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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the holiday season approaches, I remember this is the time of year that began my interest in toy trains. I still remember my excitement at receiving my first Lionel set back in 1950. I am sure many of you have similar feelings about this season. It is also time for NETCA's premier train meet that usually gets the biggest attendance of the year. I hope all of you try to make the December 4th meet at Lake Pearl in Wrentham, Mass.

NETCA is going to host the 2018 TCA convention in either Portland, Maine or Manchester, New Hampshire. Our plans for this event were presented at the national convention planning meeting at York this fall by meet co-chair Bill Halley. After a site is chosen we will be looking for volunteers to help plan and conduct the national. NETCA has a record of hosting outstanding national conventions and I am sure 2018 will be no exception, thanks to the many outstanding volunteers and many attractions New England has to offer. My next message will list the many areas where we will need volunteers.

For those of you who are operators, one of the benefits of going to York is the opportunity to hear presentations from all major toy train manufactures on their new product plans, status of deliveries and prototypes of new products. There is also an opportunity to ask questions or voice concerns on their products. This event is held on Wednesday, the day before the York meet begins, at the toy train museum. For those who never visited your museum or haven't for some time, it is a great place for both the collector and operator with many rare trains on display as well as operating layouts. The York meet itself was outstanding and I was happy to find a yellow-bottom ten series car for my collection.

Once again I am ending this message on a sad note, announcing the passing of a fine gentleman, long time NETCA member and past national TCA president Brad Fuller. Brad has done a lot for TCA over the years and been a friend to many of you and will be missed.

Fred

NETCA COMMEMORATIVE CAR

Our 2011 Howard Johnson's TOFC are partly sold. We have 60 O gauge and 40 S gauge left. The S cars are floating in from China and we should have them in the second half of November. Both cars sell for \$60, which includes shipping. Indicate which car you want, make out a check *payable to NETCA* and mail to:

Bill Halley
102 Atlantic Avenue
North Hampton, NH 03862

We will have a silent auction at our December 4th meet which will include a package of production samples from K-Line and a framed photo of the B&M Baked Beans factory in Portland, Maine.

For 2012 we already have our O gauge car parts, which we bought last year to satisfy Lionel's minimum production demands. Last year Lionel furnished 200 S gauge cars, but now I'm told the supplier has a minimum of 300 pieces. We will not make that many S gauge cars. Bill is checking with other manufacturers of S. Stay tuned.

Thank you all for your support!

Ted Al Bill

DECEMBER 4TH AUCTION

The auction will begin at 11:00. Bring the items that you want to auction to Steve McCabe. Remember, the fee is only \$2 per item, with or without a reserve price. The auctions have been a lot of fun, so why not include an item or two of your own?

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE

The December 4th raffle will have as its grand prize the Lone Ranger Wild West set #6-30116, which should bring back a lot of memories for NETCA members. The engine is the General featuring TrainSounds, two traction tires, headlight and smoke. The three freight cars include a Lone Ranger and Outlaw car with bobbing figures, canvas-covered freight on the gondola and a baggage car equipped with sounds. Also included are figures of the Lone Ranger, Tonto, Silver and Scout. Those figures have been drawing a lot of interest on eBay. Other prizes are Lionel freights, 1:43 figures, vehicles and accessories.

A ticket holder does not have to be present at the December 4th 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!

BOSTON METRO HI-RAILERS CLUB

The BMHR has moved to a modern, spacious building on Waltham Street (route 62) in Wilmington, Mass; the new location is in the complex with the Registry of Motor Vehicles office.

The group will hold an open house on Saturday, December 10th from 10 am to 4 pm to show off its re-built operating layout. Model rail enthusiasts and the public at large are invited to enjoy the trains in operation and to ask about the club's activities.

In addition, BMHR will have a train display at the annual tree lighting at Wilmington Common on Saturday, December 3rd from 6 pm on.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Anyone who would like to donate a new train set in any scale for this program can bring the set to Steve McCabe at the December 4th meet. Remember that donations have to be in new condition and should not be gift wrapped.

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 ½ x 11 page \$100; half page \$50; quarter page \$25. The newsletter reaches 1700. Send all ads to the editor, whose address is on the page one masthead.

COMING ATTRACATIONS

December 4 NETCA Lake Pearl function hall, Wrentham, Mass. See directions with registration form.

November 19 + 20 Greenberg Train Show, Shriners Hall, Concord St. Wilmington, MA. 10:00 – 4:00. Rt 93, Concord St exit; turn right at end of ramp. Info: www.greenbergshows.com ; phone 630-279-4087

November 27 Classic Shows LLC Model Railroad Show. Stillwood Inn, Wallingford, CT. 9:00 – 2:00. Rt 95 to Rt 91 in New Haven; exit 13, turn right. Info: Lud Spinelli, 203-926-1327 ; www.classicshowsllc.com

December 3 Dollars for Scholars Train Show. Winooski High School, Rt 89, exit 16, Winooski, VT. 10:00 – 3:00. Info: John Malcovsky, 802-655-2555

December 3 + 4 Hub Division Train Show. Best Western Royal Plaza, Rt 20, Marlboro, MA. 10:00 – 5:00 www.hubdiv.org or 781-862-0388

December 10 Boston Metro Hi-Railers Open House. 5 Waltham Street, Wilmington, MA. 10:00 – 4:00. See our new location, O gauge layout and talk with members. Info: 781-662-8494 or www.bmhrc.com

January 8 Classic Shows LLC Model Railroad Show. Trumbull Marr ott, Trumbull, CT. 9:00 – 2:00. 180 Hawley Lane. Info: Lud Spinelli, 203-926-1327 ; www.classicshowsllc.com

January 14 Wenham Museum Train Show. Buker School, Wenham, MA 10:00 – 4:00. Rt 128 to Rt 1A north to Wenham. Info: 978-468-2377

January 28 + 29 Amherst Railway Society Show. Eastern States Expo, Memorial Ave, West Springfield, MA. 9:00 – 5:00. www.AmherstRail.org

February 12 Classic Shows LLC Model Railroad Show. Stillwood Inn, Wallingford, CT. 9:00 – 2:00. Rt 95 to Rt 91 in New Haven; exit 13, turn right. Info: Lud Spinelli, 203-926-1327 ; www.classicshowsllc.com

February *tba* Worcester Model Railroad Club show and sale. Auburn/ Webster Elks Lodge, Route 12, Auburn. 10:00 – 3:30. Dealer tables & operating layouts. Info: Ralph Kimball, 508-755-1873. www.wmrr.org

MARKET PLACE

Wanted: 265E Commodore Vanderbilt & 265TW tender; black; grade 7 or better. Thank you. Marshall Lomanzo 860-645-1989

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 w four-wheel trucks. Thank you. Bob Obara 401-683-3833

For Sale: Cars all O gauge and in OB. 1979 convention car/coin Silver Bullion #9319 - \$150. 1986 New Orleans banquet car/coin #7522 - \$450. 2004 Poland Spring NETCA car - \$100. 1995 GN banquet car #9695 - \$425. 2009 diecast hopper K-Line/Lionel - \$150. Shipping \$5 per car. Thank you. David Yost 610-759-1634

For Sale: Lionel 6-8785 Conrail GP9 C8/P7 \$74. 6-9400 Conrail box car, tuscan red, C8/P7 (wrong box) \$19. 6-9785 Conrail box car, blue, C8/P7 \$19. 51001 Tinline #44 Freight Set C10/P10 \$349. MTH 20-201101 Conrail C30-7 "6600" PS1 C8/P8 \$155. Thanks. Glenn Fresch, 30 West Blue Ridge Road, Cranston, RI 02920

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.

B&M TRANSFER CABOOSE

I have a B&M transfer caboose for sale at the Northfield- Tilton, New Hampshire freight yard. This caboose is part of the caboose village and caboose train. The unit has been remodeled inside, is in turn-key condition and was inspected in 2010. Only if interested, please call 603-682-9336 or e-mail Dave Bird, #93-37170, at bird.david@comcast.net to get the price of the caboose, a detailed description and photos. Thank you.

TCA VISA CARD PROGRAM ENDS

The group's affinity card program with Bank of America will end on 1/31/12. No new applications will be accepted. Card holders will be notified. You may cancel your card or switch to a regular B of A credit card.

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER MEET

The newly formed chapter will hold a train show on November 27th at the Aldrich Junior High School, route 1A, Warwick, Rhode Island. The meet begins at 9 am and runs until 3 pm. To reach the Aldrich school, take exit 13 from route 95. Follow route 37 east to route 1 north. After one mile, the road becomes route 1A; another half-mile will bring you to the Aldrich school, which is across the street from a Wal-Mart.

For information on dealer tables, call Greg Malm at 401-780-6715.

Division members in Rhode Island and Connecticut who are interested in joining the chapter can contact Joe Fanara at bigjoe8@cox.net.

RAIL'S END

Bill White was born into the railroad, becoming the fourth of five generations to work in the industry. His work carried over to his hobby, as he loved American Flyer, which features scale proportions and two-rail T track. Those who never met Bill and failed to experience his dry, New England humor missed an awful lot. Bill passed away on August 17th.

Bill Dox of Falmouth, Maine passed away on September 19th. He was a fan of prewar trains and a long-time presence at division meets. Bill's sales table was always worth visiting, for he brought interesting trains.

Brad Fuller, former NETCA and TCA president, died on October 30th. Brad favored prewar trains and told the story of long ago discovering a small band of collectors, which led to his acquisition of a standard gauge car, to his great delight. His collection grew considerably from that point.

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE WINNERS

Before collecting the grand prize, Bob Benedict rolled up his sleeves, for he had won the Union Pacific work train set. Ed Barulli won the Rhode Island box car; or was it the Rock Island? Paul Dias was happy with his prize, a D&H tank car. Bill Pillsbury planned to add his prize, a lighted two-story house, to his layout. Lionel collector Manny Silveira was pondering what to do with the S gauge NETCA car that he was awarded. Ron Snyder, a fan of MTH, was delighted with the MTH girder bridge that he won.

The raffle's function is to make people happy and it does that very well. For \$5 you can buy six raffle tickets, which can land you a prize worth many times \$5. Seems like an easy decision. You can't win if you don't participate, so fill out the enclosed sheet of tickets. Good luck!

DIRECTIONS TO MEET

Directions to the Lake Pearl function hall are included with the registration form, which is enclosed.

MISSING MEMBER

Mike Hunt: has anyone heard from or seen Mike Hunt?

MEET AGENDA, DECEMBER 4TH, 2011

7:30 Table holders only will be admitted into the hall
No trading will take place until 9:00

12:00 Drawing for raffle prizes
and door prizes

9:00 Meet opens

2:00 Meet ends

11:00 Auction begins

SPECIAL DRAWING!

Win this Standard Gauge work train set #358E from the early 1930's, as shown below.



The set includes a #400E loco and tender, #219 derrick, #212 gondola with barrels, #220 double floodlight car, #217 caboose and #208 tool chest (R).

ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!

Donation is \$20 per ticket, available to NETCA members only through December 4th. Drawing will then be opened to TCA membership. Drawing will not be held until all 200 tickets are sold.

Proceeds will benefit the New England division of TCA

Tickets will be sold at NETCA September and December meets and by mail. If interested, contact Ben Merry at 978-774-4437 or at benmik612@aol.com

The drawing will be held at a NETCA meet once all 200 tickets are sold.

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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December 4th meet location – Lake Pearl Luciano’s, Wrentham, Mass
Please read the following information:

- We will not need a crew to set up tables. The facility will do that work.
- Dealers will not be admitted to the hall until 7:30. Come earlier if you wish, but you will not be able to go inside until 7:30
- Customers enter the meet at 9:00, when trading begins
- The hall is smaller than Marlboro, so the number of tables is less.
Tables are available on a first come, first served basis. Mail early.

From Boston & Providence

Take I-95 North or South to Exit 6B, I-495 North. Proceed to Exit 15 Wrentham/Plainville, then take a right onto 1A North. Follow for 1.5 miles to Creek Street. Take a left onto Creek Street. Follow Creek Street for approx. 1/2 mile. Take a left into Lake Pearl Luciano’s

From Worcester and West

Take I-495 South toward Cape Cod. Proceed to Exit 15 Wrentham/Plainville, then take a left onto 1A North. Follow for 1.5 miles to Creek Street. Take a left onto Creek Street. Follow Creek Street for approx. 1/2 mile. Take a left into Lake Pearl Luciano’s entrance.

MEET REGISTRATION & ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

NETCA December 4th, 2011 meet Lake Pearl Luciano’s, Wrentham, Mass

MAIL TO: Dennis Ingalls 220 Dean Street Norton, MA 02766 phone 508-285-3963

Mail registrations must be postmarked by **November 25th, 2011**

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: Free – maximum of two free tables. Beyond two, table cost is \$25	_____	

To qualify for free tables, must have rented tables at two 2011 meets Total _____

Enclosed is a check payable to NETCA in the amount of \$ _____ for the **December 4th, 2011** 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.
Remember: items brought for sale have to be trains or train-related.

Name _____ TCA # _____ Phone _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ zip _____
[] **PLEASE CHECK HERE IF THIS IS A NEW ADDRESS** E-mail _____

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***