

NETCA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this message after just returning from the TCA national convention in Baltimore, Maryland, where I attended the national board of directors meeting. One positive result of the meeting was there will be no increase in TCA dues next year. The national membership count remains fairly constant thanks to the success of the membership drive. The sewer problem which has hurt attendance at the national museum for years has finally been solved. A new Rules and Regulations Manual was adopted to replace the old Board Policy Manual. The directors discussed a plan to boost membership by encouraging the divisions to form chapters within their territories. The National Toy Train Museum is trying to make its collection and research material more accessible to members by improving online availability and accessibility. I enjoyed meeting the presidents of other divisions and discussing ways to improve division operations.

The convention had far less people in attendance than anticipated, especially considering the east coast location. The welcoming party at the Sports and Geppi museums (containing sport, toys, movie, TV, record and comic displays) was great once the logistics of eating were finished. The trading pits had a lot of high quality items for sale and few buyers, making it great to be a buyer and bad to be a seller. The operating layouts were interesting and manufacturers displays okay. The tours were nicely done (my wife tells me) and I heard a lot of good feedback on the B&O muse-um. Overall it was a very enjoyable convention. Next year's convention will be in Sacramento, California, with side trips to attractions like Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. Also, the Cal-Stewart meet will be held the day after the convention ends. If you have never made a national, the 2011 version should be a good one to attend.

Hope to see you in Marlboro on September 19th. Fred

NETCA COMMEMORATIVE CAR

We are now accepting orders for the 2010 NETCA division car, B&M BAKED BEANS boxcar. We will offer 300 O gauge cars and 300 S Gauge cars. NETCA members can order 4 cars, while out-of-division members can order 1 car. Cost of the car is \$40 plus \$5 shipping for a total of \$45 per car, regardless of gauge. **BE SURE TO SPECIFY WHETHER YOU WANT O or S GAUGE.**

Make checks payable to NETCA and mail to:

William Halley 102 Atlantic Ave North Hampton, NH 03862

These cars will be furnished and decorated by K-Line. They will be the same quality cars that NETCA has featured in the past. Please keep the spirit of our program by purchasing these K-Line cars. You will not be disappointed.

The B&M Baked Beans cars should arrive by the end of September, so please get your orders in. Keep in mind that this year could be the last for the division car program. K-Line by Lionel is no longer active, while Lionel continues to insist on unrealistically high minimum orders for cars they produce for us. Weaver or MTH could produce our cars, but in that case there would be no S gauge car. I'll keep you informed, and let me know your feelings at tedstrains@hotmail.com

Finally, there are a few 2009 Baystate Beer cars and 2008 Oilzum cars remaining. We will bring these cars to the September 19th meet.

Thank you very much for your support for the division car program.

Ted Al Bill

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE

The September 19th raffle grand prize will feature Lionel's set #6-30045 Alaska Work Train, *plus* #6-30046 Alaska expansion pack. The set has an 0-6-0 switcher, four freight cars, 80 watt transformer and 12 pieces of FasTrack. The expansion pack includes three freight cars, a motorized handcar and four FasTrack straights. A set of two Oil-Zum tankers, the 2008 NETCA division car, will also be part of the prize list. Other prizes will include Lionel freights, an accessory or two and a couple of special items.

A ticket holder does not have to be present at the September 19th meet to be eligible to win the grand prize. All other prizes will be awarded only to those present at the time of the drawing. To enter the raffle, fill out the tickets on the enclosed sheet, cut them into separate tickets and either mail them to Ben Merry or give them to him at the meet. Thank you for your participation and good luck!

OLD COLONY MODEL RAIL CLUB

On September 26th, the Old Colony Model Railroad Club of Raynham, MA will hold its ninth annual model railroad show and sale. The show will be held at the Taunton Holiday Inn on Myles Standish Boulevard in the Miles Standish Industrial Park in Taunton, MA. To reach the Holiday Inn, take exit 9 from route 495. The show will be held from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. Admission is \$4, with children under 12 and boy scouts in uniform admitted free of charge. The show is handicapped accessible and offers plenty of free parking. Dealers from five New England states will be set up at the show, offering a wide of range of locomotives, cars, accessories, track and more in N, HO, S, O and G gauges. In addition, there will be two operating layouts. For more information, contact Dennis Ingalls at 508-285-3963 or dingalls@comcast.net

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Advertising for auctions, offers to buy or sell train collections and so on can appear in NETCA News. The only rules are that the advertiser has to be a TCA member and that the ad is related to trains. Rates: full 8 _ x 11 page \$100; half page \$50; quarter page \$25. The newsletter reaches 1800 train enthusiasts in New England and beyond: a targeted audience for just \$100. Past advertisers have told us that they have found their ads in the newsletter to have been very effective. Send all ads to the editor, whose address is on the page one masthead.

NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

Beginning with this August newsletter, NETCA is instituting e-mail delivery of the quarterly newsletter. The reason is the tremendous savings in postage and printing costs. Currently, we have e-mail addresses for 41% of our members; those people will receive the newsletter electronically. The remainder will receive a printed copy of NETCA News. If you do get a printed copy and have an e-mail address, please send that address to me at nerr@comcast.net. Our goal is to send as many newsletters via e-mail as possible. While every member does not have e-mail we need to reach those who do.

Glitches will happen as we transition to e-mail. We need you to tell us if you do not receive a newsletter, which is mailed out in late February, late May, late August and mid-November. Check the website to see if the newsletter is posted there; as well, talk with other members about the dates of upcoming division meets. If you have not received notification, contact me at the above e-mail address or at 781-944-0038. If we work together, we will be able to reduce expenses by using e-mail and also will continue to be one of the very few divisions that do not charge dues.

DIRECTORS

Robert Obara	Steve McCabe	Ted Brahm	Allan Moore	Robert Frongillo	William Kotek	Ben Merry	Marty Visnick
Past President	Past President	2010	2010	Honorary	Honorary	2010	Honorary

Division Election Candidate Autobiographies

President-Elect

Joseph Fanara

For over 45 years I have really enjoyed the fun of collecting and operating toy trains. I have a good sized layout which operates Standard, O and S gauge toy trains, for trains were built to play with as well as to collect. In 2008 I joined the TCA Standards Committee to keep the hobby honest and the grading standards that we use up to par.

I will do my utmost to promote and increase membership of our division as I have done in the past. To boost membership, we have to make some changes. We should expand the meets we have to six per year from four and they should be held in each of the New England states, to let them know we do exist.

I feel that a huge part of our hobby is the camaraderie of members within our division and others as well, so if elected I would promote an annual banquet for all division members. After all, this hobby is about people as well as trains.

Thank you very much.

Robert Obara

I retired from the Naval Underwater Systems Center after 39 years working as a systems and acoustic engineer on acoustic countermeasures, unmanned underwater vehicles, and submarine sonar systems. Have 6 patents associated with underwater acoustic systems.

I have been involved with the Boy Scouts of America from 1976 to the present as a webelos den leader and assistant scout master. Merit badge counselor for the railroading merit badge.

My service to the division includes being NETCA president-elect 1999 – 2003; being NETCA pres-ident 2004 – 2008; being NETCA webmaster 1999 to present time; being TCA National Kids Club co-chairman 2004 – 2005

Thank you very much.

Vice-President

William Halley

I have been a member of NETCA since 1992. My basement houses a large layout which other toy train people are welcome to visit for operating sessions. I own Casey's Caboose, a small toy train business involved with the purchase and sale of toy trains. The business was started in 1992 and specializes in newer O gauge trains. I am involved with NETCA's commemorative car program, shipping them to members. My work career was spent in labor-management relations and human resources.

I believe I can put my business and train hobby experience to use serving NETCA and its members to continue its reputation, to grow and continue moving forward with new ideas and methods of introducing and instituting them for the benefit of all members.

Thank you very much.

Treasurer

Carl Wiley

While my focus in the train hobby is prewar Lionel, I enjoy items from other makers as well. Having been a member since 1972, I have had the good fortune to attend both division meets and York meets in that period and have witnessed the changes in our hobby over those important decades. In my opinion, our hobby continues to be vital and strong, with a shift in emphasis to operating trains from collecting.

My work in the banking industry gives me the proper background to serve as division treasurer, a position I have held for four years. I have been able to secure a certificate of deposit for the division's funds, allowing us to benefit from a higher interest rate and to be able to redeem the CD at any time without penalty. I look forward to continuing to work for the benefit of NETCA.

Secretary

Peter Der Sarkisian

My focus in the hobby continues to be American Flyer S gauge, but I have to admit that I haven't met a train that I haven't liked. My responsibilities as secretary are to promote the railroad hobby and the division, as well as to help members with any questions or problems that they may have. If I can help you in any way, please let me know. Your advice and opinions about the division are always welcome.

**NEW ENGLAND DIVISION of TCA
2010 OFFICER ELECTION BALLOT**

To vote for the candidates of your choice, check the appropriate boxes.

You may vote by mail or bring the completed ballot to the September 19th meet.

If you mail the ballot, it must be postmarked no later than September 9th for it to be counted. Also, you must fill in your TCA membership number in the lower corner of the envelope or of the attached mailing sheet, if you prefer to use that.

If you bring the ballot to the September 19th meet, it must be handed to Ted Brahm by 11:00.

President-elect

Joe Fanara

Bob Obara

Vice-president

Bill Halley

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Treasurer

Carl Wiley

write-in _____

Secretary

Peter Der Sarkisian

write-in _____

To mail the ballot, use either your own envelope or the attached mailing sheet, which should be folded into thirds and taped shut.

Remember to write your TCA membership number in the space provided.

Ted Brahm
16 Birch Bluff Road
Montgomery, Massachusetts 01085

TCA member # _____

COMING ATTRACTIONS

September 19 NETCA Marlboro High School, Marlboro, Massachusetts
See map and agenda page 6 for directions to this location

September 12 Boston Metro Hi-Railers open house. 99 Essex Street, Melrose. 10:00 – 4:00. Info: www.bmhrc.com or 978-927-5717

September 12 P&W Railfan Club model train show. Overlook Hotel, 88 Masonic Home Road (route 31), Charlton, MA. 10:00 – 3:00. Dealer tables and operating layouts. Directions & info: www.pwrfc.net

September 12 Classic Shows Train + Toy Show. 9:00 – 2:00 Stillwood Inn, 1074 South Colony Road Wallingford, CT. Info: 203-926-1327 or www.classicshowsllc.com

September 25 + 26 14th Annual Train Show, A. C. Gilbert factory, Erector Square, New Haven, CT. 10:00 – 5:00. Rt 91, exit 6; turn left at end of ramp. Info: John or Robin at 203-641-3933

September 26 Old Colony Model RR Club Show, Taunton Holiday Inn, exit 9, route 495. 10:00 – 3:30. Dealer tables & operating layouts. Info: Dennis Ingalls, 508-285-3963 or dingalls@comcast.net

October 2 Southern New England Model RR Club O Scale Train Show United Methodist Church, 161 Chestnut St, Gardner, MA. 9:30 – 4:00 O scale dealers and operating layouts. Info: 508-337-6661 or bigbrotherlar@netzero.net

October 10 New Haven & Derby Railroad Club 18th Annual Train Show 525 Orange Center Rd, Orange, CT. 9:30 to 3:30. Info: 203-932-0185 or donbetnessrobi@sbcglobal.net

October 16 + 17 North Shore Model RR Club 30th Train Show & Open House. Americal Civic Center, Main St, Wakefield, MA. 10:00 – 3:00 Dealer tables and club's operating layout. Info: (781) 245-4742 or www.nsmrc.org

October 23 + 24 Greenberg Train Show, Expo Center, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH. 10:00 – 4:00. Dealer tables and operating layouts. For info: www.greenbergshows.com Phone 630-279-4087

November 7 19th Brockton Train Show. Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St, Brockton, MA 10:00 – 4:00. Dealer tables and operating layouts. Info: acastaline@alum.mit.edu

November 20 + 21 Greenberg Train Show at Shriners Hall, Concord Street, Wilmington, MA. 10:00 – 4:00. Rt 93, Concord St exit; turn right at end of ramp. For info: www.greenbergshows.com Phone 630-279-4087.

MEET TABLE PROGRAM

If you rent dealer tables at *two* of the three earlier 2010 division meets, you will be entitled to an equal number of tables free of charge at the December meet, with a maximum of two free tables. If you would like tables in addition to the free ones that you are entitled to, you may rent them at the normal \$25 rate. Example: you want four tables in December. You rented three dealer tables in March and three more in September. You are entitled to two free tables due to the maximum rule and you can rent the additional two that you would like.

FREE ADMISSION



Connecticut's Biggest and

Best

back by popular demand, 14th annual

Train Show Auto Show

This year with the New Haven city-wide Open Studio

Art Show

September 25 – 26, 2010

Train/Auto Show 10 to 5

Art Show 12 to 5

THE A.C. GILBERT FACTORY at ERECTOR SQUARE

315 Peck Street – New Haven, Connecticut

Directions: Take I-91 to exit 6 (Blatchley/Willow Street). Turn left at end of ramp. Cross light at State Street, Continue over Railroad Bridge to light at Peck Street. Parking is available in all lots. Look for signs to Train Show entrance just over the Railroad bridge.

Dealer Registration

Complete form and mail, along with self-addressed, stamped business size envelope and check payable to **The Train Collector, Box 764, North Haven, CT 06473.** **For more information** contact John Vanacore at 203-641-3933 or 203-239-1346; afstrains@aol.com

NAME: _____ # of tables @ \$50 _____ \$ _____
BUSINESS NAME: _____
CONN. Tax ID # _____
ADDRESS _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

NETCA RAFFLE TICKET SHEET

The attached tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5; if more tickets are needed, please xerox this sheet. Fill out the tickets, cut them into individual tickets and mail them and a check payable to NETCA for the correct amount, to: Ben Merry 42 Coolidge Road Danvers, MA 01923. Also, tickets may be given to Ben at the division meet. You do not have to be present to win the grand prize in the raffle; all other prizes will be awarded to ticket holders at the meet.

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MARKET PLACE

Wanted: K-Line shadow rail, super snap track and remote switches.
Jim Hornbeck 603-868-5419 or jhornbeck@comcast.net

Wanted: MTH #20-6735 KCS passenger car (2001); MTH #20-67039, KCS passenger car (2004).
Bruce Vincelette. brucev@verizon.net

Wanted: NETCA S gauge division cars: years 2000 – 2005. Thanks. Pete Hennigsen
amerflyerwanted@optonline.net or (203) 874-0585

Wanted: Ives trains in O, 1 and Standard gauges. Especially interested in pre-WW1 sets and items. Looking for Hafner passenger sets with four-wheel trucks. Thank you. Bob Obara 401-683-3833

Wanted: NETCA 2003 division car, New England Transportation TOFC in S gauge. Thank you.
Mel Stoltenberg 860-649-8493

Wanted: Atlas 3 rail GP39 *tall nose* dummy: Guilford (Springfield) Catalog #1175.
Robert Shaw res528@zoomtown.com ; 839-384-8646

For Sale: O gauge NETCA cars new in O/B: Fisk Tire \$94; Oilzum two tanker set \$90; Poland Spring \$100; Cabot TOFC \$55; Vermont Railway TOFC \$55. Lionel #6-8152 CP SD-24 exc in box w matching caboose \$195. Thank you. Bob Del Vecchio 401-330-8359

For Sale: 1998 convention banquet car – Ocean Spray reefer new in box - \$185. The following NETCA cars all in O gauge and in OB -- \$80 each: 2000 Berkshire Brewing; 2001 Moxie; 2002 Jenney tanker; 2003 NE Transportation TOFC; 2004 Poland Spring; 2005 Fisk Tire; 2006 Indian Motorcycle. Thank you.
David Yost 610-759-1634

For Sale: Lionel Super-O track; all items and all quantities available. Also interested in buying Super-O track. E-mail me for free Super O information at Hspanier@aol.com *Rudley's Track Layouts for Super O*; 30 layouts with scenery ideas. By Joe Rudley, a Lionel dealer. \$15 H. Mike Spanier, 1101 West 185th St, Homewood, IL 60430. Phone 708-957-3396. Thanks very much.

JUNE RAFFLE WINNERS

Bob Frink is busy planning a new line for his layout, for he won the Conventional Classics Burlington passenger set, featuring a GP-7 and four red-striped passenger cars. Ben Merry can add his prize, a Lionel tanker, to his current freight line. Mike Galindo was happy with the Rutland box car that he won, as was Ed England with his CP Rail car. Marty Visnick began to read his prize, a prewar Lionel book, before he left the winners circle. Jim Nichols won a set of people to populate the towns served by his rail line.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle, which provides a lot of fun. Fill out the enclosed tickets for the chance to get into the winners' circle at the September 19th meet.

VISIT WWW.NETCA.ORG

MEET AGENDA SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2010

7:45 Table holders will be admitted into the hall
No trading will take place until 9:00

9:00 Meet opens

12:00 Drawing for raffle prizes
and door prizes

12:30 Election results announced

2:00 Meet ends

Marlboro High School is located on route 85 in Marlboro, Massachusetts. For a map and directions, visit www.netca.org

MEET REGISTRATION & ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

NETCA September 19th, 2010 meet Marlboro High School, Marlboro, Mass

MAIL TO: Peter Der Sarkisian 529 Pearl Street Reading, MA 01867

Mail registrations must be postmarked by September 11th, 2010

ADMISSION: Regular and Guest @ \$5 x (number of people) =	_____	line total
Spouse and children are free at all times Senior free at all times*	_____	
TABLES: Regular and Senior @ \$25 times _____ (number wanted) =	_____	
		Grand Total _____

Enclosed is a check payable to NETCA in the amount of \$_____ for the September 19th, 2010 meet.

Dealer Table Rental Carries The Responsibility To Keep The Tables Open Until 2:00

I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of TCA and its divisions and chapters in effect from time to time, specifically including all rules and regulations of all TCA committees and any actions and rulings of TCA committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA member at any TCA sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacturers original condition unless I have caused any such item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction.

Name _____ TCA # _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ zip _____

[] PLEASE CHECK HERE IF THIS IS A NEW ADDRESS

Names of others attending: Spouse _____

Children (names & ages) _____

Guest & Address _____

*To qualify as a Senior, one must be at least 65 years old and been a TCA member for at least 10 years