television studio). After hanging out for a few minutes, we were treated to a delicious dinner. Chicken parmesan, stuffed shells, rolls, beverages, and dessert. OK, now that the tummy was full, it was time to get ready for the show. So, the pre-recorded portion of the show started right on time at 8pm. The first LIVE break was

schedule for 8:20. So, a few minutes before the



The METCA guys~ 1-r: Bob Dobrowolski, Joe Mania, Scot Kienzlen, Stu Rankin, Kevin Quinn

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METCA/TCA members admitted at 8 AM ~ General Public at 9AM ~ Show Runs until 3 PM

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Table holders admitted at 6:00 AM for set-up.

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(1 Adult admission included with table. Children under 16 admitted free) Total admission(s) \$ _____

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A Quest for Authenticity

By Joseph Mania

Arguably, the most famous toy train layout is Lionel's Showroom Layout of 1949. Yes, toy train layout, not model railroad. There is a difference, but that is not the basis of this article. It's more the satisfaction of doing a job to the best of your abilities and having someone recognize those efforts.



For those not aware of it, my wife JoAnn, daughter Danielle and I have been in the process of replicating the 1949 Lionel Showroom Layout for quite some time now.

Once the decision was made to give it a shot and the building to house it was built, the real research began. A track plan was needed as a minimum, but none existed. Many photos exist of the front of the Layout, but few from the rear. Even so, the actual track sections are all but invisible in a photo showing a layout that is 16 x 32 feet.

Much, much more can be written about this and if interest and space warrants, I'll go into more detail.

The actual construction of what I sometimes call "My largest reproduction" began in September 2006.

Research for the project started in the early 90's. My first priority was to make a replica that was absolutely authentic and accurate. I knew that this would take time. Many, many photos were collected and films were studied frame by frame. Once we felt that we had enough information to begin construction we built the table and immediately started laying track.

As immediately as the track was laid, problems arose. Study the area, study the photos. Make adjustments and check everything again. The problem is that every time a section of track is moved on one loop, its relationship with everything on the layout changes. And in some cases, what looks perfect on one side now becomes affected by a change on the other side. Suffice to say, we were finally reasonably sure that the track work on our layout is exactly the same as the Showroom Layout.



Now we want to see everything run! And run it does! Perfectly! The track design is remarkably simple, yet made to look very complex.



We are pleased and this past April we were pleased even more when we received a call from a close friend the Sunday after York. Tom Pagano, who was the Superintendent of Parts Production for Lionel until 1959, was in town visiting relatives. He called and wanted to visit (as he always seems to make time to do) but specifically asked if he could run the trains on the Layout!

Although he said he had only seen the original Layout a small number of times, as soon as he entered the room he recognized some of the small idiosyncrasies that the original had and we incorporated into the replica. What a great feeling to have your efforts recognized like that. It also makes the almost 15 years spent on a layout that is really only about a third complete time

well spent.

Upcoming METCA Events

Show/Meet	Date	Location	Time
Mini-Meet	Aug 16, 2008	Clinton, NJ	9AM-1PM
Halloween Meet	Oct 26, 2008	Garfield, NJ	8AM-2PM
Turkey Meet	Nov 15, 2008	Howard Beach, NY	8AM-3PM
Snowball Meet	Jan 10, 2009	Garfield, NJ	8AM-2PM
Valentines Meet	Feb 14, 2009	Howard Beach, NY	8AM-2PM
Halloween Meet	Oct 11, 2009	Garfield, NJ	8AM-2PM
Turkey Meet	Nov 14, 2009	Howard Beach, NY	8AM-2PM

For the latest news, updates and show info visit: <http://www.metca.org>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Summer Mini-Meet & Business Meeting
August 16, 2008
Clinton Station Diner
2 Bank Street
Rt 173 & Bank Street
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Mini-Meet 9AM – Business Meeting 2PM

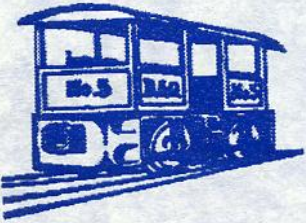
Minutes of METCA BOD Meeting

04 April 2008

McDonalds, GSP, Union, N J

1. Meeting called to order at 12:30PM by President Scot Kienzlen
2. Roll Call of BOD Members by Rem Hunnewell
 - a) Present: President: Scot Kienzlen
Vice President: John Bernich
Secretary: Rem Hunnewell
BOD Member: Don Brill
BOD Member: Bob Dobrowolski
 - b) Excused: Treasurer: Stu Rankin
BOD Member: Kevin Quinn
 - c) Absent: BOD Member Pat Scuorzo
3. Motion made by Mr. Dobrowolski to accept the minutes of the March 30, 2008 BOD meeting.
4. Presidents Report – New division members and future projects.
5. Vice Presidents Report – Division will hold off on having a barbecue / swim club event until 2009.
6. Treasurers Report – No Report
7. Secretaries Report -- See attached report. Motion made by Mr. Bernich and seconded by Mr. Brill to accept the Secretaries report. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Committee Reports –
 - A. Rules and Regulations – Reported on requirement of a membership meeting.
 - B. Membership – Mr. Dobrowolski was please to announce that membership is currently at 330 and rising.
 - C. Shows and Meets – Metca now has a permanent home in Howard Beach, NY. Lionel will be attending the November NY show.
 - D. Newsletter – No report.
 - E. Advertising – No Report
9. Discussion and vote on Resolution 2008-1 for the National Convention as presented by Mr.Hunnewell To authorize non TCA flyers to be distributed at TCA events. Motion made by Mr.Dobrowolski and seconded by Mr. Bernich. Motion past unanimously.
10. Next METCA BOD meeting will be via teleconference at 9:30 PM on Wednesday, July 9, 2008
11. With all posted business successfully attended to, President Kienzlen adjourned the meeting at 1:20PM

Rem Hunnewell,
Secretary



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From the Division Secretaries Desk

Please notice the envelope that this latest edition of the Waybill came in and you will see that METCA has taken another leap forward. We now have our Not-For-Profit status with the United States Postal Service. What this means to the membership is our mailing cost has now dropped from .58 to .16 per newsletter. That with the addition of our paid advertising has reduced the cost the division was incurring to publish the Waybill. We are still looking for METCA/TCA members who want volunteer to help us establish a METCA meet North of NYC somewhere. If you're interested, please contact me for the details. I am also happy to report at this time that METCA has reached 341 paid members. This is 41 members over my target of 300 that we wanted by the end of 2008. Good Work guys!! I am also proposing the following to you, if you write an article for the Waybill and it gets published, I will pay your way into the next METCA meet you attend. If you have any questions concerning METCA business or your membership please call me at (732) 660-7062 or email me at Secretary@metca.org

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Carpool to York

In March at our Meet & Greet at Island Trains in Middletown, NJ, a member expressed a desire to have a carpool to the York Meet. Would this member please contact me.

Stuart Rankin - LionelLLC@hotmail.com

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