

Metropolitan Division — Train Collectors Association

Highlights from the 2015 TCA Convention!





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TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION...



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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.

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www.tcamembers.org/membership/application.pdf

Metropolitan Division (METCA) Application

www.metca.org/documents/application.pdf

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Inside This Issue:

Highlights from the 2015 TCA Convention hosted by METCA, Larry and the Long Island Sound, and much more!

Coming in the next Waybill:

Part 3 of the Lionel # 42 restoration. Answer to abandoned in METCA as well as the next mystery location.

Asking for your help!

...This is your Waybill Folks! We want to hear from our MIGS about what they are doing it this hobby. Send us news, a photo(s), or a story. I want to see your name in the byline! Send your info to eusdesa@yahoo.com

On The Cover:

Freedom Tower at Night

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Answer to Abandoned in METCA's previous cover:

The Blue Comet, 1939.

Site of the Blue Comet derailment in 1939 Chatsworth Off The Beaten Path Tip by KiKitC (Credit: KiKitC)

Source

http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/North America/United States of America/New Jersey/Chatsworth-832321/TravelGuide-Chatsworth.html

Coffee With Stu



Volunteers aren't paid, not because they're worthless but because they're priceless. Think about that. I mean, REALLY think about that. I admit, I never gave it much thought until being involved with the successful 2015 Convention. None of the volunteers received compensation for their involvement, whether that involvement was 1 hour during one of the days during convention week or thousands of hours over several years leading up to the convention. No one was paid. Why? Because we really couldn't put a price on how valuable they were. Helping with a convention really exemplifies the expression "you're worth your weight in gold". That phrase is applicable to so many people that helped with the convention. So, from the bottom of my heart, if you helped with the convention (and you know who you are), THANK YOU!!!!!! You were a part of making history.

Now that the convention is behind us, we can once again start to focus on Division activities. The first of those activities coming up is our TRAIN SHOW on November 21, 2015 at St. Helen's Church Hall in Howard Beach, NY. If you live in NJ and are thinking that Howard Beach to "too far away", you couldn't be more wrong. It's an easy drive to get there from NJ. Please join us. Why not get a table or two and sell some of your excess or unwanted items. You can find all the info about this show on the METCA website www.METCA.org

Tips & Tricks Keeping track of your trains

Let's face it – model railroading can be an expensive hobby! Keeping track of your trains isn't the most fun thing to do, but it is smart – both for you and your family.

Here are some tips to help you get organized. Rather than taking out a notepad and pencil, do yourself a favor and use your computer. Hey, it's what computers are good for! And rather than just opening a spreadsheet and starting to type, there is a new free web site just for this called DASH (www.Collector-ModelTrains.com).

Click to register for a free account. Then, click on the Catalog tab. You can click on the links to find your items, or you can search. (Hint: Try searching for manufacturer's model number first.) When you find an item you have, click Add to Collection. If you see an item you want, click Add to Wanted.

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"My Collection" area (you'll see
the tab for that too next to Catalog.)

In the My Collection area, you can



The Catalog has more than 90,000 model train items. Find your item and click Add to Collection. You can see that other people have or want your item.

upload your own photos, put in the grade and condition of your item (new/used, C-7, scratched, etc.) as well as recording private info such as your cost. This is only the beginning of what you can do with your collection on DASH, but it is a good start. You can click on the Contact form on the site if you get stuck and you should look at the quick videos on the site too.

Just for Division Members! Included for free with your METCA membership is a free upgrade to DASH Club level.

This gives you full access to the mobile apps in DASH, as well as waives Community
fees and gives a discount to DASH's price guide. To get your free upgrade, go to:

Collector-ModelTrains.com/dash/METCA

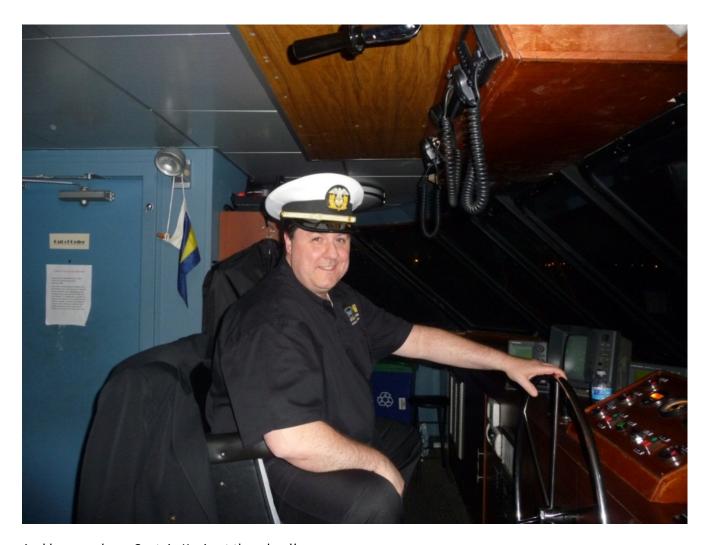
Highlights from the 2015 Convention!

Here we see one of the tour groups; this is from the NJ Transit tour

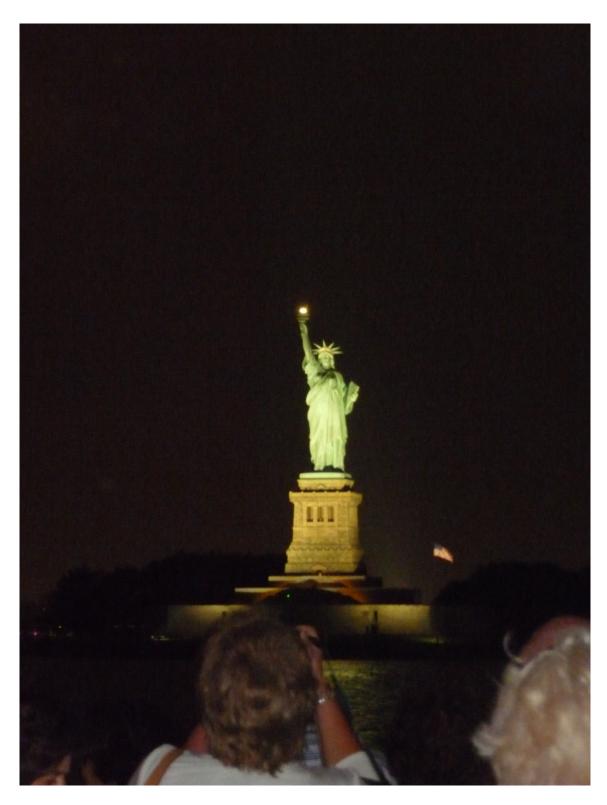


And let's not forget the dinner cruise!





And here we have Captain Kevin at the wheel!



Lady Liberty at night looks spectacular



LONG ISLAND SOUNDS

Larry Laskowski



It was a great day for Long Island Clubs, hosting the TCA Convention Layout Tour on Friday June 26th. Club members went all out to welcome TCA members attending the first National convention, held in the New York Metropolitan area.



At the **Trainmasters of Babylon** club, Steve Scagnelli reports that The TMB club enjoyed the TCA visitors, entertaining them with some great train running and layout progress to date. The long curved trestle from the previous layout has been incorporated into the new layout and it was one of the highlights of the visit. The club also scheduled an open hose for June 20/21, for early bird conventioneers visiting the club at 120 Schmitt Blvd. Farmingdale NY. If you missed the visit, the club has additional open houses planned for 2015 - Nov 28/29, Dec12/13 and 2016 - Jan 2/3, Feb 6/7. Check for more info at their site www.tmbmodeltrainclub.com

Central Operating Lines' John Cerillo reports that the TCA Convention/METCA layout tour visit was an outstanding success. The Conventioneers were in awe at the size of the layout, ease of viewing, no plexiglass so an up close and personal experience, length of the runs, height of the tables, use of DCS/Legacy systems, the World Trade memorial and the lightning show! They also enjoyed the cake, cookies and coffee as well! If you missed the tour, set your calendars for COL's open house schedule: 2015, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 21 - 22, Dec 12 - 13, and 2016, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 20,

April 17 and May 22. There are some great animated scenic features for you to see at their new layout at 50A Carlough Road in Bohemia NY, just off Johnson Ave and South of the Long Island MacArthur airport. A New York City Elevated rapid transit train plies through a typical NYC urban scene. See the new layout and don't forget to bring the family! Checkout COL at www.coltrains.com for info and directions.

Bob Trnka tells us that the Nassau Lionel Operating Engineers
Were privileged to have the TCA Convention Layout tour as guests at
their club On Friday June 26th. It was most enjoyable talking and



sharing experiences with



fellow TCA members from all over the USA. Our guests enjoyed the layout and were pleased to see rare pre-war, post-war and modern era trains in operation and on display. The layout room has been given a fresh coat of light blue paint. The club also held in conjunction with the TCA convention, a late spring open house; Friday 6/26/15, Saturday 6/27/15 and Sunday 6/28/15. If you missed these dates our next open house will be the first and second weekends in December, 4th, 5th, 6th and the following weekend 11th, 12th and 13th. Hope to see you all there. Check the club's site http://nloe.org/

The Railroad Museum of Long Island continues its 50th

anniversary celebration for its LIRR Worlds Fair G-16 train. They are offering a custom Lionel crew car to commemorate the occasion . It is available for \$75. Railfest 2015 will be held August 29-30th, 10-4PM. See their website to order,. Check http://www.rmli.us/RMLI/Welcome.html The St James Model Railroad Club is installing and upgrading new track. Check out their club at http://stjamesmodelrailroadclub.weebly.com/ they are at the Mills Pond House, 660 Route 25A, and Saint James, NY. Well that's the news from Long Island. See you here soon at our clubs.

More scenes from the 2015 Convention.





A few shots of the TCA store





The layouts at the show were amazing!





Looks like the trading pits had a little of everything!





And let's not forget Lionel built many of these beautiful standard gauge trains right here in NJ. Clem Clemet with the Standard Gauge Module Society stopped by along with some friends from the Somerset County 4H Trainmaster.

And what's a convention without a banquet





The following are the bio's for the people running in the METCA Election for the 2016-2017 term. The ballot can be found separately. Please vote!

Kevin J. Quinn

25 Lincoln Ave.

Rochelle Park NJ, 07662

Objective: To serve as President of Metropolitan

Division

Work Experience

New Jersey Transit-- Hoboken Terminal

Yardmaster

2003 to present

Locomotive Engineer – 12/96- 2003 NYS & W Railway—Locomotive Engineer-

9/93 to

12/96

METCA Experience

TCA member since 1998

METCA BoD member 2005 to 2009 METCA Vice President 2011 to present 2015 TCA convention committee. Various

functions.

Garfield show committee-2006

Garfield show chairman - September 2007

to Jan 2010

Manned METCA table at various train

shows in METCA territory.

Organizations

US Coast Guard- 1990-1998 Honorable

Discharge

Rochelle Park Vol. Fire Dept.- 1984-2002 Boy Scouts of America Troop 114- 1975 to

present

Eagle Scout 1982

METCA Goals

To expand METCA's presence in the metro area and grow membership.

To continue the METCA table promoting

TCA & METCA at train shows.

To establish a train show(s) in NJ

To build a relationship between METCA and local train shops.

Stuart Rankin 87-25191 LionelLLC@hotmail.com

917-593-3990 Middletown, NJ

Objective: To serve as Vice President of

Metropolitan Division

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

TCA National Experience:

Internet Committee - 2004 to Present

(Chairman 2012 to Present)

Standards Committee – 2007 to Present Convention Car Committee – 2010 to

Present

Executive Committee - 2012 to 2015

Finance Committee – 2013 to Present

National BOD - 2012-2015

National BOD Alternate – June 2011

Author of multiple articles for eTrain, the

TCA online magazine

TCA METCA Division Experience:

President - 2012 to 2015

Vice President - 2010 to 2011

Treasurer – 2008 to 2009

Bylaws Committee (Rules and Regulations)

- 2007 to Present

Division Car Chairman - 2007 to Present

2015 Convention Chairman

Author of several articles for The Waybill,

the METCA Division Newsletter.

METCA Goals:

As Vice President, I intend to be available to support any of the activities the Division runs. In other words, I'll be the go-to guy when someone needs help with something they're working on. Additionally, there are a number of things that are in various states of progress that need to be finished up. I will focus on finishing off programs before starting new ones.

Bob Amling TCA 80-15029

Objective: To serve as Secretary of Metropolitan Division

Professional Career

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 takings notes at the meetings in order to provide a report to my customers on the progress of each meeting. I believe that these skills have been 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 METCA shows in NY. The show reports in the Waybill have shown that each show has been more successful than the last. I am currently working with TCA members at St Helen's to bring the METCA Show back on line at St. Helen's hall.

My other activities on behalf of METCA include:

- I have established EBAY and PayPal accounts for METCA and have used those accounts to sell METCA items as well as receive dues payments.
- I have established METCA as a Non-Profit entity on EBAY to facilitate reduced listing charges
- I participated in the writing of METCA's
 ByLaws and the METCA BOD Policy Book
- 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
- I expanded METCA's use of email communication; and when the BOD approved an electronic Waybill, I made it happen.

- In addition to the 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 2012 RMLI Railroad Festival
- Co-Chaired the METCA 50th Anniversary Party
- Helped facilitate the 61st TCA National Convention that METCA hosted this year, by working in the background and then at the onsite Convention Registration Desk

Although I recently moved my residence to New Jersey, I still advocate METCA's presence across the whole division footprint.

Jeffery Corrick 08-62417

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Objective: To serve as Treasurer of Metropolitan Division

A transplant to the big apple, 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. In the 'real world,' I'm Director of Permissions for Penguin Random House, one of the 'big five' publishers. I now live in Harlem with husband Stephen (also a METCA MIG) and Scarlett – a slightly damaged alley cat.

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. Then, after nearly a 30-year hiatus, I started tinkering with the layout again. 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. I also maintain a toy train website with layout and collection photos, as well as how-to's and reference material. For METCA, I'm currently serving on the BOD as Treasurer, and METCA webmaster.

I was thoroughly immersed in the 2015 convention as convention webmaster as well as being in charge of the hospitality room and convention seminars. It was a great chance to meet a lot of new folks, reconnect with old friends, and be involved with doings at National for the first time. Exhausting, frustrating, but after all was said and done, a great experience.

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.

But 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.

Lawrence M Laskowski 91-33858 laskowsl@optonline.net

Objective: To serve as Director of Metropolitan Division

PERSONAL INFO:

My lovely wife Veronica and I have two wonderful children and 6 beautiful Grandchildren. 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 24 years. I am a current member and a past officer as Secretary of the Central Operating Lines Model Railroad Club of Bohemia NY, where I have worked to increase METCA and TCA participation and membership in the club. I am the editor and publisher of Central Operating Lines monthly Newsletter, "The Whistle Stop News". METCA Experience:

I am currently a member of METCA's Board of Directors, the past-Editor of METCA's quarterly Newsletter, the Waybill and contribute the column "The Long Island Sounds" to that newsletter. I also serve as the Chairman of METCA's Advertising Committee, Chairman of METCA's Scholarship Committee, and served as Co-Chairman of METCA's Annual Banquet Event and served as a member of METCA's 2015 National TCA convention Planning Committee and as a member of METCA's module group to promote modular railroading within the METCA division.

METCA GOALS:

I would work for METCA to extend its outreach into the region by promoting new METCA events and initiatives and to involve METCA MIGS in the formulation and makeup of these events so that they become events that do what METCA folks would like to see in a METCA event. I would work for METCA events to reach out to kids, young folks and their parents 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.

PERSONAL APPEAL:

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 and to expand their understanding and knowledge of the hobby.

Rem Hunnewell, TCA# 75-7642

Oakhurst, NJ. (732) 660-7062

Objective: To serve as Director of Metropolitan Division

TCA Related Experience

- First Joined METCA in 1975
- METCA Webmaster www.metca.org from 2005 to 2007
- METCA Division Secretary 2007 to 2009
- Member of METCA BOD 2006 2012
- 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
- Current Member TCA and METCA Standards committee
- Member of 2015 Convention Committee serving as Trading Hall Chairman.

Other Related Experience / Accomplishments

- Have had articles published in TCA Quarterly
- 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
- Owner and Head surgeon of "The Train Doctor" NJ's premier Toy Train repair and upgrade Center.

METCA Goals

 METCA's Geographical area contains over 3000 TCA members, with this amount of membership, there is no reason why:

- Work towards establishing Chapters around the Division.
- Establish METCA sponsored meets and shows in areas of the Division that are currently not being served.
- Create incentives for being a METCA member in cooperation with local dealers

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.

Sam F Deo Jr. 05-59610 25 Duncan Ave, Pequannock, NJ 07440

Objective: To serve as Director of Metropolitan Division

Division

- Member of the TCA since 2005
- Treasurer 2010 to 2013
- Board of Directors 2014 to present
- Waybill Editor 2014 to present

Background

- BA in Communications from William Paterson University, Wayne NJ
- Customer Network Support Engineer Ericsson Inc, 1996 to present
- Married for 9 years to my wife Donna, we have two children, Jake 3 ½ y/o and Max 2
- I've been collecting and running trains since
 I was 6 years old.
- My train collecting is made up of reproduction and original prewar tinplate O and Standard gauge.

TCA Goals

Along with promoting this great hobby we all share I want to ensure that the TCA moves forward. We can't forget our past but we must look ahead to keep our current members interest as well as bringing in new members. To do this we need to continue to expand our website as well as utilize social media to get the word out about the TCA and all it has to offer.

Andrew C. Hibell 97-45612

Objective: To serve as Director of Metropolitan Division

Hi, my name is Andrew Hibell. I have been a TCA member since 1997. Although I joined the TCA in my twenties, I started "playing" with trains at a very early age, when I got my first Lionel yard master train set, which I still have today. I love trains, collecting and operating O, HO, S gauge trains. The hobby was passed down from my father. Together we attend local train and hobby shows.

My leadership skills have been honed as a local leader and officer of my local first aid squad, where I am a life member. I am currently a leader in my local union, where I have been secretary for over 20 years.

A goal that I would like to achieve, while serving on the Board of Directors, is to bring our membership closer together and to expand our membership, not only just in METCA, but in the TCA as well. I am anxious to work with and hear from members what can be done to continue this great hobby.

Douglas Schembs, Jr. Westfield, NJ (908)654-3643 dslion@verizon.net TCA# 93-36718

Objective: To serve as Director of Metropolitan Division

Personal Info: I retired 8 years ago after working for Verizon-NJ as a Network Technician for 37 years. I have been married to Lois for 22 years who also enjoys collecting tinplate trains. My 33 year old daughter's fiancé is just getting interested in trains. I am a member of the Westfield Lions Club for 29 years and also it's Secretary for 20 years. I am also a Trustee of the Eye/Ear Foundation, Fund for NJ Blind and NJ Camp for Blind Children. I was Governor of District 16E 2002-03 and Council Chair of MD 16 (NJ) 2008-09.

Hobby Related Experience: My first experience with model trains was an American Flyer 302AC set around the Christmas tree. Due to space restrictions I moved to HO and built several layouts, none of which survived due to moves. About 15 years ago I started collecting Post War Lionel – nothing specific, if I like it, I buy it. I also enjoy picking up clunkers at train shows and bringing them back to life. I joined METCA 8 years ago and LCCA 2 years ago. I have been an active supporter of TCA, METCA and the 2015 National Convention by staffing our tables at York, Greenberg and WGH Shows. I was the Registration co-chair for the 2015 TCA National Convention.

METCA Goals: I will continue to support both TCA and METCA by encouraging Train Show attendees to become members and outline the benefits of membership. I will also support and work with any committee or member (s) that want to run future METCA Train Shows.

In His Own Words: Since becoming active in METCA I have met so many wonderful people.

The level of friendliness, assistance and camaraderie is more than I ever imagined. I feel I have found an extended family and I hope that never changes.

Proposed Bylaws Change:

Article 9 of the Metropolitan Division of the TCA Bylaws, titled "funds and finance", Section 1 titled "fiscal year" be changed to be read as follows:

"The fiscal year shall commence July1 of each year in line with National TCA fiscal year."

DO YOU KNOW THIS BOXCAR?

By, Andrew C. Hibell, TCA and METCA member 97-45612.

I uncovered this boxcar at the York Train Show way back in October 2010. I saw this sharp looking "dark blue" boxcar sitting on a vendor's table on a KMT box. Being a METCA member for years, that dark blue and yellow stood out as similar colors to the METCA F-3 cab shells that were made in 1971.





As you can see in the picture, there is a number "10" on the door; on the right side is the lettering, "Train Collectors <u>Anniversary</u>" with the Jersey Central Lines logo and on the left side is the lettering, "NY NJ" with the year "1971" under the train picture.

I asked the vendor what he knew about the car, he got this KMT "TCA" boxcar as part of a collection. Upon looking over the box, the sticker on one flap just had "TCA" typed on it, but on the other flap, that's what raised an eyebrow. That flap also had "TCA" typed on it, but also had the handwritten words "METCA" above it and "1971" below it. Not being one to pass up a good deal, I picked it up.

I really thought nothing of it, other than being a nice looking boxcar, almost matching the colors of the METCA F-3 cabs I have. A few years passed and my curiosity got the better of me, so I tried to do some research about this "KMT TCA" boxcar. I did some comparing of the boxcar with some METCA history and here are some of the similarities as you can see from the pictures.

METCA was established in 1961, and had their 10th Anniversary in 1971, the KMT boxcar has the number "10" and the year "1971" on it. The dark blue is the same color of the F-3 cab shells. As for some of the discrepancies, the lettering is a lighter shade of yellow then on the F-3 cab shells, "CT" is missing from the "NY NJ" name, (Fairfield County, Connecticut is part of METCA) and the most noticeable is the word *Anniversary* in BOLD.

Since METCA is hosting the National TCA convention, this year, I reached out to both Stu Rankin, METCA President and Kevin Quinn, METCA VP, at a train show and asked them if METCA was going to do a display of earlier clubs cars, I had this "KMT METCA boxcar" they could put on display. Neither Stu nor Kevin knew of this "KMT METCA boxcar" ever being produced for the club or for the Train Collectors Association, and would look into it further.

I want to thank both Stu and Kevin for reaching out to help research this "KMT TCA" boxcar. Now, I am reaching out to other METCA and TCA members to see if anyone has any knowledge about this boxcar. Maybe it was discussed for the 10th anniversary of METCA with KMT, but never worked out, so KMT manufactured this boxcar with some variations back in 1971. Information can be sent directly to Stu Rankin, METCA President or I can be reached via e-mail at andyemtnj@aol.com.

METCA Dues

Currently METCA Dues are due on 12/31 of each year. On November 1st of each year METCA's database program automatically puts a \$5.00 charge against the record of each Member In Good Standing (MIGS). Those that have paid multiple years in advance have their dues automatically paid., and their balance is reduced by \$5.00. If you haven't paid ahead; then the best thing to do is check your METCA ID card. There is a "Valid Thru Date" on the front of the card. If that date is 12/31/2015 and you haven't paid your dues recently then your dues are due. Paying your dues on time will ensure that you don't miss any Waybill issues or other METCA communications. It will also ensure that your new card will be printed and mailed in time for you to attend METCA events.

Pay your dues forward, pay for 5 years and get a 6 year membership!

If you still wish to receive the Waybill in print version, then there is an additional charge of \$10.00 per year. Paying this charge ahead is also advantages; because you will avoid any increases caused by increased printing costs. **6 Years (\$50)**

Payments should be made in check form payable to METCA and mailed to:

METCA Secretary

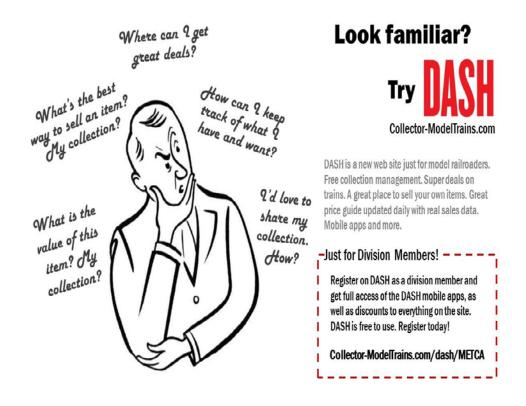
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Farmingdale NJ 07727

Any questions may be directed to me at secretary@metca.org or by phone 718-541-8619.

Bob Amling

METCA Secretary



Abandoned in METCA

Welcome to another mystery location in METCA! This one is a little different than the rest as it's not abandoned exactly, but instead repurposed

