

President's Perspective

"What's Your Pleasure"

Show of hands – how many of you like the Eastern Division's York Show? OK – some of you smiled in recognition, some of you actually raised your hands, and some of you didn't really care.

How many like a larger show, like the non-affiliated Greenberg Show? How about a mid-sized show like our own Garfield show? How many of you like the intimacy of a small show, like our recent mini-meet? Each of these shows has its pros and cons.

One might think that a larger show offers a greater inventory selection. Perhaps, or is it just more of the same? Small show has all your friends? Could be. Attending ANY show can expand your circle of friends.

What really matters is not the size of the show – what matters is your participation.

We know of one individual who has been searching for years for one special box. Literally, years. Decades. Big shows. Small shows. Lots of travel. And in the end, he found it at our Garfield show, telling us he "never expected to find it there".

What made that Garfield show special? Nothing, except participation. Participation of the vendor who showed up with that box. Participation of that fellow who believed he'd find that box. Participation of the fellow who chaired the show. Participation is the key to making this hobby enjoyable for all of us. Your participation is what continues to drive your METCA BOD to work and bring you more options and better shows. Your participation is the support that the division needs to grow and thrive. Your participation, your support, merely by going to a show, helps other members who participate benefit from vendors who want to come with more and better trains. Your participation by bringing trains to sell to a TCA show helps other members who may just be looking for something you've got... Or at the price you're selling it. Your participation means that perhaps someone will make a new friend. Perhaps that someone is you.

The METCA Division has two shows coming up as we wind up 2008. Our Garfield, NJ show promises to be the biggest one there yet; and in November, Lionel factory reps will have a big display at our Howard Beach, NY show with their trains and accessories.

Check out the flyers in this issue of the Waybill. Check the dates and make a sincere effort to attend a show or two. Do the same with the TCA's National Headquarters News and the hobby magazines.

Your support matters.

Whether you like big shows or small shows, it's important that you come to the shows... because without YOU, there would be no shows.

Scot Kienzlen

Editor's Notes

With the summer coming to an end and fall coming soon, not only will the leaves be changing colors but so are things at METCA. The Division has been growing, membership is on the rise and attendance at the shows is increasing. The next Garfield show will be the biggest yet and METCA now has a permanent home on Long Island. Our last mini-meet was a great success. METCA was able to donate \$300.00 to the Library and Historical Committee towards the Oral History Project (see page 4 of the "National Headquarter News" for more details). Every member should be proud of this donation.

The "Waybill" has been changing and will continue to grow and change as does our hobby. We are considering a "Trading Post" for the "Waybill. There are plans to redesign the METCA website for 2009.

The changes are only possible because of you and cannot occur without you volunteering or attending in one or more shows. If you would like to volunteer, contribute articles for the "The Waybill" or website, express your ideas on how to help METCA continue to grow or just want to let your voice be heard, please feel free to drop me an email at newsletter_editor@metca.org.

TCA Mission Statement: "To develop an appreciation of and to preserve an important segment of history - Tinplate Toy Trains - through research, education, community outreach, fellowship, establishment of collecting standards, and to promote the growth and enjoyment of collecting and operating toy, model and scale trains."

National Convention Report – 2008

Late last June, I had the opportunity to travel to my first-ever TCA National Convention... a real eye-opener! I have lots of good, fun things to talk about; the drives up and back (scenic and relaxing), the hotel (welcoming and comfortable), the NETCA Division hospitality (complete with New England charm), the last-minute dinner cruise ticket (I got SO lucky!), my dinner partner (a great story), the new friendships (some great new ideas!), the fire alarm during our Executive session (whups), the welcome party (SO much food!), and of course, the trains and display layouts (eye candy~ and inspiring)!

I went primarily to the NETCA-sponsored Convention to attend the two-day National TCA Board of Director's meeting; personal obligations and commitments constrained me from attending the full duration. The BOD's agenda was 49 pages long, with no less than 26 motions to be introduced, seconded, discussed and voted upon. You will be pleased to know that our METCA Division motion~ wherein we will be able to display other train show flyers~ was passed unanimously. Your National BOD set a record in getting all those motions recognized and handled~ and excellent example of teamwork!

As a business trip, this one was fun! Some of that business was listening to the exciting plans for the 2009 National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ... and what a show the Desert Division has in store for all TCA members! Watch for updates in the TCA's National Headquarters Newsletter~ and take a **good** look at the convention cars they're offering~ lots of fun! Part of that business (the hard part) was dealing with budget concerns; and the part of that business that will immediately impact METCA members was a vote to bring the question of a dues increase to the national membership.

By a vote of almost 2-1, it was decided, on the upcoming national election ballot, that the national membership will be asked to approve a \$3.00 per year increase. I was one of those in the majority. The request comes at a time when TCA is dealing with distressing financial news and substantial drains on its resources, not the least of which is declining enrollment. Despite efforts of recruiting new TCA members, our net loss of membership is over 1,000 for this year. Couple that with the realization that approximately 1/3 of the current membership will be eligible for HR membership (in which there is no dues payment but mailings continue normally), well, you can begin to see the financial difficulties about to envelop the TCA.

I made the proposals that the "Life Membership" category be revisited (even only 200 members at \$800 is significant); that the parameters for "Honor Roll Membership" be altered and tightened (even if 200 members are disqualified for a few years, the dues is significant); and that provisions for a donation to the National Endowment Fund be made on the annual National Membership renewal forms (imagine if each member included just a \$1.00 donation).

These will all be reviewed. While each by itself will not solve the financial bind, together they can put a significant dent in the very substantial financial hole in which the TCA finds itself.

But, the convention was not ALL about business. There were TRAINS to be had! I scored my share, too~ including a nice 2332 original GG-1 and a great little operating 675 Lionel steamer~ watch for its appearance on our interactive display layout. I also had the opportunity to attend the Wednesday evening dinner cruise on Lake Champlain. Spectacular scenery, excellent food and wonderful conversations.

I came away from the TCA National Convention renewed and invigorated; and looking forward to my trip to Arizona in 2009. As **your** representative to the TCA's National Board of Directors, please don't hesitate to contact me, or stop by at any of our METCA shows to speak with me personally. I am always available to focus on your comments, questions and concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scot Kienzlen
President
METCA Division, TCA

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2nd check – Touch one lead to a armature segment. Take the 2nd lead and touch it to the remaining armature segments. If there **IS** a spark, the armature is ok.

Rem Hunnewell

Long Island Sounds

By Bob Amling

You may recall that the Meet-n-Greet at Central Operating Lines in May produced among other things a suggestion that train clubs on LI join forces to obtain layout space on government property. Due to restrictions in TCA by-laws: METCA assumed a wait and see attitude.

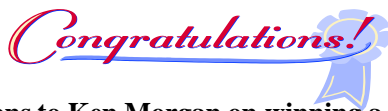
A second suggestion didn't gain too much ground, That suggestion was to have clubs participate in modular layouts. Modular layouts can be modest or become very large as participants join. Each participant builds one or more 30" by 48" module(s). The basic criteria is that the module have three tracks all spaced at precise locations measured from the front of the module. In this way each module can be connected with other modules. There are other construction standards as well as electrical standards. The choice of scenery and or buildings are the choice of the builder. A builder can also incorporate sidings, as long as the integrity of the 3 main lines are preserved. Many builders produce multiple modules and create a particular theme within their domain.

At METCA's latest Meet-n-Greet on the other side of the river, a new member, Bill Osburn, expressed an interest in modular layouts. METCA President, Scot Kienzlen told Bill to run with it. Your Waybill editor and myself have agreed to pool our efforts and build some modules. I can't promise how many modules will be built in time for the METCA show in Howard Beach, on November 15, 2008; but I promise that at least one will be on display to show you what is involved. In the mean time if you want more information on module building; please visit the following websites for information on the modular standards that METCA members will be using in their modular building efforts.

METCA is adopting Liberty Hirailer standards which are based on the Independent Hirailer standards.

The Liberty standards are www.liberty-hi-railers.com/tips.html and the Independent Hirailers PDF file here; www.hirailers.com/Standard%20Straight%20Modules.pdf.

Tom Nuzzo, Lionel's NY Events Director, will be at the Howard Beach show demonstrating The Legacy System and Lionel products.



Congratulations to Ken Morgan on winning a free table at METCA's NY show. Ken's number was drawn from a group of early paid table registrations for the November 15th, show in Howard Beach, NY. Bob Amling reports that there are still a few good table locations available. Contact Bob at nyshows.metca.org or (718) 934-2548

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The Treasurer Talks

By Stuart Rankin, 87-25191

As YOUR Treasurer, I like to give you an update from time to time regarding the financial status of METCA. METCA is on firm financial footing. Your Board or Directors should be given a lot of credit for developing a budget and keeping their eyes on it. Of course, we need to be somewhat flexible, so the budget is continually monitored and adjusted, if necessary, to suit the needs of the Division.

For example, just this past summer, METCA made a \$300 donation to the National Toy Train Museum in support of its Oral History program. Your Board is quite proud that we were able to do this. Look in your September National Headquarters News to see how excited National was to receive this. How were we able to do this? It was all because of the support of each and every one of you members reading this newsletter, YOU paid your dues, YOU attended our shows and meets in Garfield NJ and in New York. YOU purchased Division Cars (NYC Mint Cars). Each of these topics deserve an entire column all to themselves, but I think that you can see that without YOUR support, the Division wouldn't have the resources necessary to implement new, creative and innovative ideas.

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Your vote counts!!!

Send in your TCA election ballot!!!



The Largest TCA Show in the Metropolitan NY area!!!



METCA Train Show

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008

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Garfield Boys' and Girls Club

490 Midland Ave, Garfield

METCA/TCA members admitted at 8 AM ~ General Public at 9AM ~ Show Runs until 2 PM

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.

RT 80 WEST TO EXIT 62 MIDLAND AVE. SADDLE BROOK FOLLOW SIGNS AROUND TO THE RIGHT FOR MIDLAND AVE. SADDLE BROOK ONTO PHELE AVE. AT LIGHT MAKE RIGHT. GO 1 BLOCK MAKE LEFT ONTO MIDLAND AVE. TAKE MIDLAND AVE 2 MILES TO GARFIELD BOYS CLUB ON LEFT SIDE

Please reserve _____ table's at the Oct 26th Show @\$20.00 ea. \$ _____

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I am a METCA Division member! My dues are current! My Admission fee is \$ 2.00

Please allow _____ Adult (age 16+) Admission fee(s) @ \$4.00 each \$ _____

(Adult Admission included w/ Table Registration. Children under 10 admitted free)

Total admission(s) \$ _____

Total of Check or Money Order: \$ _____

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Collectors Corner

By Stuart Rankin, 87-25191

When METCA first considered issuing our Lionel 52485 New York Central Pacemaker Mint Car, our one and only goal was to have this car function as a fundraiser for the Division. Well, the Pacemaker Mint Car has done that and MORE. The car has become a collectible almost overnight. Let's talk a little about the history of the car.

In an innovative marketing maneuver, the METCA Board of Directors decided to set a firm quantity of cars that would be available to TCA members, even before the car was announced. Some saw this as a risky move (what if the cars don't sell); some saw this as a conservative move (demand will surely be greater than the supply).

Regardless, to have this car available in a timely manner (no year or year-and-a-half wait time here), this was a reasonable decision. At the end of 2007, our one and only ad was submitted to the National Headquarters News (NHN), our order was placed with Lionel, the car was announced in the Waybill to METCA members (Dec. 2007), and the ad appeared in the NHN for all TCA members to see (Jan. 2008).



Beautiful NYC color scheme and the first ever produced copper load.

The car was sold out by the beginning of February 2008, only 5 weeks after the ad appeared in the NHN. That's lightning fast. Orders continued to trickle in and they were put on a waiting list in case of a small production overrun. The cars arrived in NJ in August 2008 (2 full pallet loads of them) and our job of getting the cars into the hands of our members began almost immediately.

If there was any doubt (which there wasn't), once on the secondary market, it became crystal clear that the 2008 METCA New York Central Pacemaker Mint Car had become a collectible. Remember, dues paying METCA members like you were given the first opportunity at ordering this car. It's one of the perks of paying your dues and one of the ways that METCA says "Thank You".

2008 NYC Mint Car Update

All of the NYC Mint Cars have been shipped. If you haven't received yours yet, contact Division Car Chairman Stuart Rankin at DivisionCar@METCA.org

2009 PRR Mint Car Update

The Green and Tuscan Pennsylvania Mint Cars are almost **Sold Out**. If you want to order, please do so **NOW**. See the previous issue of the Waybill for an order form, or go to www.METCA.org



METCA's Mini-Meet at the Clinton Station Diner

The weather forecast was good as METCA prepped for its first Mini-Meet in August. The owners at the Clinton Station Diner in Clinton NJ worked with us to provide parking-lot perimeter selling spaces, giving us together a real "train flea market" feel.

The outdoor concept had not been tried before, and all eyes were on the weather as the date got closer. When the day finally came, about a dozen vendors opened their car trunks and tailgates to display trains of all types, and to make a few friends, too!

The Clinton Station Diner is easily recognizable from Route 78. It's the only one with an original Jersey Central "Blue Comet" observation car ("Biela") attached! The obs has been transformed into a diner, and everyone enjoyed delicious, reasonably priced food. Their bakery was awesome!

Bill Osburn, a new METCA member, and METCA President Scot Kienzlen began a conversation that has resulted in the development of a METCA Modular Layout Group; and the bonds of friendship began forming for a number of Mini-Meet participants. Watch for more exciting news about this group!

When the buying and selling was over at 2 PM, your METCA Board of Directors retired to the Biela where we had a business meeting and even more great food. The Clinton Station Diner folks seemed very pleased to have us there; so.... it looks like we'll be there again!

Our thanks to everyone who helped to make this show a success, and a special "thank you" to Mike and everyone at the Clinton Station Diner www.clintonstationdiner.com

Watch for news and updates as we head into 2009; and come be a part of the SECOND Clinton Station Diner Mini-Meet!

Our thanks to Don Brill for making the Mini-Meet possible.

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METCA Train Show

Saturday Nov 15, 2008

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At Lionel's request this show will run until 3PM

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

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.

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

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Pre-Admission

I am a METCA Division member! My METCA Division dues are current for 2008. Admission \$ 2.00 \$ _____

Please allow _____ Adult (age 16+) Admission fee(s) @ \$5.00 each \$ _____

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

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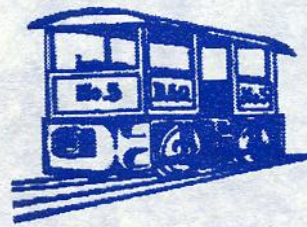
Minutes of METCA BOD Meeting

16 August 2008

Clinton Station Diner, Clinton, NJ

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00PM 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
BOD Member: Kevin Quinn
 - b) Excused: Treasurer: Stu Rankin
 - c) Absent: Pat Scuorzo
3. Motion made by Mr. Quinn to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2008 BOD meeting., Seconded by Mr. Bernich. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Presidents Report – METCA Division Attire, METCA modular group.
5. Vice Presidents Report – ads have been placed in Classic TT and O gauge magazines.
6. Treasurers Report – No Report
7. Secretaries Report -- See attached report. Motion made by Mr. Brill and seconded by Mr. Quinn to accept the Secretaries report. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Motion made by Mr. Bernich and seconded by Brill to go into recess for 30 minutes for lunch. Motion passed unanimously
9. Committee Reports –
 - A. Rules and Regulations – Membership meeting to be held in October following the Garfield show.
 - B. Membership – 350 paid members as of Aug. 15, 2008.
 - C. Shows and Meets –Clinton show was a success. Restaurant owner has requested that METCA return in the future.
 - D. Newsletter – Last copy was printed on better grade paper that will be the standard in the future.
 - E. Advertising – Discussion about placing advertising in show budgets and removing from advertising budget.
 - F. Division Car – No report.
10. Discussion and vote on providing online sales chairman a \$50.00 petty cash fund to be used as required for shipping. Motion made by Mr. Brill and seconded by Mr. Dobrowolski. Motion passed, unanimously approved.
11. Next METCA membership meeting will be at the Garfield Boys Club on Sunday, October 26, 2008 , after the show.
12. A BOD teleconference meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29 2008 at 9:30PM
13. With all posted business successfully attended to, President Kienzlen adjourned the meeting at 2:55PM

Rem Hunnewell,
Secretary



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From the Division Secretary's Desk

I have been very busy at work and I have not had a chance to think about what this issues column would be about. One of my projects was to generate a list of the Metropolitan Divisions charter members for a future project. Listed below in no particular order is that list. If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of any of these members, please let me know. I wonder if any of these gentlemen ever thought about how large METCA would become. Joe Levy, Harold Carstens, Joseph Ranker, Gerald Robinson, William Vagell, John Marron, Milton Walsh, Tihamer Geng, Fred Weber, Don Fernandez, Robert Cornell, Frank Rochat, L.Dickinson Morris, Albert O. Roth, Walter Popek, Arthur Fellisier, Bert M. Hoe, W. Davson Mellville, George Miller, Ben Smith, Lou Napolliello, Joe Reid, Phil Rosen, Frank Lopat, W. Van Roosbroeck, Sydney S. Baker, Allen Sherry, Robert T. Hess, Bob Davenport, Ted Hindmarsh, Warren Schuch, Jim Greiner, Stu Bern, Jim Dunne, Gerald VanDyk, William Sommer, Norman Young, Carl Pieper, George Sick, Jay Duke, Harold Ashley, Harvet Roe, Paul Sauls, Arthur Rice, Paul Bidonde, J. Stankovich, Everett Chapman, and Arthur Thomas Jr.

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