

Metropolitan Division — Train Collectors Association



Your Time MIGS



Metropolitan Division Waybill
Train Collector's Association

Vol. 33 Issue 7

Board of Directors 2010-2011

President~ Scot Kienzlen
Vice President~ Stu Rankin
Secretary~ Robert Amling
Treasurer~ Sam Deo
Director~ Kevin Quinn
Director~ Rem Hunnewell
Director~ Don Brill
Director~ Pat Scurozo*

*deceased; vacancy to be filled in 2012

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.

CONTACT METCA

Website: www.METCA.org

Discussion: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/METCA/>

Correspondence, membership and mail issues:

METCA Secretary
2023 Coyle St.
Brooklyn, NY 11229

With sincere thanks and appreciation to
GREG CATANESE

Prestige Envelope and Lithographic
Who handles METCA's Waybill printing
(631) 434-3399 ext.104
gcatanese@prestigelg.com

Note: Due to space limitations the format of this page is changed.

The One You've Been Waiting For!

**METCA 50th Anniversary
Celebration & Banquet**

November 5, 2011 5pm-10pm

At the NJ Hi-Railers



~home of the largest 3-Rail layout in the USA and the Tom Snyder Standard Gauge layout and collection~

Please join us for an evening of fun, food, friends, and prizes in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Division of the Train Collectors Association

Enjoy a delicious hot buffet banquet, beverages included!

**Everyone has a chance to WIN one of our 50th Anniversary
Lionel Banquet Cars (only 25 made).**

**Participate in our Supreme Raffle & Chinese Auction
(FREE tickets included; additional tickets available)**

Bring your trains to run on the Hi-Railers HUGE layout!!

**Just \$20 per person, TCA members and immediate family only
(children under 16 years old are free).**

Seating is limited to the first 100 people to respond

Please RSVP to:

**Bob Amling, 718-541-8619, nysnows@metca.org or
Stu Rankin, 917-593-3990, lionellc@hotmail.com**

Directions to NJ Hi-Railers (<http://www.njhirailers.com/>): 185 6th Ave., Paterson, NJ 07524, (evening of event only 973-925-2390)

From Points South

- 1- Take the Garden State Pkwy to exit 156. Merge onto Route 20 North. Continue at [Common]
- 2- Take the NJ Tpke to exit 16W route 3 West. Take Route 3 about 2 miles and take Route 21 North. Route 21 North becomes Route 20. Continue at [Common]

From Points North

Take the Garden State Pkwy south and exit at Route 80 West. Exit Route 80 at Exit 60 onto Route 20 North. Continue at [Common]

From Point West

Take Route 80 East to Exit 60 Route 20 North. Continue at [Common]

From Points East

Take the George Washington Bridge. Merge onto Route 80 West. Exit at Exit 60 which is Route 20 North. Continue at [Common]

[Common] - Stay on Route 20 and left exit at Fifth Avenue. Make a left on Fifth. Go over the railroad tracks and make the first left onto River Street. Make a right on 6th Avenue and we are in the big tan building



For METCA President:

Stuart Rankin 87-25191 Middletown, NJ 917-593-3990 LionelLLC@hotmail.com

Personal:

I am married with 3 daughters. I am a structural engineer with an office in New York City.

Hobby Related Experience:

TCA National :

Internet Committee – 2004 to Present; Standards Committee – 2007 to Present; Convention Car Committee – 2010 to Present; National BOD Alternate – June 2011

TCA METCA Division Experience:

Vice President – 2010 to Present; Treasurer – 2008 to 2009; Bylaws Committee (Rules and Regulations) – 2007 to Present; Division Car Chairman – 2007 to Present; Responsible for initiating the first Meet and Greet in New Jersey at Island Trains II in March 2008; Author of several articles for The Waybill, the METCA Division Newsletter.

METCA Goals:

As President, I will strive to maintain the Division's forward progress that has been ongoing for the past few years. I will work to continue to establish METCA's reputation as one of the premiere train organizations in the New York/ New Jersey metropolitan area.

In His Own Words:

As Chairman of our Division Car Committee, I've handled a line item budget that is roughly five (5) times larger than the remainder of the entire budget for the Division. As a member of various National committees, I have direct contact and communication with our National Officers and Business Office. I will use this experience and these networking contacts for the benefit of METCA Members. I urge you to vote in this election, regardless of which candidate(s) you vote for. Please get involved. I look forward to the support of the Division.

For METCA Vice President:

Stephen Musso 631 662-4085 SteveJMjr@aol.com

Personal:

I'm married with two daughters and five grandchildren. I'm retired from NYC DEP in the Water & Sewer Operations Division. Like many of you I got into trains with my first set from Santa. It was a Berk with several space cars. I set up the 4 x 8 with the grass mat and Plasticville buildings every Christmas with my set and my brother's. That went on for years without any additions after I was in my late teens until my daughters were about 5. I told my wife I wouldn't put up the trains that Christmas and she said I had to. That should have been my first clue she was up to something. She had contacted my brother's coworker Dennis Shore and got me Milwaukee Road Baby Madisons. Dennis later introduced me to Greenburg shows and it's been a wild ride since. I found the AOL train boards and met lots of people that became friends and told me about York and the TCA.

Hobby Related Experience:

I'm a member of the Command Control Demo Group (formerly the TMCC Demo Group) who give demonstrations of command control systems at train shows and hobby shops and generally teach people about the systems, how to set them up for their application and use them to their fullest. I've done this at all the NYC METCA shows.

I'm a co chair of the METCA Kid's Club.

I also volunteer at the Railroad Museum of Long Island, mainly on the Lionel Visitor's Center layout. It's fun watching the faces of all the kids, especially the really older ones who are transported back in time to when Santa gave them their first set.

METCA Goals:

As the Vice President of METCA I plan on working on making METCA's presence more visible east of the Hudson and to help with the upcoming 2015 Convention. We have to change that old saying that joining the TCA is just to go to York.

For METCA Secretary:

Bob Amling TCA 80-15029

Personal Info:

The last 17 years of my 42 years in the Bell System were spent as a Senior Network Engineer. My duties included identifying and reporting on Harms To The Network. I facilitated and participated in approximately 10 industry meetings a year which included presenting information to the attendees and taking notes at the meetings in order to provide a report to my customers on the progress of each meeting. I believe that these skills will be very useful in handling the duties of the METCA Secretary.

METCA Activities:

I Joined METCA in 1980, and then rejoined in 2007 when the new BOD found their way to NY. On the day I rejoined METCA, I signed on to host METCA's first Train Show in NY. That first show was in November 2007 and was the first TCA show in NYC. Since then I have run 7 more increasingly-successful METCA shows in NY.

I have been your METCA Secretary since January 2010. During that time I have administered the METCA membership database, scheduled, provided the agenda, participated in and recorded METCA BOD Meetings, taken a lead role in METCA's effort to coordinate with train clubs on LI. I expanded METCA's use of email communication; and when the BOD approved an electronic Waybill, I made it happen.

In addition to the METCA Secretary's duties, I have provided input for the establishment of a Recruitment and Retention committee, assisted the Division Car Chairman with the design and shipping of the METCA division cars, reached out to TCA members by way of a survey, to find ways to better our METCA Meets, represented METCA at the 2010 RMLI Railroad Festival, and Co-Chaired the METCA 50th Anniversary Party.

METCA Goals:

I have always wanted METCA to be involved on Long Island and I thank the current BOD for making this possible. I believe that as Secretary, I can help METCA become an even greater success and continue to make METCA's presence matter in NY.

For METCA Treasurer:

Sam Deo 201-757-3507 Email: eusdesa@yahoo.com



Personal:

My wife Donna and I have been married six years and we have one child, Jake who is 5 months old. I am a radio engineer for a wireless telecommunications firm and have been with the company for 15 years. Besides my interest in trains I'm a semi professional musician playing guitar, piano and mandolin. I enjoy restoring old cars and I'm in the process of renovating my 100 year old farm house. My interests in trains are primarily prewar O and Standard gauge. My running layout is a mix of modern reproduction tinplate and original 1930's pieces.

Hobby Related Experience:

I've been an active member in METCA and the TCA since 2005 but have been collecting and running trains since I was 6 years old. I am the current Treasurer of the METCA Division and have been since 2010. I am also on the 2015 Convention Committee as Treasurer. Prior to my position as Treasurer I was the Meet and Greet chairman as well as a member of a METCA Election Committee.

METCA Goals:

I would like to see METCA continue to grow as a division and expand its portfolio of events and activities. I would like to see METCA host more events outside of shows such as layout displays in children's hospitals.



Rem Hunnewell, Oakhurst, NJ. (732) 660-7062 TCA# 75-7642

Personal:

Served 3 Years as Quartermaster (treasurer), VFW Post 2226; Served 1 year as Junior Vice Commander VFW Post 2226; Served 1 year as Senior Vice Commander VFW Post 2226; Served 1 year as Commander VFW Post 2226; Served as Post Trustee; Project manager for large NJ based Integration Company.

Hobby Related Experience:

First Joined METCA in 1975; METCA Webmaster www.metca.org from 2005 to 2007; Member of METCA BOD since Jan. 2006; METCA Division Secretary 2007 to 2009; Assistant BOD Secretary; Chairman, METCA Bylaws Committee; Driving force behind returning METCA to Garfield; Chairman, First METCA Garfield Boys Club Show; Instrumental in computerizing METCA bookkeeping and membership; Have had articles published in TCA Quarterly;

Current Member TCA and METCA Standards committee; Owner and Head Surgeon of "The Train Doctor"~ Toy Train repair and upgrade Center.

METCA Goals:

Work towards establishing Chapters around the Division; Establish METCA sponsored meets and shows in areas of the Division that are currently not being served; Establish protocols that will allow METCA to bring a TCA National Convention to our area; Create incentives for being a METCA member in cooperation with local dealers.

In His Own Words:

I don't believe that running for office is done for the sake of title or benefit. I am seeking office in order to benefit the Division and as my track record indicates, I finish what I start. Working together we can grow METCA into a frontrunner in TCA. My past endeavors within the Division with the help of the other officers, BOD members, and METCA members, have shown that this is possible. Regardless of whom you vote for during the upcoming election, VOTE! METCA is your Division.



Ben Fioriello, Staten Island NY 646-335-6444 Bluelinec4@yahoo.com

Personal Info:

Presently working for UBS Bank as an IT Specialist in Weehawken NJ. I am retired from IBM in the same capacity after a 32 year career. I also worked for 2 years for the NY City Transit Authority as a signal maintainer. I have been married for 31 years with two children and 3 ¾ grandchildren.

Hobby Related Experience:

I have been involved in O and HO trains all of my life starting with a Lionel 2056 Hudson at birth. I have been a member of the TCA and METCA since 2004. I served a short stint on the METCA board of directors in 2006. I have served as the Secretary of the NJ HiRailers Train Club in Paterson NJ from 2005 through 2008. I have been the President of the NJ HiRailers from 2008 to the present day. I have planned, implemented, and supervised numerous events at the NJ HiRailers club. I am also a member of the LCCA and LOTS.

METCA Goals:

My plan for METCA is to make it the premier division of the TCA by drawing on the largest population base of all the divisions. I plan on using my experience of executing special events to draw younger members into the TCA and METCA without ignoring our existing member base.



Jeffery Corrick New York, NY 201-745-2403 clint@clintjefferies.com

Personal info:

I grew up in a small town in Kansas, attended college in San Diego, then returned to my home town to start a theatrical touring company. After 7 years touring 16 Midwestern states, I pulled up stakes and moved to NYC in 1985, where I founded Wings Theatre Company and still serve as its Artistic Director. To actually eat, I work concurrently in publishing at both Random House and Penguin Group.

Hobby Related Experience:

I'm currently acting as co-chair for the Activities Committee for the 2015 Convention, as well as designing the convention website and updating the METCA website. I got involved with METCA a few years ago, answering phones when they were asked to help with the NJN TV membership drive. I also maintain a toy train website with layout and collection photos, as well as how-to's and reference material. My Uncle helped me put together my first train layout in about 2nd grade (a 4x8 sheet of plywood) which grew and expanded over the years. Before I quite knew what hit me, I found myself knee-deep in York, TCA, TCS, METCA, LOTS, eBay, train conventions and cruises... I sort of jumped in with both feet. I now operate both a postwar O-gauge layout and a Standard Gauge layout. I have a modest, but eclectic collection of toy trains, 1900 – 1969.

METCA Goals:

I'm excited about the upcoming 2015 convention, and plan to do all I can to help make it one of the best ever. And I see all sorts of possibilities ahead for METCA. Under the current leadership the division has come an incredible distance in a few short years. We can keep that momentum going by continued outreach to expand our membership... Build on our already successful meets and events... And most important, find ways to introduce a new generation in the World's Greatest Hobby.

In His Own Words:

There's one thing about METCA I hope always stays the same. I'm not sure what you call it... The friendliness – the camaraderie – maybe "the vibe." Every METCA gathering just seems infused with such good-will and fun, a welcoming, open atmosphere, and great folks who love playing with trains. That's what really got me involved, and to me, what an organization like this is all about.

Erol Gurcan

973-585-4725

erolg@optimum.netNo
Photo
Available**Personal:**

I am an attorney with 20 plus years legal experience and have a strong passion for our hobby.

Hobby Related Experience:

Some of you may know me as "locolawyer" on the O Gauge On-Line Forum (www.ogaugerr.com), of which I am a regular participant. In July, I assisted Vice President Stuart Rankin package the Fort Knox and Baltimore and Ohio Mint Cars for mailing to METCA members. In addition, between 2005 and 2008, my model train related contributions have included writing unbiased legal summaries on the O Gauge Forum concerning the MTH Lionel lawsuits, Lionel K-line lawsuit and other legal proceedings in the hobby. During those same years, I was also a writer for the Lionel Collector Club of America's (LCCA) magazine, "The Lion Roars." Most of my articles were train reviews and feature stories. I have attended every spring and fall York Meet since 2006 and eagerly await each occasion to learn and meet fellow enthusiasts.

METCA Goals:

I would like to use my talents and experience to continue improving METCA. Specifically, I would like to increase METCA's membership. One way we can do this is by better promoting the events that we sponsor to the many TCA members that live in our geographic area and who may not be aware of METCA.

In His Own Words:

In summary, I believe my role of the Board of Directors will add to the positive direction METCA is going in. I look forward to contributing my energy, my experience, and skills to support development of the model railroad hobby through METCA's initiatives and activities.

**Lawrence M Laskowski** Northport, NY 631-368-4792laskowski@optonline.net

PERSONAL: I am married to my lovely wife Veronica. We have two wonderful children and 6 beautiful Grandchildren. Currently, I am retired from a 42 year professional career in the Electric Utility Industry. In my most recent position as Department Manager of Distribution Engineering for Con Edison's Brooklyn/Queens Region, I had technical responsibility for all electric distribution systems serving more than 1.6 million electric energy customers in the region.

HOBBY-RELATED EXPERIENCE: I am playing with trains since the 1950's. A TCA member for 20 years, I currently contribute the column "Long Island Sounds" to METCA's quarterly newsletter, The Waybill. I

am a member of METCA's 2015 National TCA convention planning committee and a member of METCA's module group to promote modular railroading within the METCA division. I am a current member and a past officer as Secretary of the Central Operating Lines Model Railroad Club of Ronkonkoma NY, where I have worked to increase METCA and TCA participation and membership within the club membership. I am also the editor and publisher of Central Operating Lines monthly Newsletter, "The Whistle Stop News".

METCA GOALS:

I would work for METCA to extend its outreach into the region by working to establish a new METCA event in a new venue. I would work for METCA events to reach out to kids, young folks and the parents there of to promote the hobby and METCA through informational presentations on train operation and collecting, clinic style presentations and hands on projects for first time layout builders and the application and use of basic command control systems for Hi-Rail trains.

In His Own Words:

I have liked all toy trains from the newest technologically equipped models to those basic models from times past. I particularly enjoy when there's something that I can help a fellow trainee with to help enhance the enjoyment of our hobby.

No
Photo
Available**Donald M Brill**

Dover, NJ 973-361-0723

ernabuck39@verizon.net

Personal: I have recently celebrated my 50th wedding anniversary and have two adult children. I am retired after 28 years of service in law enforcement, and have been a member of my local Board of Education for 26 years. Since 1976, and for 35 years, have been associated with the Dover, New Jersey Train Show as sponsor.

Hobby Related Experience:

TCA member since 1973; METCA Director since 2009; Chairman, METCA Mini-Meet; Chairman, METCA Fall Picnic; Chairman, METCA 2015 TCA National Convention; Member, TCA Desert Division; York TCA Red Hall Committee Member, Eastern Division. During my tenure on the Board of Directors, I have worked in concert with my fellow BOD members to better the METCA Division for it's members as well as the benefit of TCA National, and have helped in the recruitment of additional new members.

METCA Goals:

My personal goal priority for the METCA Division, is the steady progress towards the upcoming METCA sponsored TCA National Convention to be held between June 20-28, 2015 in Somerset, New Jersey which will benefit all members, the division as well as TCA National.

In His Own Words:

It's obvious that my involvement and commitment is an essential part of our division. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election for a Director position on the Board of Directors.

Long Island Sounds

~Larry Laskowski – TCA #91-33858

The wind and rain are picking up now as I write this and we over here on Long Island Sound, are hoping for the best. Originally I had planned a summary on the re-dedication of the Lionel Visitors Center layout which was to be the highlight of the **Railroad Museum of Long Island's Railfest** event. RMLI's Railfest is an annual event for museum, and is customarily held on the last weekend of August. The Lionel layout was a special part of Railfest and the program was to include representatives of Lionel, family members of Lionel's founder, Joshua Lionel Cowen and TCA's current president Paul Edgar and former president Richard "Clem" Clement. METCA and COL were also participating with a table and the COL modular railroad display. In addition, COL arranged a special open house at COL's permanent club layout for Friday of the weekend.

Well our good friend "Irene" changed all of that with it becoming necessary for RMLI to cancel this year's Railfest consequently. Indeed, "Irene" had a dramatic impact on trains so to speak, with all rail transportation in the Tri State Area being suspended for that weekend. New York City's Subway system service was suspended proactively for the first time in its history for a weather related event. So far, the Museum has not announced a reschedule of the layout rededication. Here are some photos of the layout and last year's railfest modular layout for your enjoyment and to hold interest high. RMLI hopes that you will join them for their next event, the "Play Day with Thomas the Tank Engine" in Riverhead on October 8th and 9th. Come out to see these



folks on this weekend. The Lionel layout will be in full operation for your enjoyment and it should be a great train day for all ages.

Well we are back in lights, internet, etc after several days of "Good Ole Days Livin" here on Long Island. Being back in touch with the outside world once again gave me a chance to catch up with news on Hurricane Irene's aftermath. I am hoping all the best for you our METCAers as well as TCAers and your family and friends. The devastation and disruption from this storm is enormous. If you can, please reach out to fellow trainees and neighbors and lend a helping hand so that we can get past all of this safely and get back to the hobby we all love together.

Besides Hurricanes, fall can and does bring pleasant railroading events for our Long Island Clubs with the start of their **Annual Open Houses** for the 2011-2012 season. So to start you off, the Nassau Lionel Operating Engineers will be your host on Friday Eve, October 21st, 8-10pm, Saturday Afternoon October 22nd, 1-4pm and Sunday Afternoon October 23rd, 1-4pm. These folks have expanded their layout and have added quite a bit of scenic effects. The following weekend, spend some time at Central Operating Lines in Ronkonkoma and checkout their scenic enhancements and the latest edition of its Weaver custom car series. Trains run from 12 noon to 5PM on Saturday and Sunday October 29th and 30th. You will probably see a Halloween special in operation. Trainmasters of Babylon will have Open House on Thanksgiving weekend. Come see what's new at Long Island Clubs.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER BEFORE THE SHOW! WHY WAIT?? DO IT NOW!

October 9, 2011 GARFIELD NJ SHOW
Table Reservations ONLY!



Please reserve _____ tables at the October 9th Show @\$20.00 ea. \$ _____
 YES! I want to GET A 4th Table for FREE!! (pay for 3 and get a 4th for FREE)
 I am a METCA Division member! My dues are current! My Admission fee is \$ **FREE!**
 I'm not a METCA member. Please allow _____ Adult (age 16+) Admission fee(s) @ \$5.00 ea \$ _____
 (Adult Admission included w/ Table Registration. Children under 10 admitted free) Total admission(s) \$ _____
 YES! I want to Renew My METCA Dues @ \$5.00 per Year [New Applicants ask for Application]
 The METCA Newsletter, the Waybill, is sent 4 times a year via email. Your email address will be safeguarded by METCA and never shared or sold. If you require a paper copy of the Waybill, there is an additional charge of \$5 per year. Waybills are not available for pickup.
Dues : 1 Year (\$5) _____, 5 Years (\$25) _____ \$ _____
Waybill: Email (Free)____, Paper 1 Year (\$5 extra)____, 5 Years (\$25 extra)_____ \$ _____
Total of Check or Money Order (including Admission and Dues): \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone(____) _____
Address: _____ City _____ State _____
Email Address _____ TCA# _____

Complete this PRE ~ REGISTRATION coupon and return with check and S.S.A.E. to:
METCA Show, c/o Bob Dobrowolski, 78 Jefferson Place, Totowa, NJ 07512
For additional information, call 973-653-5975 or email EL_Railfan@yahoo.com

Standards Statement: I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the Train Collector's Association (TCA) and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time, specifically including all the rules and regulations of all TCA committees and any actions and rulings of all TCA Committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA member or at any TCA sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent all such items are authentic and in the manufacturer's original condition unless I have caused item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction.

_____ cut off and send in the registration form(s)

Largest TCA Show in the Metropolitan, NY Area!!!! Now 100 Tables!

Saturday Nov 19, 2011

St. Helen's Church Hall 8309 157th Avenue Howard Beach, NY 11414
FREE admission for TCA members with a valid METCA membership card!!!!

METCA/TCA members admitted at 8 AM ~ General Public at 9AM – 2PM

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.

Locomotive Drag Races are for kids 5 – 15 years old

FREE SIGNUP! Bring your favorite engine or use ours! Operating Layouts

Please reserve _____ 8' table's at the Nov 19th Show @ **\$25.00** ea (admission incl). \$ _____
PLEASE NOTE THE PRICE INCREASE. We try our best to contain costs; but the rent has doubled.

YES! I want to GET A 4th 8' Table for FREE!
 YES! I want to Renew My METCA Dues [New Applicants ask for Application]

* The METCA Newsletter, the Waybill is sent 4 times a year via email. Your email address will be safeguarded by METCA and never shared or sold. If you require a paper copy of the Waybill, there is an additional charge of \$5 per year. Waybills are not available for pickup.

EMAIL ADDRESS _____
Dues enclosed : 1 Year (\$5) _____, 5 Years (\$25) _____ : Waybill: Email (Free)____, Paper 1 Year (\$5)____, 5 Years (\$25)_____

YES! I want to show my support and make a tax-deductible donation to METCA \$ _____
Make Check(s) payable to METCA. \$ _____
Name: _____ Phone(____) _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email Address _____ TCA# _____

Complete this TABLE REGISTRATION coupon and return with check and L.S.S.A.E. to:

METCA Show, c/o Bob Amling 2023 Coyle Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229-4013 nysshows@metca.org 718-541-8619

Standards Statement: I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the Train Collector's Association (TCA) and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time, specifically including all the rules and regulations of all TCA committees and any actions and rulings of all TCA Committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA member or at any TCA sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent all such items are authentic and in the manufacturer's original condition unless I have caused item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction.