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## Inside This Issue:

We sometimes hear at one of our METCA shows, 'why don't you have a show in (location)?' Often the questioner wants one near his home. In this Waybill issue, we tell you just how we go about setting up a show venue. Let us know if you want to set one up under the METCA banner! Larry Laskowski fills us in on a fun night with Cub Scouts (scouting in America celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010) at the Central Operating Lines in his "Long Island Sounds" column. For the second time, METCA was involved with the Open Door in Freehold; read all about it, because we plan to do it again! As you may know, METCA is the host division for the TCA's 2015 National Convention. Check out the new convention logo and find out what's already being planned! If you haven't already seen it, our newly designed METCA website is up and running! Creator Mario Cilliotta shows you some of the neat features. And this is the last Waybill before our Summer outing at the Clinton Diner. This mini meet is becoming very popular; it's like those parking lot 'bandit meets' you've heard about! Registration forms for this and other METCA get-togethers are all in this issue! ENJOY!

## And coming in the next Waybill:

### **METCA gets involved online with Trains for Kids**

Just in time for the holidays, Paul Licata tells how you can too!

### **The 2010 TCA Convention in Baltimore MD is history**

President Kienzlen shares his experiences

### **Great fun at our third annual Clinton Diner Mini-Meet**

Hope you made it in August!

### **METCA shows are just around the corner**

Sign up and see what changes are in store

### **Clubs are gearing up for their holiday 'open house'**

Check out the schedules

### **Tune up those classics!**

Holiday display in mind? The Train Doctor gives some helpful hints



### On the Cover

These are but four displays of some amazing trains that were part of the Open Door food drive in February. Page 4 shows more (but not all~ we couldn't fit it in this issue!) of what was there.



# OUR NEXT METCA EVENT!

**JOIN US FOR GREAT FUN AND GREAT FOOD!**

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## METCA'S THIRD ANNUAL MINI MEET SPACE Reservations ONLY! OUTDOOR EVENT AT CLINTON DINER, Saturday August 21, 2010



Please reserve \_\_\_\_ 10'x10' space(s) at the **AUGUST 21, 2010 CLINTON DINER MINI MEET @ \$10.00** each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Participants responsible for own tables/canopy/cleanup.**

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**The METCA Board of Directors meets in the "Biela" immediately following the meet**

## President's Perspective

Over the past few years, the group that you see on page 2 has been working, thinking, planning and executing concepts and ideas to make METCA the division it is today. We become so focused on the development of the division that we forget to remind you that the TCA needs your support as well. Yes, your dues is part of that, but it goes only so far; the workaday world does infringe on the TCA's business office.

Do you race to the classifieds, bypassing the information in the TCA National Headquarters News? Do you just breeze over the "Outside the Rails" page for the National Toy Train Museum? The TCA has had a successful campaign with the 2010 calendar, and the 2011 calendar is already headed to the printer. Consider getting a photo of YOUR layout in for the TCA's 2012 calendar!

Check out [www.nttmuseum.org](http://www.nttmuseum.org) for TCA and toy-train related merchandise. Great early-buy stocking stuffers, birthday presents, and maybe even something for yourself can be found there. We haven't mentioned the TCA's very successful Legacy Cruises; Jane Boyce is organizing the THIRD one already~ this one heading to the Cayman Islands and Cozumel. I've been there~ azure water, silky sand~ it's an experience you'll never forget! And there's still the TCA membership Challenge "Win Big". Your efforts made METCA a quarterly winner in 2009, and we sure would like to do it again!

And then there's the TCA National Convention. This year, it's within driving distance for most METCA members; Baltimore MD! I hope some of you have signed up to participate in the scheduled activities while I'm slaving over a hot 2-day meeting! If you go down on Friday, there's alotta trains for sale! Consider being a part of the TCA's 2010 Convention~ it'll give you a 'shot in the arm' of enthusiasm for TCA~ and our own preparations for the 2015 National Convention!

To quote the old Bartles & James ads... And we thank you for your support.

~ Scot Kienzlen

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# The "Open Door" raises money~ and spirits~ with METCA's help

~Joe Mania

Freehold, NJ~ On February 21st we organized yet another train display to benefit the Freehold Open Door. This time we held it in the Knights Of Columbus hall right in the heart of Freehold. I believe the combination of a more local location and the efforts put forth by my wife JoAnn to get the event publicized made this years event an even bigger success than anyone had anticipated. All in all we had around 800 people through the doors, raised over \$3000 in monetary donations and over 2100 pounds of food!



Former METCA Director Bob Dobrowolski brought his own 'open door'~with a layout on it! He also had an operating live-steam Shay and an N scale layout on a corked bulletin board!



This 4x8 display layout by Jim Reid had some high-quality standard gauge accessories~ and an operating State Set!



Flyer Mania! This operating two-loop display of a fascinating selection of American Flyer S gauge was put together by Joe Mania, wife Joann & daughter Danielle.



After the show, METCA President Scot Kienzlen presented a \$100.00 check from the division to Jean Yacker, the Open Door Director in Freehold



Sam Deo & Scot Kienzlen brought their very popular Standard gauge floor layout. Here it was expanded to 8x18. Trains delighted everyone who came.



A 736 steamer and Texas Special set were flying fast on Dave Decker's original 1953 Lionel display layout. The color in the original 'grass' has all but disappeared. History can be fun!

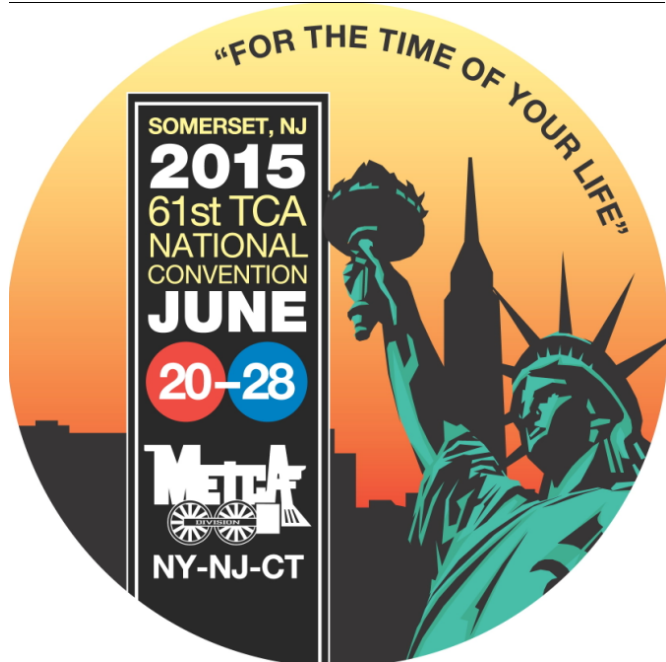


## METCA DIVISION TO HOST THE 2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION

~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 become 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! There is so much to do here. 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 [www.metca.org](http://www.metca.org) or check your TCA Directory for phone numbers and contact President Scot Kienzlen or BOD Member Don Brill.

### METCA NEEDS YOU!

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### October 10, 2010 GARFIELD NJ SHOW

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# November 20, 2010 Howard Beach NY SHOW

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**ATTENTION: We would like to have an auction at the end of the November 20<sup>th</sup> show in Howard Beach. This would be a TCA member only event. If there is a TCA member in the area that has auction experience; we would sure like to talk to them. Please RSVP to [nysshows@metca.org](mailto:nysshows@metca.org)**

## Let's Put On A SHOW!

So, you want a train show in your own back yard? YOU can make that happen! Our experienced train show chairs will be glad to coach you through the process. When you begin to evaluate a venue, here are the primary items of interest:

**Finding a venue**~ Church meeting rooms (Fellowship Hall), fire halls (Banquet room), civic groups (American Legion, Elks, etc.), school cafeterias or gymnasiums and other similar locations are all good. Hotel meeting rooms are good, but tend to be more expensive. If possible, find a site with expansion possibilities; your show may grow! On-site food is always a bonus; see if they have a kitchen or will allow a caterer to come in. Often, if a kitchen is available, the sponsoring group will run it. Also find out if those sponsoring organizations can/will help with setup/teardown (there may be an additional fee for this). Find out about liability insurance. If it's a TCA-related function, insurance is available. Contact TCA for information.

**Ample parking**~ Generally indicated by the size of the room you're using, but what if you have a primo site that's short on parking? Is there on-street parking available? Are there other locally available parking areas (church/school parking lot, for example) that you can get permission to use and then work out some sort of shuttle service? Be careful; shuttle services might cost money, and folks are generally not enthusiastic about paying for parking AND show admission!

**Located near major highways**~ Ease of getting to a show is a big issue for many. The more highways, expressways and major roads you have nearby, so much the better. Be advised, however, that venues such as that are aware of their convenience, and may charge for your room accordingly.

**Level loading**~ One of the biggest concerns for vendors is 'how hard is it to get to my table?' After all, some of those train boxes are heavy! Stairs are particularly challenging, so make sure there is a ramp if you aren't opening the main door at ground level. Beware of tight turns, too; some loaded handcarts can be troublesome.

**Minimum size**~ Remember that **tight** aisles are 6' wide and 8' long tables are generally 2.5' wide; that's ELEVEN feet minimum per aisle! A room roughly 80' X 50' (that's 4,000 square feet!) is good for an average show. Of course, the room can be larger or smaller; costs (and participation) will be reflective of that.

**Table selection**~ It's a good idea to see if tables are included with your hall/room rental. If not, you can plan on spending an additional \$20.00 PER TABLE if you have to rent them. Round tables are generally not recommended. A good rule of thumb for an average show is 80-100, 8-foot tables.

**Ample lighting and electrical outlet availability**~ Lighting is very important when one is considering a train purchase. Don't skimp here! Some vendors will also want electricity for their tables; be sure they can get to it.

**Selecting a date**~ What's going on around you? How far in time and distance is the closest train show? Is there another local event that will draw people away from your show? What dates are available from your venue's location? Be sure to consider the possible weather, and remember that families go on summer vacations, too!

**Advertising**~ After you've established all the criteria above, it's time to get the word out! How? Flyers at other shows are one way (printing costs). Don't forget the hobby publications (publishing costs). Newspaper ads (see if it's free!) work. Also, be sure to check if a local radio or cable TV station allows free "Community Calendar" type ads.

In Part Two (next Waybill issue) we'll look at registering vendors, setting the show floor plan, time frames and sequencing, and other areas of importance that make a show Hum!

## The All-New METCA Website is up and running!

I would like to welcome everyone to the new and improved METCA website (<http://www.metca.org>) The site is still a work in progress and I hope it will continue to grow as the Division grows. The site is designed so that everyone can find information they need fast and easy. It contains all of our shows, maps, membership forms and lots of other fun stuff! The navigation (menu) at the top has been laid out so that all the information is within easy reach and the pages can be sent as links in emails to members or non-members. There are plans to add new sections so watch us grow! Help us by sending in articles about your layout, your favorite piece in your collection or a item that you may have you may restored. Please feel free to look over the site and let me know what you think, what you like and what you do not like. Remember the website and the Division cannot grow with your contributions and input. It is not the TCA's website or METCA's website but it is your website and it cannot continue to grow without your input or feedback. Enjoy the site and drop me an email anytime.

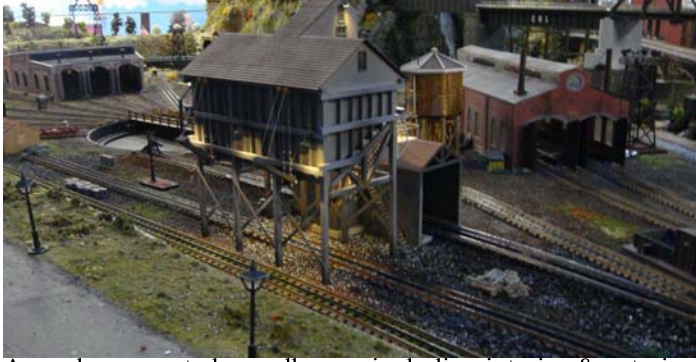
~Mario Ciliotta, Webmaster



# Long Island Sounds

~Larry Laskowski – TCA #91-33858

Ever wonder what happens at clubs after Open House Season? Well, this is the time when work crews spring into action with layout upgrades and renovation. Check out the photos; better yet visit the club!



A newly-renovated roundhouse, including interior & exterior lights, and a new 3-track coaling tower, water tower, and backshop/diesel house enhances the COL's engine facility



A new passenger station, passenger platforms and sheds are recent additions to the COL's detailed club layout. The Layout & Scenery Committees have been hard at work!

TMB and NLOE have been busy as well. Many new scenic details and structures have been added at these clubs. You can see them all in a brand new video from TM Books and Video, "World Class Hi-Rail Layouts". This video also features the New Jersey Hi-Railers fabulous layout so it is truly a METCA event. Catch this one soon



The folks at TMB put together a YORK bus trip. Everyone enjoyed the new busses. Just look at all those happy TCA and METCA faces in the photo!



Supplies arrive in Riverhead for the Lionel Chesterfield layout. George Faeth of the Railroad Museum of Long Island reports construction permits are secured, but volunteers are needed. HELP!

On the mobile scene, COL's modular layout group is very busy building 6 more modules. Shows were held at various Long Island locations; most recently, an April 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> exhibit for the Long Island Model Railroading museum in New Hyde Park. The group had a great one night show at the Wenonah Elementary school's "Taste of Long Island" event. Earlier with several clubs, the modular layout was in operation on January weekends at the Martha Clara Vineyards on the North Fork. Schedules for future displays are being planned with a possible Christmas display in the Sayville Library and a reprise show at Martha Clara vineyards. COL's modules can interchange with METCA modules and other Hi-Rail Modular groups. Can we see an event with modules from METCA and other groups in the near future? METCA modular trainees, you might want to join up with the COL folks at events they are planning! **The Railroad Museum of Long Island** is producing special Lionel cars for fundraising for the layout, an **Entenmann's Bakery operating boxcar** being the latest. Volunteers are needed for building construction and layout reassembly, so if you can spare some time or wish to join the museum give them a call and tell them Larry L from COL sent you. This is a great way to promote our Model Railroading hobby. **The Grand Opening for this Lionel Display Layout is set for April 9, 2011.** It should be a highlight for the 2015 TCA convention program also.

## Scouts at Central Operating Lines –February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010



Cub Scouts in awe, and dreaming, of model trains on the Central Operating Lines

2010 marks 100 years of Boy Scouting around the world. Central Operating Lines continued a tradition of hosting Cub and Boy Scout Open houses and lectures on Model Railroading with a Cub Scout show at the club on Friday night February 19<sup>th</sup>. COL's resident speaker John McNerney, himself a Boy Scout Leader, gave an excellent 20 minute talk on all scales of Model Railroading. In addition, he presented a variety of Railroad Memorabilia to Pack 363 Tiger Den 2 from Sayville, New York. The program lasted from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM with the Scout Leader Bob Person, 13 scouts, and their parents. A Total of 25 people attended, along with 15 members of Central Operating Lines. A wide variety of trains and road names were run, and a night scene was set up with the room dimmed and the layout and its buildings and of course the trains providing illumination to highlight the features of the COL layout. In addition, FIOS 1 was there video taping the event so you may have seen it on the FIOS news channel.

The Union Pacific RR has redone one of its locos as number 2010 along with Boy Scouts of America logos and UP's "Building America" flag to commemorate the Scouting milestone. Lionel has announced release of a model of UP 2010 to be available later in the year. In the new Lionel Catalog, there is a Boy Scouts 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary train set with a special anniversary boxcar and other scouting accessories for the layout. Think about ways that you and METCA can promote Scouting for this centennial celebration.

# “10 in 2010”

~Stuart Rankin (METCA Vice President)

How would you like to get **\$5,000 for free?** I'm sure we all would. The TCA has someone that wants to give \$5,000 to them. There's just one string attached. The TCA has to raise \$25,000 towards the 2010 Annual Appeal (as a side note, the 2009 Annual Appeal was successful in obtaining its \$5,000 gift). **We could meet this goal if everyone in the TCA donated just \$1.00.** Yes, that's right, the change in your pocket or under the cushions of your couch could be worth \$5,000 to the TCA. Now let's be real, not everyone is going to donate \$1.00. If only 10% of the TCA membership each donated \$10, we'd reach our goal and get the \$5,000 cash donation (of course, you're free to donate whatever amount you wish). Let's see what a \$10 donation is "really" going to cost you:

- 1 day where you bring your lunch from home instead of eating out (yup, the brown bag really is "green")
- 2 cups of that gourmet coffee (yup, just give up 2 cups for the whole year)
- 3 cents per day (yup, you probably walk past that many pennies on the street every day)

So, there you have it. It's as simple as 1...2...3. How about it? Will you do your part? I've already donated and received quite a nice Thank You letter from TCA National. For your use, The Annual Appeal form is below.



## 2010 Annual Fund Drive

I am anxious to support the TCA! Sign me up as follows:

- |    |                                  |        |          |   |          |
|----|----------------------------------|--------|----------|---|----------|
| 1. | TCA Proud Level                  | donate | \$30     | = | \$ _____ |
| 2. | Watchman Level                   | donate | \$50     | = | \$ _____ |
| 3. | Brakeman Level                   | donate | \$100    | = | \$ _____ |
| 4. | Conductor Level                  | donate | \$250    | = | \$ _____ |
| 5. | Engineer Level                   | donate | \$500    | = | \$ _____ |
| 6. | Rail Baron Level                 | donate | \$1,000+ | = | \$ _____ |
| 7. | Other (please give what you can) |        |          |   | \$ _____ |

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Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (must be signed to be valid)

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