

<u>President's Perspective</u> <u>"So, who started you?"</u>

My dad passed away on July 2. Even though he was 87, it was sudden and unexpected; and while we never really shared this great hobby, it was he who started me down the path.

Dad set the trains up for the first time at Christmas 1955; we have old Kodak slides of me at 2 years old with the trains under the tree. It was the same every year (but the track plan would change); the home-made tunnel, the stacks and stacks of track, four switches (sometimes) and Plasticville buildings on glitter-sparkly 'snow'. Those trains were magic for me. Ran 'em for hours; the die-cast steamer would get warm to the touch. I used to pick the thing up and smell the warm grease and the oil; still do. I'd run my hand lightly over the train as it went by, feeling the textures of the coal in the tender, the plastic ribbing of the boxcar roof, and the bump of the caboose's cupola. Dad had shown me how to put the track together (make sure all three pins go into the holes). I could rail the cars but fumbled a bit with the 4-6-4 loco. And Dad let me learn about them on my own (yes, I ran the loco off the curve more than once!).

I guess I was 6 or 7 when I discovered where they kept the trains the rest of the time~ under the basement stairs in the storage room. I'd look for excuses to go in that room, just so I could look at the big box where those trains were. I couldn't wait for them to come out again.

Somewhere around 10 or 11, I discovered another box Dad had tucked away. Way up high in his workshop was a cardboard box, about 30" long and maybe 10" wide. It was full of his HO trains. Varney freight cars, a Globe Models Santa Fe F unit, brass-railed sectional track from Atlas, 4 Tyco switches and an MRC twin-cab transformer. There were a couple of Plasticville houses along with the Revell railroad structures AND the two-stall enginehouse! WOW! Big boy trains! Dad took them down; he showed me how much more careful you had to be with them and how BOTH rails had to go into the joiners. And then, I was on my own again; this time on half a ping-pong table.

Eventually I got up the nerve to ask if we could change the laundry room around a little. "You see, Dad, a 4x8 sheet of plywood will go EXACTLY where you have your old TV repair stuff". He agreed, and I promptly devoured his only two train books~ "HO Railroad that Grows" by Linn Wescott and "6 HO Railroads You Can Build" by John Armstrong. But every year, I couldn't WAIT to set up those Lionel trains! And then, as a high school Senior, Dad decided it was time to sell the Lionels. A buddy of mine got a heck of a deal for \$50.00; and how I got the set back into my life is a story for another column, but I wish I'd thought fast enough and told him that *I* would buy them for fifty dollars!

It wasn't until about 10 years ago I learned the truth about those old Lionels. Dad had worked as a salesman for Arvine Stationers and the steamer set had been a window display for that company in 1954. My Dad had worked a train deal for his infant son! And the HO trains? He'd thought about them for himself, but put them aside as his family grew (I have two younger brothers).

But, how could he have known what he'd started? How could he have known that you and I would meet and become friends this way? How could he have known that he was forging an interest that would become a career? Did he know that I'd eventually learn that the set was Lionel's 1954 set No. 2221WS? And more than 50 years later, I'd STILL be searching for that set box?

Fact is, he didn't... and neither will you. Talk to people about the hobby. Share your passion and knowledge; even if it's something as simple as showing someone how to put track together. You don't know what you might start.

Editor's Notes

It is time again to vote for your officers for the 2010 - 2011 term. Take a look at pages 3 and 4 for the edited bios of all the candidates. If you would like to see the complete unedited bios, please visit the METCA homepage and look under "Candidate Resumes"

This is you opportunity to have your voices heard, in your Division. Remember, it they are your candidates, your Division so if you want to be part of the future of METCA, remember to vote.



Remember to vote !!!

METCA 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."

METCA DIVISION TO HOST THE 2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION?

By Don Brill TCA 73-5930

I've been a member of TCA since 1973, having started way back when meets were held on a Saturday afternoon in Kenilworth, New Jersey. I can remember overhearing conversations of other older, seasoned members speaking about the York, PA meets and TCA National Conventions which took place throughout the country. At that time, I didn't have a clue about the far reaching totality of TCA. Minding my own business, I continued on my own collecting way. As time passed it took awhile to get the bigger picture. Soon the desire to attend the York, PA meet overcame me, and I was in for the experience of my collecting life. After that and some time later it was time to explore TCA Conventions and it was off to Florida with my wife and kids for my first convention experience in 1975. The rest is history: Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Raleigh, Oakland, Valley Forge, York, Phoenix, Pittsburgh and Scottsdale. We went to a lot of interesting places, and made them into family vacations. TCA provided many trips for us to take in these areas.

During this time, we made a lot of good train friends! Too many to name, but some have became personal friends. Remember that TRAINS brought us together, probably the same reason many of you have joined TCA. But what are you getting out of membership? Any travel or new friends? Maybe it's just adding to your collections or starring at your E-Bay computer screen. It's about time to do something different and get involved! I spoke above about listening to others~ well I have heard many members talk about the lack of a TCA Convention in the NY-NJ Metropolitan Area. If you think about, you know they are right. Isn't it time for us to WAKE UP and do something about it? This is **prime time** for us to have this long-overdue TCA Convention in our area. There is so much to do here. There is so much to show off to our fellow members and families in this area. TCA National has the year 2015 open for the convention site. Why not help us show National that we can do it!!!

If you're proud of your division, we need your help! If you want to contribute, we need your special skills! There is much to be done! **Get involved**, come to our shows, step up and let us know that you are willing to help and want to get involved. We can't do it alone. We will be talking about this at our upcoming shows. We have a year to figure it all out to make a presentation to the TCA Convention Committee at the next national convention in Baltimore. Why not come and **get involved**!! How can you help? What can you do? Visit <u>www.metca.org</u> or check your TCA Directory for phone numbers and contact President Scot Kienzlen or BOD Member Don Brill.

METCA NEEDS YOU!

The October 11th show in Garfield, New Jersey is just a month away. Table registrations are coming in early so please reserve your tables now. Buy 3 tables at \$20.00 each and get the 4th free. Speaking of free, all METCA migs get free admission to the show. Scheduled for the Oct 11th show is author Jim Kostibos. He will sign copies of his new book about the Erie Railroad. Also scheduled is the debut of the METCA Operating Module Layout and last but not least the GARDEN RAILROADERS of NORTHERN NJ will set up their G scale loops. For more info on future shows visit <u>http://www.metca.org</u> and look at 'Shows and Events'. If you have any questions, please call me at (201) 712-9481 or email at <u>kquinn@njtransit.com</u>. Kevin Quinn Show chairman





METCA Election for 2010 -2011 Term

On the following pages, please find the edited resumes for candidates running for the 2010-2011 term. To see their complete, unedited resumes, please visit <u>www.metca.org</u> and look under "Candidate Resumes"

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Running for President	Running for Secretary					
Scot C. Kienzlen TCA #90-30653	Robert Amling TCA #80-15029					
TCA ExperienceEastern Division volunteer at York since 2005Member in Good Standing, Desert DivisionMETCA ExperienceBoard of Director Member since 2004Developed division online discussion group – 2005	METCA Experience Assisting the METCA Secretary with various secretarial duties Established EBAY and PayPal accounts for METCA Established METCA as a Non-Profit entity on EBAY Sold METCA items on EBAY and put \$\$\$ in the Treasury Participated in writing METCA's ByLaws and the BOD Policy Book Provided input for the establishment of a recruitment and retention					
Designed, built and operated interactive display layout at shows METCA Waybill Editor, 2005-2008 Member METCA Bylaws Committee - 2007 Developed METCA BOD online discussion group - 2007 Appointed Division VP - 2007 Elected Division President – 2008	committee Interacted with the METCA BOD on issues such as budgets, meet criteria, and areas where the BOD requested my input Authoring the Long Island Sounds column for the Waybill Organized and/or participated in METCA's ongoing Meet N' Greet activities Taken a lead role in METCA's effort to coordinate with train clubs on					
<u>TCA National Experience</u> Associate Chairman TCA Membership Committee – 2007 Member TCA National Board of Directors - 2008 Chairman TCA Membership Committee – 2009 Elected to TCA Management Committee – 2009	LI. Worked with the METCA BOD on efforts to run trains under the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Taken a supportive role in establishing the METCA Module Group and have moderated the METCA Module Group's forum Assisted the Division Car Chairman with the shipping of the 2008 &					
METCA Goals Continue increased contact with METCA members. Develop METCA/TCA-only social functions and activities. Greater promotion of METCA/TCA in the NY/NJ area. Develop partnerships with charities in the NY/NJ area. Greater participation with TCA's Kid's Club program. Develop METCA shows in NY State.	2009 Division cars Reached out to TCA members by way of a survey, to find ways to better our METCA Meets <u>METCA Goals</u> To help METCA become an even greater success. Continue to make METCA's presence matter in NY.					
Running for Vice President	Running for Treasurer					
Stuart Rankin TCA #87-25191	Sam Deo TCA #05-59610					
<u>TCA National Experience</u> Internet Committee – 2004 to Present Standards Committee – 2007 to Present	<u>TCA National Experience</u> Internet Committee – 2004 to Present Standards Committee – 2007 to Present					
<u>METCA Experience</u> Treasurer – 2008 to Present Bylaws Committee (Rules and Regulations) – 2007 to Present Division Car Chairman – 2007 to Present	METCA Experience 2007 METCA Elections Committee member METCA Meet and Greet Chairman					
Responsible for Meet and Greet at Island Trains II in March 2008. Author of several articles for The Waybill	METCA Goals Strengthen METCA by seeking out new members while reaching out to existing members. Keep METCA active with meets and getherings to encompass all					
METCA Goals Maintain the forward progress that has been ongoing for the past few years. Continue to establish METCA's reputation as one of the premiere train organizations in the New York metropolitan area.	Keep METCA active with meets and gatherings to encompass all areas that METCA covers. Help METCA grow even better then it is today. Bring new ideas into the group, this way, METCA can grow to become a great division in the TCA.					

The following candidates are running for the position of Director on the Board of Directors. There are 4 positions available to be voted on.

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Don Brill	William Osbun					
TCA #73-5930	TCA #08-62653	TCA #08-62653				
TCA Experience	METCA/TCA Exper	<u>IETCA/TCA Experience</u>				
TCA member for 35 years		Member since June 2008				
York TCA Red Hall Committee for 15 years		Head of METCA's Module Group				
Member in Good Standing, Desert Division		lead of METCA's Module Group				
	METCA Goals	METCA Goals				
METCA Experience	To help METCA to co	To help METCA to continue to grow				
Board of Director Member 2008 - 2009		To have a operating modular at all METCA shows				
Mini-Meet Chairman 2008 - 2009	To get the word out to	To get the word out to the general public that model trains are fun				
Division Convention Alternate 2009						
METCA Goals	Kevin Quinn					
Continue to serve in the position of Director	TCA #98-47167					
Make every effort for the sponsoring of a National Convention in the						
NY – NJ Metropolitan area.	METCA/TCA Exper	METCA/TCA Experience				
1	TCA member since 1998					
Robert Dobrowolski	METCA BOD member 2005-2009					
TCA #02-54401	Garfield show committee – 2006					
ICA #02-54401	Garfield show chairma	Garfield show chairman - September 2007 to present				
METCA/TCA Experience	METCA Coole					
Board of Director Member since 2005		METCA Goals To expand METCA's presence in the metro area				
Membership Committee Chairman	To develop METCA's trains as the best in the metro area					
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METCA Goals		To continue our meet and greets				
Continue to be part of METCA's future for many years to come	To build a relationship between METCA and local train shops					
Rem Hunnewell	Pat Scuorzo	Pat Scuorzo				
TCA #75-7642	TCA #62-651					
METCA/TCA Experience						
METCA member since 1975	METCA/TCA Exper TCA member for 45 y					
METCA webmaster 2005-2007	President of METCA		e terms			
Assistant BOD Secretary		Member of METCA's Board of Directors for over 25 years				
Chairman METCA Bylaws Committee		Bourd of E		or over 20 years		
Driving force behind returning METCA to Garfield	METCA Goals					
Chairman, METCA Garfield Boys Club Show		port our div	vision with	attendance, participatio	ons	
Member TCA and METCA Standards Committee	and promoting good fe	ellowship b	etween me	embers		
METCA Division Secretary 2007-2009						
METCA Goals						
Work towards establishing Chapters around the Division	METCA Boar	rd of Dire	ectors			
Establish METCA sponsored meets and shows in areas of the Division	Officers					
that are currently not being served	President	Scot Kienzlen		(973) 945-1401		
Establish protocols that will allow METCA to bring a TCA National	Vice President	John Ber		(201) 385-4048		
Convention to our area	Secretary	Rem Hunnewell		(732) 660-7062		
Create incentives for being a METCA member in cooperation with	Treasurer	Stu Rank	:1 n	(732) 671-6144		
local dealers	Dop Brill		(072) 24	51.0723		
				(973) 361-0723 (973) 653-5975		
Join the METCA Online Discussion Group	Kevin Quinn Pat Scuorzo		(201) 712-9481			
To sign up, visit: <u>http://groups.yahoo.com/group/metca/</u>			(732) 225-9047			
Let's hear your thoughts. Get the up to the minute latest news as						
it happens.						

METCA Holds 2nd Annual Mini Meet

Don Brill - TCA #73-5930

On Saturday August 15, 2009 members of METCA Division traveled to the beautiful rolling hills of Hunterdon County, Clinton, New Jersey for our second annual summer event. The scene was the Clinton Station Diner/and Jersey Central Railroad Observation Car "Biela" alongside of Interstate 78 Westbound. My day started at 5:00 AM, when I left my home to travel there and make spaces available for the vendors in the parking lot. The first vendor arrived at 6:30 AM. Upon setting up it was apparent that trains were available in all gauges from N-gauge through Gauge 1. Several members of the METCA Board of Directors occupied spaces in the parking lot as well as TCA members who traveled from as far away as Lancaster, PA and New York. Also there was our Train Doctor, Rem Hunnewell who also set up his operating room for train casualties. As usual, we had a flock of early birds who satisfied their hungry wallets with some choice train delights. During the day we had visitors from NY, NJ, and PA, and made some new friends.

The show ran from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, when we retired to the air-conditioned Jersey Central Observation car for a great lunch and business meeting which followed. One of the highlights of the day was the presentation of a certificate of appreciation to Clinton Station Diner owner Mr. Mike Zambas, who provided the venue to us for the second year in a row, free of charge. Presentations were made by METCA President Scot Kienzlen and the Board of Directors. An additional presentation was made to Mr. Zambas~ a large framed picture of the entire Blue Comet Passenger Train, donated by Debbie & Bob Dobrowolski; this picture was immediately hung up inside the observation car by Mr. Zambas and our members. Mr. Zambas was extremely happy, smiling from ear to ear. METCA members present who ordered the latest METCA Division cars also received them from our treasurer Stu Rankin who was also present.

We had a great day!!!! Sorry you missed it!!! We hope to see you soon at one of our other METCA sponsored events. You never know what you might find, some great new trains and more importantly, some new friends, SO COME ON OUT!!!!!

METCA MEMBERS COME THROUGH!

I am very pleased, and proud of ALL the METCA members who participated, in announcing that **METCA is the quarterly winner in the TCA's 2008-2009 Membership Drive!**

This quarterly award also comes with a \$200.00 gift certificate for purchases at the TCA's National Toy Train Museum Store. Your Board of Directors will determine the best way to use this; but of course, YOUR ideas and suggestions are welcome!

In a letter from TCA President Clem Clement, "We'd also like you to know that your Division is still in the running for additional prizes including a \$500 check to the Division recruiting the greatest number of new members and/or a \$500 check awarded to the Division recruiting the greatest percentage of new members at <u>the close of the contest in October 2009</u>."

Ladies and gentlemen, this is YOUR award. This is because of YOUR participation and YOUR dedication to the fastest-growing division in the TCA. This, because YOU know that the TCA is THE best train-related organization in the world (yes, we do have a worldwide presence!). Your Certificate of Appreciation will be on display at our upcoming METCA shows, so come be a part of the fun and excitement. After all, **YOU DID IT!** Remember~ our METCA MIGS have FREE admission to ALL METCA shows!

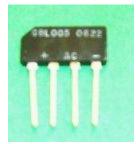
Let's not stop here. Wouldn't it be FUN to win the whole "shootin' match"? Let's kick in the afterburners... there's only a few weeks left! **October 31 is the cutoff**! Tell a friend!

From your METCA Division Board of Directors, thank you for your efforts and participation!



"What can be done about the loud buzzing sounds that postwar engines make while in neutral"

The noise is called "E unit buzz" it is created by the plunger vibrating against the inside of the solenoid coil. A simple solution may be had by installing an inexpensive full-wave Bridge Rectifier. This description and diagram have been derived from an original drawing by Walter Just.



Part # RadioShack 276-1146. The value of the rectifier is 4 amps-50 volt. You'll also need minimal soldering skills and # 18 wire.

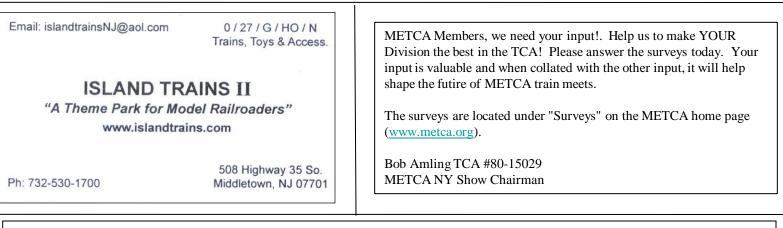
Find a location in your engine as close to the e-unit as possible. The bridge rectifier could easily be glued using ACC to the rear of the e-unit in diesel engines; but steam engines with tighter spaces may require the rectifier to be placed further away from the E-unit. When attaching the bridge rectifier directly to the E-unit, install it with the 4 leads up. This will help with making connections to the E-unit.



Remove the two coil wires on either side of the coil that are connected to the lugs on opposing sides (A & B in diagram) of the e-unit. Note: Additional pictures BR1 and BR2 provide a closeup of the E-Unit. Take care with winding wires as they can be brittle. Clean the end of the coil wires and solder them to the Positive (+) and Negative (-) legs of the bridge rectifier. In this application polarity is not an issue. In some installations it may be necessary to use short jumpers. Use Heat Shrink or tape to insulate these leads from touching the E-unit frame. Connect the two AC (~) legs of the bridge rectifier to the Lugs (A & B) of the E- unit, where the coil wires were originally connected. When the job is finished you may want to cover up the four posts on the bridge rectifier with shrink wrap material or tape to avoid any contact with other wires or the e-unit.

This change has made the E-unit coil operate on DC Current. The motor and lights are still operating on AC current.

This bridge rectifier procedure has been compiled and edited by: Bob Amling rea.ra@verizon.net Edward Sparacio Bob Del Castillo



Do you want to read the <u>WAYBILL</u> in living color and save yourself some extra paper at the same time? You may opt to receive your quarterly <u>WAYBILL</u> online instead of in the mailbox. Contact the Division Secretary at Secretary@metca.org



Largest TCA Shows in the Metropolitan, NY Area!!!! METCA Train Show Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009

Highballing into the future by honoring our past

Garfield Boys' and Girls' Club 490 Midland Ave, Garfield NJ

Free admission for TCA members with a valid METCA membership card!!!!!

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. <u>Please bring your own handcarts</u>. (Limited quantity available at Boys Club) We invite TCA members to stay for the METCA business meeting immediately following the show!

New Vendors! Door prizes! New Friends! Great trains! Come see our popular INTERACTIVE display layout!

Contact Show Chairman – Kevin Quinn at (201) 712-9481 for more information and table reservations.

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 Boys Club on the left side.



METCA Train Show Saturday November 21, 2009 Now with 100 tables

St. Helen's Church Hall 8309 157th Avenue Howard Beach, NY 11414-2625

Free admission for TCA members with a valid METCA membership card!!!!!
Come and meet Santa Claus!

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.

> PRIZES! Locomotive Drag Races are for kids 5 – 15 years old PRIZES! FREE SIGNUP! Bring your favorite engine or use ours!

Contact Show Chairman – Bob Amling at (718) 541-8619 for more information and table reservations.

<u>Directions:</u> East Bound Belt Parkway Exit 17 - Take exit 17 toward Cross Bay Blvd/Woodhaven/Rockaways. Turn right at Cross Bay Blvd -proceed 2 blocks to 157 Av. Make right on to 157 Av. Proceed to 83-09 157 Av. Hall is on corner of 157th and 84th St. Westbound BP use 17S, Rockaways follow Cross Bay Blvd S. as above. <u>BP excludes Commercial Traffic. Call/email directions.</u>

"Delivery of METCA's 2009 Pennsylvania Railroad Mint Cars"

by Stuart Rankin TCA #87-25191

So, how do METCA's Division Cars get from Lionel to you? Well, step 1 is to get Lionel to deliver the cars to METCA's Division Car Chairman, that's me, Stu Rankin. I coordinate with Lionel and an outside trucking company and arrange for delivery to my house. On a predetermined day, with the typical "we'll show up between 9am and 4pm", the cars are delivered. Here's a general idea of what the process looks like:



Above I mentioned "step 1". Step 2 is how your Division gets the cars from my garage into your hands. A description of that process will be in an upcoming Waybill.

"Model Railroad Season at Central Operating Lines"

by Larry Laskowski TCA #91-33858

I was thinking about a thread running recently on the OGR Forum in which posters commented on when the Model Railroad Season started for folks. Well at Central Operating Lines we could say that "it's always Model Railroading Season". But more formally, we associate that season with Open Houses at the clubroom in Ronkonkoma NY. So officially, we start off with Open Houses on Saturday and Sunday, October 24th and 25th from 12 to 5pm each day. Always a lot of great trains running for visitors so put us on your calendar and visit with us. A complete schedule, directions and more info on our club is on website, <u>http://www.trainweb.org/centoplines/index.htm</u> so look us up. And if you are in the area on a Friday evening, there usually are quite a few members at the club so stop in and pay us a call. Coffee is always on.

We've been busy on the railroad as well! The planning board has decided that the oil wells and tank farm depressed between the mainlines should be reclaimed. These are gone, the site raised and a new town is being constructed. These folks are fortunate as a new 2 track elevated subway is being built to connect the new town with downtown and the Great Central Station. Frequent service will be provided and we hope to use DCS for this operation. Our construction crews have designed an el structure and fabricated it from wood stock. Never new so many bits for the woodworking tools were out there. Track work is underway as we write this. Our Real estate group is constructing the stations and buildings so that those O gauge folks can be served in comfort during Model Railroad or any other season for that matter. See it soon.

That's not the only thing happening at COL. We have a very active modular group who are in the process of building several modules which will enable the club to have a portable layout for when we take "the show on the road!" This work is coming along nicely. Modules are constructed and track installed, Gargraves track, some of which came from METCA, thank you, and Ross Switches. We are working on the wiring. The good news is that our modular layout is following Liberty Hirailers Standards, the ones adopted for the METCA modular group. We are keeping the November Howard Beach show in the crosshairs as a possible target to display and operate the layout. If it works out, maybe we can join up with METCA modules at the show. It will be exciting.

We have a Modular Layout Display planned for January. Each Weekend in January 2010, the Martha Clara Vineyards, <u>http://www.marthaclaravineyards.com/</u> on Sound Ave in Riverhead NY will be sponsoring a train show, promoting the Model Railroading Hobby for the benefit of Long Island Model railroad Clubs, including so far, Long Island Toy Train Locomotive engineers, LITTLE, Trainmasters of Babylon, TMB, a local HO club, COL and perhaps Nassau Lionel Operating Engineers, NLOE participating so far. Saturdays from 10am TO 5pm and Sundays Noon to 5PM. The Wine country is nice to visit in the winter, less hectic and most restaurants now stay open on weekends in the Winter Season. So we have a lot going on in the coming months on Long Island, We hope to see METCA members there. "You Betcha METCA."