



NETCA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FELLOW MEMBERS,

I trust that everyone had a very wonderful and healthy holiday season. It is the time of year to be inside and enjoying this great hobby of ours, either working on or operating our layouts or trying to enhance our collections with new and exciting additions to them. Our next meet is not very far in the future, it will be on March 15th at the Elks Lodge in Hudson, MA. Come one, come all to get the things that you need for your hobby, bring the children and grandchildren as we will have hands-on layouts for them to experience and have a great time.

Back on November 30th and December 1st NETCA held for the first time ever a two-day train meet. I will tell you this, I am pretty sure that we will do it again this December. Saturday was a complete success, there were crowds of people in the aisles for most of the day. The forecast for Sunday scared people away, although the snow didn't arrive until late in the day. The morning crowd was there and some of the people who had been there on Saturday came back on Sunday (at no charge) to pick up some of the things they had seen on Saturday. Overall the meet was a great success. Thank you all for your patronage in support of the club.

I would like to let you know that it does take volunteers from our membership to make these things happen. Right now we are seeking volunteers to help Ed Barulli, our Kid's Club Chairman with the Kid's Club, either at the Division level or in the Chapter that you are affiliated with. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Ed at etbarulli@comcast.net

Looking forward to seeing you on March 15th,

Joe Fanara

NETCA President

KIDS CLUB

Thank you to all of the vendors and members at the last two meets who have signed the scavenger hunt forms for the kids. Thanks to you, every child who participated won a prize. We also raffled off several larger prizes that were donated by members, as well as some T shirts given by TCA headquarters.

Since September we have set up a recruiting table at three chapter meets, two NETCA meets and the Greenberg show in Wilmington, Massachusetts. As a result of these efforts, we have over two dozen new Kids Club and TCA Teen members.

Just a reminder – if you know of any kids who are interested in trains, bring them or send them to the next meet and have them stop by the Kids Club table.

Ed Barulli

REPAIR CLINIC & TEST TRACK

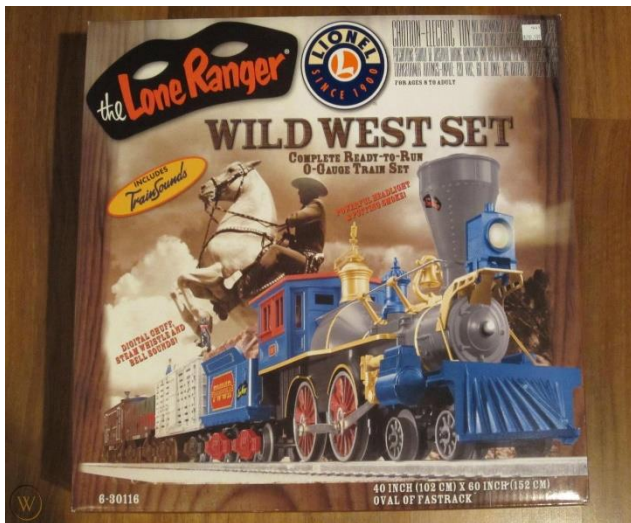
We invite you to bring your repair, restoration and maintenance questions and items for repair that you would like us to look at. We can provide references to repair experts and parts sources, prewar and postwar. There will be track loops for O, O27, S and standard gauge with both old electric and new electronic control systems.

As part of our effort to increase services to our members, NETCA is making repair clinics a regular part of our meets. We would like to provide advice on repair of any toy train locomotive, car or accessory made from 1900 to today, be it Ives, American Flyer, Marx, MTH or Lionel. Any member who would like us to be ready to cover a specific topic or would like to be on our panel of advisers is invited to contact the repair clinic coordinator, Malcolm Laughlin at malaughlinnyc@yahoo.com

OPERATIONS AT NETCA

Have a favorite train you would like to show off? It could be a restoration you are proud of or a type of train that most of us never see. See a 10E with passenger cars from 1918, 1929 and 1937. Our test loops are available in O, O27, S and standard gauges. Run for a few minutes, an hour or all day.

MARCH RAFFLE PRIZE



If ever there was a train set perfect for the 1950's, it would be Lionel's #30116 Wild West set, featuring the Lone Ranger and Tonto. While Lionel waited more than 50 years to produce this set, they got it right. Plus, the children of the 1950's are the railroad hobbyists of today.

The set features the General engine with headlight and smoke, a wood-filled tender that has Train-Sounds, an operating box car with the Lone Ranger and an outlaw, flat car with covered load and a baggage car with still more sounds. The set also includes a CW80 transformer and a 40 by 60 oval of FasTrack. Figures of the Lone Ranger, Tonto, Silver and Scout round out the set.

The set has a whopping catalog price of \$440, which definitely means it was not produced in the 1950's but as fans of the division raffle know, this set can be yours for as little as \$1.

To enter the raffle, fill out the tickets on the sheet included in the newsletter; the tickets can either be mailed to Mal Laughlin (address on raffle ticket sheet) or handed in at the winter meet. Ticket holders do not have to be present at the time of the drawing to win the prize. Don't stand on the sidelines – buy early and buy often! Good luck!

DECEMBER RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

The grand prize, Lionel's #84699 B&M RS-3, was awarded to Dick Thibault. The delighted winner happily accepted the diesel, which can be run by remote (included) or by transformer and is a handsome replica of Alco's popular diesel. Len Lenzen took home the NETCA 2008 convention car Ben & Jerry's reefer, a very attractive car in blue, green and white. Len was a little disappointed that the ice cream inside the reefer had disappeared. Joe Fanara won the third prize, a photo of a steam engine. The raffle's fourth prize of two photos of steam engines was claimed by a member who wished to remain anonymous.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

To be informed about the Southern Chapter's activities, visit www.snechapter.org

The next SNEC meet will be held on March 8th at the Varnum Armory, 6 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI. For a show flyer, visit the chapter website.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

To be informed about the Northern Chapter's activities, visit www.netca.org and click on Chapter web pages.

The next NONEC train show will be held on April 4, 2020 at the Dover Lodge of Elks, 282 Durham Road, Dover, NH 03820

NETCA MONEY

Six certificates, each worth \$20 at the March 15th meet, will be awarded to those who attend the meet. These certificates can only be used at the March meet and only for items related to the railroad hobby. Use the entire certificate, for no change will be given. For example, if you use only \$10 worth of certificates, the other \$10 will be forfeited.

The purpose of the certificates is to support both dealers and customers. Dealers who receive these certificates for merchandise can exchange them for cash by going to the registration table.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

March 15 NETCA Elks Lodge 99 Park Street Hudson, MA 01749

See last page for directions to this location and the meet agenda

February 9 Classic Shows LLC Model Railroad Show Stillwood Inn 1074 South Colony Road Wallingford, CT 9:00 – 2:00. Info: Lud Spinelli 203-926-1327 or Lspinelli49@aol.com

February 23 Worcester Model Railroad Club Show Auburn/Worcester Elks Lodge Route 12 Auburn, MA 10:00 – 3:00 Dealer tables and layouts. Info: wmrr.org

March 8 Southern NE Chapter Show Varnum Armory 6 Main Street East Greenwich, RI 9:00 – 2:00 Layouts, door prize, vendor tables, kids operating layouts. Info: trainshow@cox.net

March 28 + 29 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

April TBD Boston Metro Hi Railers Open House 5 Waltham Street (route 62) Wilmington, MA 10:00 – 4:00. Visit O gauge layouts and talk with members. Info: pip399@gmail.com

April 4 NONEC Train Show. Elks Lodge 282 Durham Rd Dover, NH. 10:00 – 3:00. Dealers with all scales, layout, railroadians. Info: efmenter@aol.com or phone 603-362-4300.

April 24 – 25 Eastern Division Meet York, PA. Info & registration form: www.easterntca.org

April 26 Hooksett Lions Club Train Show. Cawley Middle School route 27 Hooksett, NH. 10:00 – 3:00. Dealers, operating layouts, food. Info: hooksettlionsclub@yahoo.com

April 26 CVMRR Train Show. Kearsarge Middle School 32 Gile Pond Rd North Sutton, NH. 10:00 – 3:00. Dealer tables, layouts, food. Info: Larry 603-298-3355 (weekends, eves till 9:00)

May TBD Contoocook Riverway Association Train Show. Hopkinton High School 297 Park Ave Contoocook, NH. 10:00 – 4:00 Dealer tables, layouts, raffle, food. Info: keith@contoocook.net

May 10 Metrowest Model RR Train Show. Elks Lodge 99 Park Ave Hudson, MA. 10:00 – 3:00. Dealers, operating layouts. Info: bigbrotherlar@netzero.com

May TBD Chester on Track. Chester, MA. Railroad celebration featuring model train show, vintage vehicle parade, Bakers Chocolate tank car in 1:1 scale, frequent appearances by CSX freight trains, stone arch RR bridges, food and more. FREE to all (donations accepted)

September 20 Old Colony Model RR Club Show Taunton, MA Holiday Inn exit 9 route 495. 10:00 – 3:30. Dealer tables & layouts. Info: Dennis at dingalls@comcast.net or 508-285-3963

UPCOMING AUCTION

NETCA member Evan Gavrilles will hold an auction of a one-owner extensive collection of postwar Lionel trains on Ferbruary 22nd at the Village Club, 83 Morton Street, Needham, Massachusetts 02494. Preview begins at 10:30 am, with the auction scheduled to start at 12 noon. The auction list runs the gamut of train sets, locomotives, rolling stock, accessories, track, transformers, aluminum shelving and Hess trucks.

For photos and a complete auction list, visit www.gabrielsauctions.com

DIRECTIONS TO HUDSON, MA ELKS LODGE

DIRECTIONS TO HUDSON-CONCORD ELKS LODGE 99 PARK ST HUDSON, MA 01749

Route 495 to exit 27 – route 117 Bolton, Stow

0.6 mile, slight right onto Hudson Road

Hudson Road becomes route 85/Lincoln Street

1.3 miles, left onto route 62

0.1 mile, short right onto route 85

0.1 mile, right onto Park Street – Armory on corner

0.5 mile, Elks Lodge

MEET REGISTRATION & ADDRESS CHANGE

NETCA March 15th meet Elks Lodge 99 Park Street Hudson, Mass 01749

MAIL TO: Malcolm Laughlin 19 Holden Road Belmont, MA 02478

Mail registrations must be postmarked by March 8th 2020

ADMISSION: Regular and Guest @ \$5 times _____ (number of people) = _____

Spouse and children are free at all times

Policy change: senior members are asked to pay the admission fee

TABLES: Regular and Senior @ \$25 times _____ (number wanted) = _____

TABLE FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE ADMISSION FEE Grand Total _____

Enclosed is a check payable to NETCA in the amount of \$ _____ for the March 15th 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 # _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

[] PLEASE CHECK HERE IF THIS IS A NEW ADDRESS

Names of others attending: Spouse _____

Children (names & ages) _____

Guest & address _____

Malcolm Laughlin at mlaughlinnyc@yahoo.com

MEET AGENDA MARCH 15, 2020

8:00 am Table holders will be admitted into hall and can unpack their boxes

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

9:00 am Membership meeting in the foyer

10:00 am Meet opens

NETCA Money certificates awarded throughout the meet

1:00 pm Raffle drawing and grand prize awarded

2:00 pm Meet ends

RAFFLE TICKET SHEET

The attached tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5. If more tickets are needed, please copy this sheet. Fill out the tickets, cut them into individual tickets and mail them and a check payable to NETCA to **Malcolm Laughlin, 19 Holden Road, Belmont, MA 02478**. Also, tickets may be given to Mal at the division meet. You do not have to be present to win the grand prize.

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