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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all NETCA members. Since this is my last letter as division president, I thank all of you for your support and help over the many years I have been a board member. The efforts toward putting the 2018 national convention together in Warwick, Rhode Island are proceeding well, but your help is needed to insure success. Please contact me or Joe Fanara to volunteer. The new president of NETCA will need your support, so please give him the help you have given me.

There is a new and very exciting fund-raising box car coming for NETCA. It will have very limited production, so watch for its introduction later in this newsletter.

Our next meet will be held on March 5th at the Holiday Inn, Taunton, Mass; directions included elsewhere in this newsletter. Hope to see all of you there.

Steve

NETCA ELECTION

The election for NETCA officers will be held at our March 5th meet. The enclosed ballot can be printed and mailed with your meet registration or can be brought to the March 5th meet. Your NETCA Division needs you to vote and to participate in division affairs. You are the source of fresh ideas and we need you and your energy to help the division to move forward as we approach the 2018 national convention.

Steve

NETCA COMMEMORATIVE CAR GOING, GOING, GONE....

The division car is the G. Fox box car, offered in both O and S gauges. G. Fox was a department store chain in Connecticut. The original American Flyer G. Fox car is rare, extremely desirable, and carries a whopping price tag. The division car is exactly like the original, but for its price, which will be \$59 for both O and S versions, with a shipping cost of \$8, for a total cost of \$67. The cars are made and painted by Lionel.

Sales have been good, to the point that the cars are nearly sold out, so this is the last time we will offer this division car for sale.

To order the G. Fox box car, specify which gauge car you want and send a check, **payable to NETCA**, to Todd Metcalf 4 Margaret Road Manchester, CT 06042

Thank you for your support for the division car program.

2018 CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS

The 2018 national convention is coming to Warwick, Rhode Island. Would you like to be a volunteer or help lead an event? if so, co-chairs Joe Fanara and Steve McCabe would like to hear from you. Their e-mail addresses are bigjoe88@verizon.net and siblackdog@comcast.net

We especially need a good photographer to put together a video slide show of the convention tours.

Just as with our request for candidates to run for division offices, we truly need people to come forward to share their enthusiasm for our hobby by helping with the upcoming convention.

RED BARON TANK CAR

Sales are going well for the Red Baron aviation fuel tank car, which is a fund raiser for the 2018 national convention that will be sponsored by NETCA. A photo of the car is posted on www.netca.org.

The tank car, from the MTH Premier Line, features die-cast sprung trucks and colorful livery. The car is the 8000 gallon uni-body tanker, which measures 9 inches long – less than a 6464 series box car – and will run on small layouts with ease. These handsome cars have been delivered to NETCA and will be sent to you as soon as your check is received. The tanker is \$55 plus \$8 for shipping, for a total cost of \$63. To order the tank car, make out a check payable to NETCA Convention 2018 in the amount of \$63 times the number of cars ordered. Mail the check to Dennis Ingalls 220 Dean Street Norton, Massachusetts 02766

A FROSTY TREAT

Here is the car that Steve McCabe mentioned in his president's message: it is a Lionel 9800 series car painted for Warwick Ice Cream. To see a photo of this fundraiser for the 2018 convention, visit www.netca.org and look in News and Events.

Only 75 of these handsome reefers will be produced; scheduled delivery is early May. Due to this short run, there is a limit of two cars per division member. The price is \$100 each, with shipping of \$7 per car. To save the cost of shipping, the cars can be picked up at the September NETCA meet, which will be the first meet held after the reefers are delivered to us.

NETCA members will have first choice on these Warwick Ice Cream reefers. National advertising for the cars will not be placed until the May issue of TCA's National Headquarters News.

To order, send a check – payable to NETCA Convention 2018 – for \$100 per car plus \$7 each if to be mailed (remember, limit of two) to Dennis Ingalls 220 Dean Street Norton, Massachusetts 02766

DECEMBER RAFFLE WINNERS

The Lionel CP double-motored U36B is now hauling freight on Richard Armstrong's layout. There was some debate about what the CP stood for: Christmas Presents or Canadian Pacific? Perhaps Richard can clear that up at the March 5th meet.

The passengers on Manny Silveira's Polar Express passenger train were greatly relieved when he brought home the companion diner car. After all, a person gets pretty hungry riding the Polar Express.

The folks who ride Henry Dumas' Polar Express train weren't quite as pleased as Manny's passengers; Henry came home with the Polar Express announcements car. While it is important to know where you are and where the train is going next, Henry's passengers are hungry too.

Larry Wetzel didn't have to worry about pleasing passengers, for he won a New York Central log dumping flat, which he put right to work on his layout's freight train.

Thank you to all who participated in the December raffle. If you didn't bring home a prize, cheer up, because you will have another opportunity at the March 5th meet.

MARCH RAFFLE PRIZES

Thanks to Lionel's pioneering model, the F-3 is the most well-known diesel locomotive. However, arguably the most handsome diesel of them all was the PA by Alco. The raffle's grand prize is a pair of PA's in Canadian Pacific livery, consisting of one powered unit with two motors and an unpowered unit. The PA's, made by Williams, have six-wheel trucks and headlights; the powered A has traction tires, electronic reverse, and Tru-Blast horn and bell. Anyone familiar with Williams products knows that their locomotives are tremendous pullers. The PA pair have a catalog price of \$449.95, but can go home with you for just pocket change, if your raffle ticket is picked.

The second grand prize is a three-pack of Canadian Pacific Madison cars, #6-81744. These cars are 13 inches long, and feature six-wheel die-cast trucks, detailed interiors, and lighting. The three-pack includes a combo coach/baggage, coach and observation. The three cars have a list price of \$270, but can be yours for as little as \$1.

To enter the raffle, fill out the tickets on the sheet below; the tickets can either be mailed to Dennis Ingalls or handed in at the March 5th meet. Ticket holders do not have to be present at the time of the drawing to win either grand prize. Don't stand on the sidelines; get in the game and buy some tickets. Good luck!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

March 5th NETCA Holiday Inn, Taunton, MA. See directions with registration form.

February 12 Classic Shows Train + Toy Show. Stillwood Inn, Wallingford, CT. 9:00 – 2:00. Dealer tables, operating layout. Info: 203-926-1327 or www.classicshowslc.com

February 25 + 26 Greenberg Train Show, Hanover Mall, Hanover, MA. 10:00 – 4:00. Route 3 south to exit 13 top of ramp turn right onto Washington St. Info: www.greenbergshows.com; phone 630-279-4087

March 11 + 12 South Shore Model Railway Club show. Bare Cove Park, Building 51, Hingham, MA. 9:00 – 4:00. Layouts and dealer tables. Club layout also open as part of show. Info: www.ssmrc.org

March 12 Southern Chapter NETCA meet. Army/Navy Club, 1090 Main St, Manchester, CT 06040 9:00 – 2:00. Dealer tables, operating layout. Info: Dean Johnson at 401-222-9708 or train@atlantic.net

March 19 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

March 25 + 26 Greenberg Train Show, Shriners Hall, Concord Street, 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

April 2 Metrowest Model RR O Scale Train Show. Elks Lodge, 99 Park Street, Hudson, Mass. 10:00 – 4:00. Dealers, operating layouts, door prizes. Info: BigBrotherLar@netzero.net or (508) 337-6661

April 8 Northern Chapter NETCA meet. Elks Lodge, 282 Durham Road, Dover, NH. 10:00 – 3:00. Dealers with all scales, operating layout, railroadians. Info: efmenter@aol.com; phone 603-362-4300

April 9 Connecticut Valley Model RR Club show. Kearsarge Middle School, North Sutton, NH. 10:00 – 3:00. Dealers, operating layouts, food. Info: Larry Rine 603-298-3355 (weekends, evenings till 9:00)

April 23 Hooksett Lions Club Show. David Cawley Middle School, route 27, Hooksett, NH. 10:00 – 3:00. Dealers and operating layouts. Info: hooksettlionsclub@yahoo.com ; 603-627-4662

April 27 – 29 Eastern Division meet, York, PA. For information and registration form, visit www.easterntca.org

May 13 Model Train & Craft Show Bartlett Elementary School, Route 302, Bartlett, NH. 10:00 – 3:00
Info: sandrab.abbott@gmail.com Phone 603-556-1861

May 20 Chester On Track. Chester, Mass. For info: www.chesterrailwaystation.net

September 24 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

NONEC AND SNEC

NETCA's two chapters were formed to bring train shows and related activities to members who cannot easily attend division meets. All members of NETCA are welcome at chapter activities. To keep up to date on the chapters, visit www.netca.org for links to the chapters' websites.

BOSTON METRO HI-RAILERS

The club has the largest operating train layout in Massachusetts. For information, call Bob Hilliard at 781-944-1794. Email: robth@comcast.net Web site: www.bmhrc.com. The club will be holding an open house on April 8th at its location at 5 Waltham Street (rt 62), Wilmington, MA.

MEET REGISTRATION & ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

NETCA March 5th meet Holiday Inn, 700 Myles Standish Boulevard, Taunton, MA 02780

MAIL TO: Dennis Ingalls 220 Dean Street Norton, MA 02766

Mail registrations must be postmarked by **February 26th 2017**

ADMISSION: Regular and Guest @ \$5 times _____ (number of people) =	_____	line total
<u>Spouse and children are free at all times</u>		
<i>Policy change: senior members are asked to pay the admission fee</i>		
TABLES: Regular and Senior @ \$25 times _____ (number wanted) =	_____	
	Grand Total	_____

Enclosed is a check payable to NETCA in the amount of \$ _____ for the **March 5th** meet

Dealer Table Rental Carries The Responsibility To Keep The Tables Open Until 1:00

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

Names of others attending: Spouse _____
Children (names & ages) _____
Guest & Address _____

Holiday Inn Taunton
700 Myles Standish Boulevard
Taunton, MA 02780

Directions

From the North

Take Exit 9 from route 495

At the end of exit turn right onto Bay Street

At first traffic light turn right on to Myles Standish Blvd

Holiday Inn will be on your right.

From the South

Take Exit 9 from route 495

At the end of exit turn left onto Bay Street

Pass over 495

At second traffic light turn right onto Myles Standish Blvd

Holiday Inn will be on your right.

MARCH 5TH MEET AGENDA

7:30 Table holders admitted to the hall and will be able to unpack their boxes

There is to be no buying or selling before the meet opening is announced

9:00 Meet opens

12:00 Raffle drawing and prizes awarded

12:30 Auction is held

1:00 Meet ends

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NEW ENGLAND DIVISION of TCA 2017 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 March 5th meet.

If you mail the ballot, it must be postmarked no later than February 26th for it to be counted. Also, you must fill in your TCA membership number with your return address

Ballot may be included with meet registration – both are going to Dennis Ingalls
Mail to: Dennis Ingalls 220 Dean Street Norton, Mass 02766

If you bring the ballot to the March 5th meet, it must be handed to Dennis Ingalls by 11:00.

President

John Keating

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President-elect

Marty Visnick

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Vice-president

Todd Metcalf

write-in_____

Treasurer

Carl Wiley

write-in_____

Secretary

Peter Der Sarkisian

write-in_____

To mail the ballot, fold in thirds, tape shut and put a 49 cent stamp on it.

Remember to write your TCA membership number with your return address.

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: Dennis Ingalls, 220 Dean Street, Norton, MA 02766. Also, tickets may be given to Dennis 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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