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We wrap up 2010

Howard Beach

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Inside This Issue:

Joe Mania has a great picture article about a little-appreciated segment of the hobby~ paper! Larry Laskowski brings us up to date on Long Island with his always-informative column; your Division President has a challenge for you in his "Perspective"; and our 2011 METCA shows are just around the corner; registration forms are just pages away. There's just TWO shows left for you to purchase tickets for METCA's FIRST LIONEL HUDSON RAFFLE! And METCA's 50th Anniversary Division car is going fast! Order your limited-edition beauty with the handy order form on the back cover.

Page 4 has important information regarding your NEXT Waybill! Please read it carefully! You MUST act!

So... grab a cup of coffee, thumb through and enjoy!

Coming in the next Waybill:

METCA kicks off its 50th Anniversary!
We look at METCA shows, past and present
Stu Rankin returns with Collector's Corner

On the Cover:

Our Howard Beach and Garfield shows sure were fun! Take a look at the trains, the friends and make a commitment to yourself to attend one or BOTH METCA show locations in 2011, METCA's 50th anniversary! Special thanks to Victoria Kienzlen for graphic design assistance in all 2010 issues.

Happy Holidays from METCA!

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President's Perspective

~ Scot Kienzlen

A friend of mine once told me, "Never postpone joy". How many of us have been working on the layout as winter approaches? How many took advantage of all the great clubs that offer free open house events and show off their club layouts for everyone over the holidays? Getting the chance to talk and share with friends and folks who share the fun and magic of model trains (whether collecting or operating) is one of the greatest aspects of this hobby. I've been blessed to get to know so many great people; from those who are on (and some who have left) the METCA Board of Directors; and METCA MIGS who have offered to help on some of our successes... and some of our not-so-successful ventures.

I've met people from across the country; guys like Jim Marski of the Rocky Mountain Division. Jim and I have had some great times at York; I really did miss his company last October (I was unable to attend). I've learned so much from guys like Paul Wasserman and Gordon Wilson of TCA's Desert Division; and locally, Joe Mania. For outright fun, there are guys I've met like Ben Fioriello of the NJ HiRailers club in Paterson, NJ and past TCA National President Clem Clement, owner of "Stomper".

"Never postpone joy". Whether your collection sits on shelves and you only get to set up operating trains at Christmas; whether you enjoy superdetailing a GP-7 or SD-45; or showing a youngster how electricity works and getting that first accessory operating; if you enjoy working in plaster or foam scenery; joining a module group, searching for that elusive "unknown variation" or just going to local shows to chat with friends, NOW is the time to rededicate yourself to the fun of hobby.

METCA celebrates its 50th anniversary this coming year. Your BOD has been working and meeting to make sure we ALL have a good time... with new METCA merchandise, a new division car, our shows, our social events... giving everyone an opportunity to get together and share our knowledge and enthusiasm for, dare I say, the joy of model trains.

In 2011, I challenge each and every METCA member to expand their circle of hobby friends by one ~ just one. Try to discover what joy they find in the hobby. Maybe you'll share ideas; maybe you'll find a new aspect to explore. Don't know how to find one new friend? Let me suggest a METCA train show. Or the METCA Mini-Meet. Or the next METCA Family Day picnic. I can practically guarantee that if you make just one new friend, you'll discover you've made several. How do I know? Because by making friends with METCA Vice President Stu Rankin, I subsequently found the friend who advised me.... "Never postpone joy".

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Garfield January 9, 2011 - \$100 or \$25 Prize

Howard Beach February 12, 2011 – Hudson or \$500 (Winner's Choice)

*\$100 winner must be present at time of drawing; absentee will receive a \$25 check.

Tickets are reinserted for future drawings

METCA's 501c3 status classifies the raffle ticket as a donation. Five (5) extra Hudson Raffle Tickets will be raffled off, (1) at each of the first five of the METCA events. Raffle will include the Hudson Ticket as well as other nice prizes.

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!
METCA'S WAYBILL GOES DIGITAL!

We hope you're enjoying getting your Waybill four times a year. We want to continue with that schedule, but as you may have guessed, production and mailing costs have become prohibitive over the past few years. Thing is, we don't want to cut back on the quality, and we don't want to raise METCA division dues. What would YOU do?

Well, what the BOD decided upon is that **we're going to go digital** with the Waybill for those METCA MIGS who appreciate the 'no clutter' of an electronic Waybill.

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METCA goes to Milltown NJ

There's a train station in Milltown NJ that's going to be moved from its present location and refurbished into a museum, thanks to some help from a group of METCA members who spent the weekend at the Milltown Senior Center and displayed some trains as a fund-raising effort. Shown are just some of the roughly dozen displays (including some real railroad artifacts from the now-defunct Raritan River RR). Thanks to Jim Reid, Joe Mania, Dave Decker, Scot and Danny Kienzlen and others who made this show a super success!



Danny Kienzlen runs two trains on a loop with Lionel's Legacy system



Dave Decker's original Lionel display layout



Jim Reid's multi-era display



This standard gauge has been seen at METCA shows



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Holidays, Trains and Santa Claus----- The Holiday season and trains are synonymous. Wouldn't you agree? Can you recall visiting the great showroom and department store layouts in New York City and neighboring metropolitan areas? The department store Santas were always near a Holiday train layout. Remember decorating at home, setting up the train set in a village and oval at the base of the tree? Some of us might have had a train table to boot. On the big day, the gifts were piled under the tree and Dad usually played Santa Claus. And if you were good all year, maybe just maybe you received a Lionel or American Flyer Train or Marx electric train!

We still have the layouts at our Long Island clubs and they have a busy schedule from now through the Holiday season. Check out the last *WAYBILL* for club open houses dates and come see the layouts. I have word that Santa himself will have a very busy schedule. George Faeth tells us that LITTLE will again be running their outreach layout at Community Action of Southold Town This event is for the Children of less fortunate families. Santa gives them gifts and the Railroad Museum of Long Island run the trains. On December 4th and 5th, The Museum will have its open house in Greenport, 11:30-3pm .Santa arrives from the North Pole via the LIRR *Greenport Scoot* at 12:00 noon. Gifts and goodies will be given to all the good boys and girls who come to visit. A friendly elf will take photos of the kids with Santa can for purchase. Restored LIRR Caboose #14 will be open to the public as well as *JAWS* the snowplow. Refreshments will be served and a LIONEL Polar Express Toy Train set will be raffled.



Central Operating Lines Modular Division starts its season at the Stony Brook Cultural Center on Sunday, December 5th, 1-4pm. The Center has a holiday theme for the afternoon. COL members will be there running the trains. Next stop is the Old Bethpage Restoration Village. There will be three events. First is a Candlelight Festival on Saturday and Sunday December 18-19th from 5-9:30pm. Old-time Holiday festivities will surround the trains. A second display for the modules will be at the Restoration's visitor center 10-4pm from Wednesday, December 22 thru Friday, December 24th. The



Third event will be from Sunday, December 26th thru Thursday, December 30th. This will also be a Candlelight Event, with the same 5-9:30pm time frame. Santa will be making the rounds at our clubs, Nassau Lionel Operating Engineers, Trainmasters of Babylon, and Central Operating Lines at their shows during December weekends. You can expect operating Holiday trains, Thomas the Train and the Polar Express. I have seen a great Circus Train behind double headed LIRR G5s ten wheelers running at the NLOE layout. It promises to be a time fun for all, especially the kids. So don't miss it!



Lionel Visitors Center Layout Progress ----- And speaking of the great Showroom Layouts, the Lionel Visitors Layout restoration in Riverhead is moving along at RMLI's Riverhead location. This layout captures the feel and thrill of the layout that once was at Lionel's NYC



headquarters at 15 east 26th street. Great news on this layout folks. Our men at the Railroad Museum of Long Island, George Faeth and Bob Mintz report that the layout is reassembled and that trains are running on the upper two lines. By the time you read this, trains should be running on the entire layout. All tracks will be operational and work will be getting underway to complete all the wiring and restore the scenery, structures and the layout as it was at Lionel's Chesterfield location. It will be ready for your visits starting on April 9th 2011. In the meantime, why not come and lend a hand with the work that is needed. Give George Faeth a call or check with the museum to see when these folks will be working on the layout. Be part of this historic layouts restoration right here in our own METCA region.

I hope you are enjoying these columns. I would like to wish you, your family, friends and all those you love, a very happy Holiday Season! May Santa smile on you and bring you a train this holiday!



Lionel's HANDBOOK for MODELBUILDERS is a commonly found text first published in 1940. The major variations are the soft cover edition with an orange cover from 1940, a hard cloth bound edition in orange with an orange slipcover, also from 1940, and a softbound reprint from 1941 with a yellow cover.

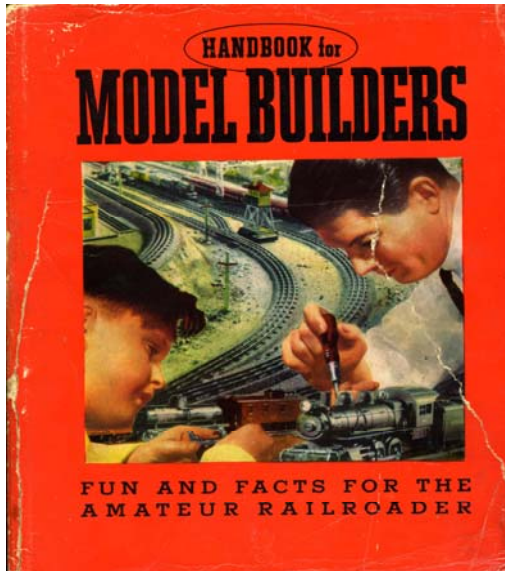
All editions include photographs of real trains, model trains and real and model structures. There is also a section of blueprints of suggested layouts. (The 1941 reprint has this section printed on white pages rather than the blue of the previous editions.) The basic premise is to carry the new train owner from his first circle of track to a complete, fully landscaped model railroad. Many of the photos are taken from Frank Ellison's Delta Lines, one of the most famous miniature railroads of the time.

You may ask what makes this particular hardbound edition so special. As can be seen in photos below, Model Builder Magazine sponsored a layout contest in their January 1942 issue. Some of the prizes awarded were "deluxe, cloth-bound editions of the handbook for Model Builders." This particular book is one of those prizes. Inside the front overleaf is a neatly hand written inscription "Won by William Temme Sixth Prize of the Number Three Contest by Model Builder Magazine 1942".

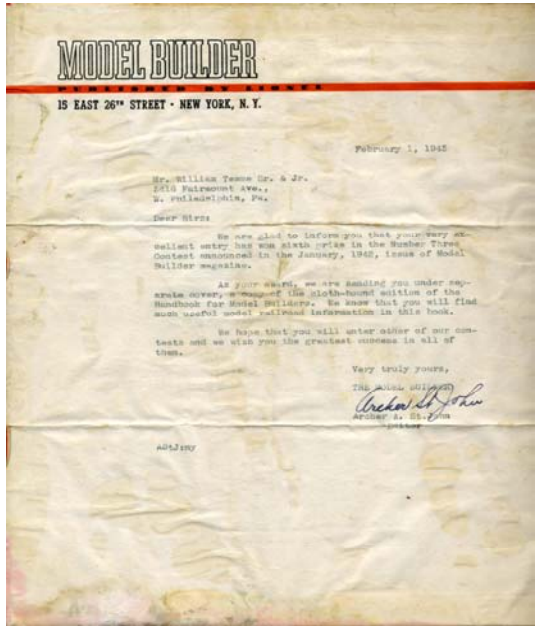
Included in the book is a letter from Model Builder dated February 1, 1943 congratulating both William Temme Sr. and Jr. on winning Sixth Prize for the Layout Contest announced in the January 1942 issue. This letter can be seen in photo 4.

Photos 5 and 6 are from the November 1942 issue of Model Builder and show some of the winners. Unfortunately, they recognize only the first, second and third place winners of each category.

Without the letter and inscription, this is just another edition of this fine book. But it's just another example of taking the time to look at everything, even the common items, as there is sometimes a diamond in that coal pile.



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5. FOR CLUBS and individual adults
6. FOR "OO" GAUGE Any man or boy or group or club may enter this contest.



Prize Layouts Built by Boys
LAST January six contests were announced. The rules and regulations of each were similar except for the size of the layout. There was a contest for boys under fourteen, another for boys over fourteen, one for father-son partnerships, one for club groups and a special contest for "OO" gauge railroads of any size.



Please join us in celebrating the **50th Anniversary** of METCA, the Metropolitan Division of the Train Collectors Association, as well as the 50th Anniversary of the introduction of the Fort Knox Mint Car in 1961. These Golden Anniversaries are being honored by the production of a Lionel Gold Painted Fort Knox Mint Car. This new Limited Production 6-52574 METCA 50th Anniversary Fort Knox Mint Car is 100% Lionel made and decorated, features die -cast sprung trucks/couplers, a metal brake wheel, a metal frame, and includes Lionel's FIRST EVER clear bullion bar load. The car is planned to come with **retro-styled Limited Edition packaging** (still under development). This car is scheduled for delivery in late summer of 2011. This car is the perfect companion to METCA's ongoing railroad themed mint car series. There is no deadline to order, but only orders received by December 31, 2010 can be guaranteed. Previous cars in the series have all Sold Out, so don't wait until the last minute to order!

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