



Metropolitan Division turns 60

Happy anniversary to the Metropolitan Division. That is right. METCA has been in existence since 1961. One of 20 divisions of the TCA, METCA covers 21 counties in NY, NJ, and CT. Legend has it METCA was formed out of the Eastern Division by spinning a drafting compass over north Jersey. Whether the legend is true or not Metropolitan division became a powerhouse in the TCA and the hobby. On November 25, 1961, the division held its' very first train show. It was held at St. Johns chapel in Englewood NJ. By the end of the show there were 53 charter members of the METCA division. History was made. Names that we now revere as pioneers of the hobby emerged out of the METCA division. Marron, Carstens, Ranker, Vagell, Bennett, Duke, Sauls, Davenport and Rochat are just a few that lead the way and left their mark on the division. Over the years, thousands of train collectors, operators, and hobbyists resided in our territory being proud members of METCA. We can not thank you enough for your loyalty and dedication to the division and the hobby. Presently you have an excellent board that works hard for you, the membership. There approx. 2000 TCA members in our region and 200 dues paying members, otherwise known as MIGS (members in good standing). We have grown from the 1961 Englewood show to hosting shows in Queens NY. In between we have held shows in Kenilworth, Garfield, and Parsippany NJ. Our current show is held in East Rutherford NJ. Our newsletter is published 4 times a year, we have a modern website and Facebook page for our membership to enjoy and get information from. We have the METCA table that has been appearing at local shows since 2008. We have held banquets, sponsored train trips and have formed partnerships with Somerset County 4H Trainmasters (youth club) and New York Society of Engineers (show partners). We have great friendships with clubs such as NJ Highrainers and Nassau Lionel Operating Engineers. 2021 is the year of METCA. We plan on having events to celebrate our 60th anniversary depending on current health restrictions. There is also an anniversary car being produced to commemorate the historic event. The Metropolitan Division has grown tremendously over the last 60 years. I hope our founding members are proud of what the division has become, and I hope we have expanded on their vision. I believe METCA's first President Joe Levy would be proud and as METCA's current President I am extremely proud of our officers and members. So, to all the past and present members of the Metropolitan Division, Happy 60th Anniversary.

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