

NETCA NEWS NOVEMBER 2018

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“I DON’T BUY TRAINS – I ADOPT THEM.”

Name withheld to protect his personal domestic tranquility

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The fall train season is half completed, as we have had at least one dozen train shows throughout New England. The Southern and Northern chapters of NETCA have held their first meets of the season, while the division held its initial meet in September at the Army/Navy Club in Manchester, Connecticut.

We certainly had a busy summer with the TCA national convention held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, Rhode Island. Our convention was one of the most successful TCA has ever had. NETCA’s Convention Committee did a fantastic job! The tours, layouts, Kids Club, welcome party and banquet were wonderful. Marty and Irene Visnick opened their home to visitors on Tuesday of convention week, complete with buffet and refreshments. A big thank-you to the Visnicks! If you have not seen Marty’s outstanding collection, you have missed something magnificent.

I would also like to commend the Bristol S Gaugers for their fine job hosting the NASG convention in July, while LOTS did an equally commendable job with their convention, also held in July. New Englanders were treated to not one, but three national conventions this summer.

Our next division meet will be held on December 16th at the Elks Lodge in Hudson, Mass. This location is a new venue for NETCA and I encourage all members to attend.

On a sad note, we extend our condolences to Marion Ritcey and her family on the recent passing of Bob Ritcey. Bob was a NETCA member for over 35 years and was a familiar face at division functions. He will be greatly missed.

Todd Metcalf

ROUNDUP

The 2018 TCA national convention, held in Warwick, RI, was a great success, with success measured by how happy those attended were and by the many positive comments received. In addition, the convention was a financial success, which is a significant positive for NETCA and the Association. While there are too many organizers, planners and volunteers to list, everyone connected with the convention deserves a hearty thank-you from the membership.

On a local level, division members should turn out in force for the December 16th division meet, to be held in Hudson, MA. All of us who belong to the group do so because trains, both real and model, mean something special, reach us on a level that few other things do. In addition to the trains, the people we meet in our hobby are also special.

The meet provides an opportunity to enjoy the trains and the people and we sincerely hope that all of you will join us on December 16th.

There will be a board of directors meeting before the meet opens. This meeting will give you the opportunity to see what issues the officers consider and what actions they take for the benefit of NETCA.

2019 DIVISION ELECTION

At the December 16th division meet, nominations will be accepted for the 2019 election of officers, which will be held during the first quarter. NETCA needs new people to step forward to run for office; the more people who have the experience of decision-making, the stronger NETCA will be. Please accept the opportunity to help make the division better by running for office. For an example of someone who is working hard for the division, read the following article.

KIDS CLUB ACTIVITIES

Club coordinator Ed Barulli talks the talk and walks the walk. Ed devoted much of the weekend of November 17th and 18th to Kids Club by manning a table at the Wilmington, MA Greenberg train show. Ed, assisted by Mike McCluskey and his son Sean, handed out literature and spoke with every passerby about Kids Club and TCA. Ed went the extra mile by dressing as a train engineer, complete with overalls, red bandana and hat. While he looked the part, those who were not familiar with railroading asked him if he were dressed as a hobo! A tip of the cap to Ed for his efforts.

KIDS CLUB AND TCA TEENS NEWS

Ed Barulli has volunteered to be the coordinator for the division's Kids Club and TCA Teens. He hit the ground running at the 2018 convention in Warwick, RI by hosting workshops on building trees and cardstock buildings. Assisted by other volunteers, Ed also showed videos on Brio and other toy trains.

At 11:00 am at the December 16th division meet, Ed will hold a meeting to which all children and grandchildren of members are invited. If you have questions, Ed's phone number is 978-815-7952, while his e-mail is etbarulli@comcast.net

There will be a freight car contest open to all members of Kids Club and TCA Teens Start with a flat car in O or S scale, then add anything that you want to make the flat realistic, prototypically correct or just plain funny. Bring your cars on December 16th !

NEW ACTIVITIES AT NETCA

Table of Free Items – bring any toy train items that you don't want to throw out, but are unlikely to be salable. On the chance that someone can use your unwanted item, donate it to the table. The free table was inspired by a Lionel #604 observation that I am restoring. #604 was on a free table at a recent meet; while I wouldn't have paid even \$2 for it, since it was free, I decided to take on the project. This car will be running on my layout on December 16th. Anyone is invited to either leave items or take them from the free table, known as the **NETCA Recycling Center**.

Test/Display Layout – I am going to be running an O gauge layout at the meet. The layout will be available for all to run engines, cars and accessories – anything that you'd like to show off to other members. Any item made between 1898 and 1969 that will run on O gauge track is welcome.

I will have test facilities for locos, cars, accessories, switches, transformers, etc, as long as they use 1 – 25 volts AC.

I would like to speak with anyone who is interested in participating or helping with the free table and the test/operating layout. Feel free to call me any time before the meet.

Malcom Laughlin 617-489-4383

DIVISION CARS

Great news! Both the 2019 NETCA S gauge American Flyer Ocean Spray reefers and the 2019 NETCA O gauge Lionel Toll House #9800 series reefers will be available at the December 16th meet.

The S gauge Ocean Spray car is \$100; only 65 of these handsome reefers have been produced.



The O gauge Toll House reefer is \$100; just 50 of these beauties have been made. When the Ocean Spray and Toll House cars are sold, they will be gone – no more will be produced.

Joe Fanara

DECEMBER RAFFLE PRIZES

There will be one grand prize at the December 16th raffle, and it will be a prize worthy of the “grand” designation. Lionel #82296 Erie AA Alcos feature LionChief Plus, which allows operation by transformer or remote, RailSounds, constant speed control, traction tires and most importantly, dual motors for those heavy consists. Both units boast directional headlights and puffing smoke from four stacks each! These Alcos are in the familiar livery of black with yellow hoods and side stripes.

#82296 is cataloged at \$499.99, but these units can operate on your mainline for just \$1.



To enter the raffle, fill out the tickets on the sheet below; the tickets can either be mailed to Peter Der Sarkisian (address on raffle ticket sheet) or handed in at the December 16th meet. Ticket holders do not have to be present at the time of the drawing to win the grand prize.

Don't stand on the sidelines; buy early and buy often! Good luck!

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE RESULTS

After winning #81311 Alaska 4-6-2 LionChief Plus, Harry Golden discovered that he had a lot of new friends. He politely turned down their offers to run his handsome steamer on their layouts and advised them to buy their own tickets for the next raffle.

This group of hangers-on then turned their attention to Stan Troski, who won #5859 Woodland Scenics H & H Feed Mill. Like Harry, Stan was unimpressed by this attention. After realizing that this massive building would not fit on his layout, Stan generously donated the feed mill to NETCA for use as a future prize.

Thank you to all who participated in the raffle.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

To be informed about the Southern Chapter's activities, visit www.netca.org and click on Chapter Web Pages. A chapter train meet was held on September 15th in Warwick, Rhode Island.

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NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

To be informed about the Northern Chapter's activities, visit www.netca.org and click on Chapter web pages. A chapter train meet will be held on April 6th 2019 in Dover, New Hampshire at the Elks Lodge.

BOSTON METRO OPEN HOUSE

The Boston Metro Hi-Railers club will host an open house on Saturday, December 8th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at its clubhouse at 5 Waltham Street, Wilmington, MA. Waltham Street is off route 62 near the Mass Registry office. The open house will offer attractions for families, train enthusiasts and hobbyists alike. The three children's layouts are especially interesting as boys and girls of all sizes can have hands-on experience running trains or just watching others do so.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

December 16 NETCA Elks Lodge 99 Park Street Hudson, MA 01749
See last page for directions to this location and the meet agenda

December 1 + 2 New England Model Train Expo, Royal Plaza Trade Center, Route 20 Marlboro, Mass. 10:00 – 5:00. 220 dealer tables, operating layouts in every scale, railroad books, photos and artifacts. Info: www.hubdiv.org

December 1 Winooski Dollars for Scholars train show Winooski Educational Center Route 89, exit 16 Winooski, Vermont. 10:00 – 3:00. Info: Google.com/view/winooskitrainshow/home

December 8 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: 781-944-1794 or e-mail Robth@comcast.net

January 26 + 27 Amherst Railway Society Show Eastern States Exposition Memorial Avenue West Springfield, MA 9:00 – 5:00 Info: railroadhobbyshow.com

February 10 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 16 & 17 Greenberg Show Swansea Mall Event Center 262 Mall Drive Swansea, MA 02777 10:00 – 4:00. Info: trainshow.com/swansea

February 24 Worcester Model Railroad Club Show Auburn/Worcester Elks Lodge Route 12 Auburn, MA 10:00 – 3:00 Dealer tables and layouts. Info: wmrr.org/show.php

NETCA MONEY

Five certificates, each worth \$25 at the December 16th meet, will be awarded by five drawings, beginning at 10:00 and continuing every 30 minutes. These certificates can only be used at the December 16th meet and only for items related to the railroad hobby.
No change will be given.

If you select a \$5 item and use the certificate, you forfeit the unused \$20.

The purpose of the certificates is to support both dealers and customers.

Dealers who receive these certificates can redeem them for \$25 in cash by going to the registration desk.

MEET REGISTRATION & ADDRESS CHANGE

NETCA December 16th meet Elks Lodge 99 Park Street Hudson, Mass 01749

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

Mail registrations must be postmarked by **December 3rd 2018**

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 @ \$20 times _____ (number wanted) = _____

Tables are 6 feet wide Tables are 6 feet wide Tables are 6 feet wide

TABLE FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE ADMISSION FEE Grand Total _____

Enclosed is a check payable to NETCA in the amount of \$ _____ for the **Dec 16th 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

NETCA DECEMBER 16TH AGENDA

7:00 am 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

8:45 Directors meeting

9:00 Meet opens

10:00 – 12:00 \$25 NETCA money certificates awarded every 30 minutes

12:30 Raffle drawing and prizes awarded

2:00 Meet ends

DIRECTIONS TO HUDSON-CONCORD ELKS LODGE

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

NETCA 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 Peter Der Sarkisian 529 Pearl St Reading, MA 01867. Also, tickets may be given to Peter at the division meet. You do not have to be present to win a grand prize.

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