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Inside This Issue:

Pete Czachor contributes some METCA history as we celebrate the division's 50th Anniversary this year. Stu Rankin is looking for some help, and our President's Perspective is a bit different. Check out the excitement on Long Island in Larry Laskowski's column. Election info is here too! You also have an opportunity to mail in the forms and be part of the division activities in 2011.

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

Coming in the next Waybill:

Meet the candidates~ it's election time!
Convention 2015; an update
Gearing up for METCA's 50th anniversary events
And MORE METCA history!

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ON THE COVER:

In 1976, METCA produced one of these cars as a fund raiser~ the other is a rare color sample. Do you know which is which? The answer is on page 5. And if you think METCA is still the same old division, get ready to change your mind. We have forms galore inside. Time to get involved and have FUN!

In this perspective, I thought it might be fun to give YOU a perspective of my basement. I've tried all sorts of configurations, but always seem to come back to those great Lionel display layouts; the greatest of all being in the 1949 Lionel Showroom. While I've recreated some of those department store display layouts in my basement, I kept admiring that magnificent 16'x32' New York setup; those smaller ones were not quite as satisfying and I have no room for a full scale version of that showroom layout. So, as many things in this hobby, I compromised, and I have my rendition of it in 10'x18'~ nearly half the size! Separate power enables my son to run his Legacy trains on any loop and at the same time I can run my traditional trains on the others. Construction still has a long way to go! Visit <http://www.jlmtrains.com/layout.htm> to see comparison photos of the original. Hope you're working on your own layout~ let's feature yours in an upcoming Waybill!



METCA 2011 Election~ Be A Part Of It!

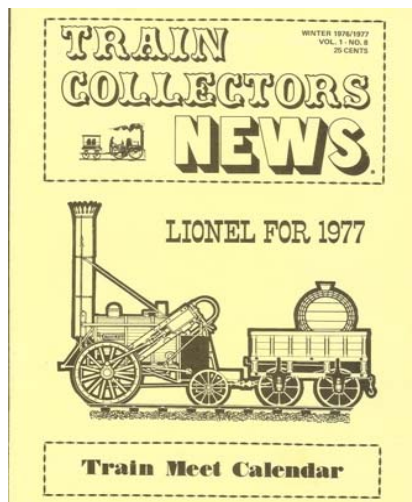
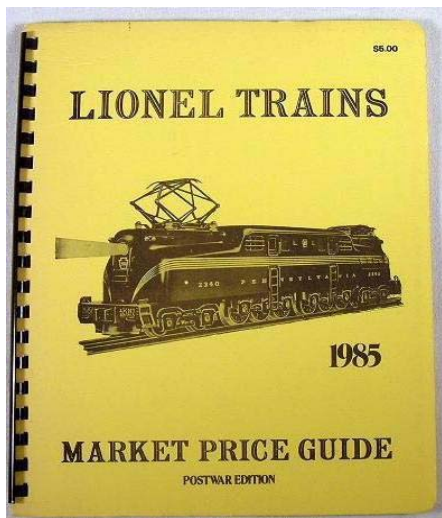
It may seem far off, but it's not. Our bi-annual election process is about to commence. Candidate nominations (you may nominate yourself!) for Division President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Directorships are being taken until August 7, 2011. Candidates will be vetted by our Election Committee and successful candidates will be notified by August 21, with bios due by September 7, 2011. These will be published in the Fall 2011 Waybill, and METCA Members In Good Standing (MIGS) will receive separate ballots in the mail. Voting will commence on September 30 and conclude October 31, 2011. Ballot confirmation and counting will take place on or before November 15; members of the 2012-2013 METCA Board of Directors will be notified shortly thereafter, with election results printed in this year's final Waybill. To be considered as a candidate, or if you have any questions about a potential candidacy, or **any questions about any aspect of the election process**, please speak with any Board member or call Election Committee Chairman Scot Kienzlen at 973-945-1401 or email at friendlytm@hotmail.com

COME BE PART OF METCA HISTORY!



Stuart Rankin

I'm trying to track down some info on "April Publications". Specifically, who the person was (or people were) behind it. They were a New York company (Staten Island, I think) that produced Lionel (and other) Market Price Guides in the mid-1970s and early 1980s. They also produced a periodical, "Train Collectors News", which is the primary reason for my digging. See the attached images for a typical cover of each publication. Might there be any METCA elders that might know anything about this company and/or Train Collectors News? The TCA Library was unable to provide background. Please feel free to contact me by email at lionelllc@hotmail.com or call 917-593-3990. Thanks for any insight you may have.



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A Rare Car, Indeed!

~Pete Czachor

I have been in possession of a prototype '76 METCA Club Car since 1976. My Pacemaker car had the "METCA Division" and "1976" in black, and the TCA Logo in Yellow (see accompanying pictures). The History:

Former METCA Director Mel Price and I met back in the early 70's at the old Joe Ranker Train Shows in Wayne, NJ. Mel lived in NYC and I in Northern NJ. A close friend of mine (a fellow train enthusiast) and I would rent many a table at Joe's Train Shows. We did a brisk business. Mel Price became a steady customer, and I in turn



became a steady customer of his Lionel "collectables".

In 1976, when Mel was the METCA Car Chairman, he asked if I could complete a project for him. He needed to rubber stamp the bottom of the soon to be issued '76 METCA Club Cars with the information shown in the enclosed photo. I set up a jig to hold the car



steady and proceeded to stamp the cars with a large rubber stamp Mel provided. It has been so long I don't remember just how many I did!

Mel had asked what my fee was and I inquired if I could have one of the sample/prototype finished cars shells he had shown me with "reverse lettering colors". He agreed, as long as I promised that I would *not* put the car in circulation, via sale or swap, for a approximately a year. I agreed, and as it turns out, it has been in my possession since 1976! No one can say I didn't hold up my end of the bargain!

Recently the prototype METCA car once again surfaced in my closet. This time, I decided.....it goes on eBay!

(Editor's Note: In 2003, Pete contacted the METCA BOD to try and learn more about the production history of this car; no one on the BOD had any additional information.)

My METCA prototype car was recently won at Auction by a local buyer for the princely sum of \$565!



During the Auction run on eBay, I was contacted by a fellow TCA/METCA member out in the Midwest, who has since filled me in on further details and added history of other variations the '76 METCA Club Car. Stay tuned for Part Two, but here's a hint~ the story encompasses the Midwest and the West Coast!

METCA's 773 Lionel Hudson Raffle

The Hudson is a 1964 version with the small tender. TCA Grade 7, with boxes and instruction sheet P-8. **Only 100 \$25.00 Tickets Will Be Sold!**

Drawings will be at Six METCA Events:

- Clinton Mini-Meet - 8/20/2011 - \$100* or \$25 Prize
- Whippany Rwy Museum(METCA Picnic) 9/18/2011-\$100 or \$25 Prize
- Garfield Train Show October 9, 2011 - \$100 or \$25 Prize
- Howard Beach Train Show November 19, 2011 - \$100 or \$25 Prize
- Garfield Train Show January 8, 2012 - \$100 or \$25 Prize
- Howard Beach February 11, 2012 – Hudson or \$500 (Winner's choice)

Tickets are reinserted for future drawings!

*\$100 winner must be present at time of drawing; absentee will receive a \$25 check. Loco available for inspection at all METCA shows.

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Long Island Sounds

~Larry Laskowski – TCA #91-33858

Well, we are almost into summer now; the snow is all gone from Long Island and nobody misses it. Indeed, new life and rebirth is all around us! And that brings us to our first story about the **LIONEL VISITORS CENTER LAYOUT** at **THE RAILROAD MUSEUM OF LONG ISLAND in RIVERHEAD**. The doors opened at 10AM on April 9th. Following a short ceremony, the High Ball was given and the trains began to roll. The event was well attended by “trainees” young and old. The Museum also had the World’s Fair Train Ride in operation. There were folks there from METCA and several model RR clubs as well. Seven trains, smoking and whistling, were running on the 14-by-40-foot layout, on four different levels. Push buttons for 37 interactive stations line the layout’s perimeter, powering electricity-driven miniature wind turbines, lift and bascule bridges and airplanes that hover over an airport. A cleaning facility washes the rail cars, and oil rigs



with derricks move up and down. Children and parents were fascinated with the action initiated from the buttons and making everything work. Museum volunteers added two stations to the layout to represent locations in Greenport and Riverhead and built a trolley that runs back and forth past a make-believe Mitchell Park. This preservation of this iconic layout is a true labor of love and toy train treasure.



We thank RMLI’s Don Fisher, George Faeth and all the Museum’s volunteer members for their hard work and dedication to make this project a reality. They have done our hobby

proud. RMLI is planning a layout dedication ceremony for the “Riverhead Rail Fest” scheduled for August 27-28th. All the Museum’s exhibits and collection will be open for your pleasure. Along with the Lionel layout, there will be Modular layouts, vendors, METCA’s booth and entertainment. Could be some special visitors so don’t miss it! In fact you can visit on Saturdays 10-4 up to the Memorial Day weekend and weekends then on through Labor Day. LIRR service stops next to the Museum so check their schedule. Looking forward to seeing my fellow METCA’ers there!

METCA MODULES MEET COL

MODULES.....We made history of sorts on Friday May 13th when modules from Central Operating Lines Modular group interconnected with modules of METCA Secretary Bob Amling for the very first time. The Layout had 8 COL modules and Bob’s 2 modules. It took us about 1-1/2 hrs to set up and level the layout and it worked together with the first train to run the loop, a LIRR camelback and caboose hop. The



Reading Crusader appeared next and we even used the crossovers to change engines from Steam to Electric for the run into Penn Station from Newark. Bob Amling and Steve Musso then set up Bob’s Shea locomotive and 11 car log buggies. It was an impressive sight!



Members might recall that METCA started a division project to build a modular layout which could be displayed around the division. Bill Osburn, Bob Amling, Mario Ciliotta, Scot Kienzlen, Mike Gulotta and myself spent much time working up the standards for the modules. We had a lot of

input from the Liberty Hi Railers too and we believe the METCA module standards are compliant with that group also. The Anderson Power Poles work great! So now that we know it works, COL invites other METCA’ers working on modules to come out and “Play Trains” with COL’s modular group. The Layout will be set up a few times during the summer at the club on Friday nights. You don’t have to be a COL member to “Play” either. Just bring a module or an idea about making a module and a train to one of these Friday evening events. Contact Mike Gulotta at mrmolar@optonline.net for details and dates. See you there!



Rub Elbows with Lionel Representatives!

How would you like to be in the “inner circle” of those METCA members that have first hand behind the scenes access to the “players” in the world of Lionel Trains? Well, here’s your opportunity. On the weekend of August 27 and 28, 2011, the Railroad Museum of Long Island is hosting their 13th Annual Riverhead Railroad Festival. An extra special feature of this year’s Festival is going to be the Grand Opening and Dedication of the historic former Lionel Visitors Center Layout. This is the layout that had previously been located in the Lionel headquarters in Michigan. Plans currently call for several Lionel employees to be present at the event. RMLI has offered METCA a display table at the Festival. This is where you come in. We’re looking for a few people to help staff the table. What would you have to do? Answer questions about METCA, the TCA, and model railroading in general. In other words, just do what comes natural to you. The more people we have stepping forward to help, the less time each person will have to cover. If we get enough help, we can limit each person’s time to only 2 hours each. Standing on the “other side” of the table immediately puts you in an exclusive group. To offer to help, please contact Bob Amling at secretary@metca.org or 718-541-8619 or Stuart Rankin at lionelllc@hotmail.com or 917-593-3990.



Surprise, Surprise~ METCA at York!

Many people have been asking when we're going to announce our regular Division Car for 2011 since our Fort Knox Mint car was our 50th Anniversary Car (note, Fort Knox cars are on schedule to be delivered this summer). We are pleased to announce that the 2011 car is now in stock. Yes, that’s right, it’s already here. We announced the car in April at York. We had the car available there and sales were better than expected (we sold all we had allocated for York by Friday afternoon). What is it? It's a Lionel Baltimore & Ohio Mint Car, available exclusively from METCA. If you'd like one, please contact the Division Car Chairman at DivisionCar@METCA.org. Here’s the behind the scenes story (this is the short version). Your Division placed the order for this car with Lionel in August 2010 with the expectation that the car would be delivered by April 1, 2011 (just in time for York). Well, as it turned out, **the cars were delivered to us AT York, at 11:30 in the morning, just one-half hour before the show opened.**

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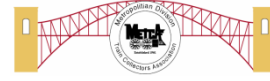
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