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FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC & MINI MEET

Please join us for METCA's First Annual Picnic & Mini Meet at the historic WHIPPANY RAILWAY MUSEUM in Whippany NJ on September 12, 2010 (rain date September 19 for picnic).

METCA DIVISION WILL BE THE HOST FOR ITS METCA MIGS (Members In Good Standing)

This will be a day filled with railroad fun. You can picnic in the adjacent shaded area and sell some of your extra model railroad equipment and trains. Enjoy FREE Hotdogs, Hamburgers, and Soda donated by the METCA Division. Bring a picnic basket with your food and bring some salads or desserts to share with others. Make it a fun filled day.

THE WHIPPANY RAILWAY MUSEUM

Conveniently located off of NJ State Highway 10 (Westbound) in Whippany NJ at the intersection of Whippany Road (on the Jug Handle). The museum offers a nice collection of vintage railroad equipment, as well as a steam locomotive, numerous cabooses, and a variety of railway cars, some of which are in the process of restoration. In the museum, there's a plethora of equipment, a locomotive backhead, and a small operating layout. The museum is located along the tracks of the historic Morristown & Erie Railroad (M&E), a small shortline railroad that supports industry in Northern New Jersey. METCA MIGS are free to tour the museum; METCA will be making a contribution to The Whippany Railway Museum. Your additional contributions will of course be welcome. The museum also offers caboose rides for adults and children at an additional cost. There is a reduced METCA price available.. Additionally, we will be joined that day by members of the Military Transportation Association of North Jersey (<http://www.mtaofnj.org/>) who will display vintage restored military vehicles. It should be a GREAT day for METCA MIGS, their families, and guests. SO COME ON OUT, SUPPORT YOUR DIVISION AND HAVE A GREAT DAY!!!!

FOOD

The METCA Division will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, and soda to MIGS and their immediate family only. We'll know who you are because you'll be wearing you New FREE 50th Anniversary Lanyard, which will be available complements of your Board of Directors. You will be able to obtain your lanyard only with your current METCA MIGS ID Card. No other form of ID will be acceptable as proof of your good standing in the Division. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY AND CONSUMPTION OF ALOCOHOL IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

TRAIN RIDES

Starting at 1:00 PM, and running hourly until 4:00 PM, train rides will consist of a 10 mile scenic trip, in a string of cabooses pulled by a M&E vintage diesel locomotive. TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCED by going to the Whippany Railway Museum website.

TICKETING ORDERING PROCESS

For Train Rides, go online to the Whippany Railway Museum website...Click on "buy your 2010 Train Tickets Online"...Select Date September 12...Click on "Buy Now" for the departure time of 1, 2, 3, or 4 PM...Enter Offer Code METCA 10 ... Click on "Continue". The discounted ticket prices will be displayed on the screen as well as a 10% handling fee. Fill in the Name, Address, and Credit Card info. A confirmation will automatically be sent to the email address that was entered.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT MEMBERS ORDER TRAIN RIDE TICKETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

The deadline to order tickets online is September 9, 2010. To get the departure time of your choice, order now, since tickets usually sell-out in advance online and may not be available on the day of the event. Any questions about tickets can be addressed to Alan Wishengrad at wish123@verizon.net. METCA Discounted train ride tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. These prices do not include the 10% ticketing fee. We hope you take advantage of this nice opportunity. (train departure rain or shine)

MINI TRAIN MEET

We encourage you to bring model trains and railroad memorabilia to this event to sell. However, please observe the following rules: Only one 4'x4' folding card table will be permitted. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow any trains on the ground, piled on or in boxes, layed out on blankets (or paper or sheet of plastic). Any other means of display (other than a card table) is strictly prohibited. This is for the safety of all guests. Thank you for observing these few rules for the FREE activity.

METCA RAFFLE AND HUDSON RAFFLE TICKETS

METCA Members will have the opportunity to purchase these raffle tickets on the day of the event. Regular Raffle tickets are five for \$5.00. Hudson Raffle tickets are \$25.00 each. An extra Hudson Raffle ticket will be one of the Regular Raffle prizes.

Please come out and join us for this memorable day. Bring chairs, coolers, and an extra salad or dessert to share. No alcoholic beverages permitted.

Kindly call the following METCA Members with a head count. This will help in the procurement of food. Don Brill at 973-361-0723 or Bob Amling at 718-934-2548.

Thank You,
Your METCA Division Officers

