

NETCA NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow members,

I would like to apologize to everyone on behalf of the NETCA BOD for our last newsletter getting out to you after the date of our September meet, we contracted with a new printing service and the time frame of sending them out was a bit late, hopefully we have corrected that and this one as well as future newsletters will get to you in a timely manner.

When you get this message it will be very close to holiday season. Time for Joy and happiness, our December 12th meet will be here before we know it. The meet will be at the Elks Lodge 99 Park St in Hudson, MA. Time to start thinking about your holiday train layout and all of the joy it will bring to you and your families. This will be where you can pick up those last minute items needed to make your holiday layout even better.

This will be our first indoor meet in over two years, it has been a long hard road for all of us. We will try to get back to our traditional type of meet with a raffle, door prizes (NETCA DOLLARS) and an auction. Food will be available at the meet. Tables will be socially distanced and masks must be worn at all times while in the building.

We are still seeking volunteers to help out at the meets, if anyone wishes to volunteer, you will be paid \$25.00 for the day mostly for set up and tear down at the end of the meet, also to help out with the Kid's Club activities, If you are interested please contact Ed Barulli at: etbarulli@comcast.net, or Malcolm Laughlin at: malaughlinnyc@yahoo.com, and let them know you wish to help out. I wish to thank you in advance for volunteering to help.

NETCA is also seeking new blood new and different volunteers to run for offices of NETCA Please nom-



inate someone you know or nominate yourself for the offices of President, President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, and at the same time we are seeking an individual to compile the newsletter a newsletter editor, we are in dire need of someone to take on this position currently being done by our webmaster Tim Sprague, Tim needs a break, he has much too much to do just keeping up with the website. Again I wish to thank you in advance for volunteering for any of these positions.

I also wanted to remind you that NETCA is not a corporation it is a club and unlike any other Division of TCA NETCA is not incorporated and we do not charge any additional dues as many of the other Divisions do, we strive and survive by our Commemorative car sales so, please help out and purchase one of our Commemorative cars either on the website or at one of the meets.

The 69th TCA Convention in 2023 will be hosted by us and will be held in Burlington, VT. The first fundraiser car has been ordered with Lionel a made in USA Amoskeag box car and will be here in early spring there will only be 100 of these cars produced, so I suggest you order one now not to miss out on this beautiful box car. The car can be viewed at NETCA.ORG. Anyone wishing to help out and volunteer at the Convention, you can contact me at: bigjoe88@verizon.net.

At this time on behalf of all of NETCA members I wish to send out our condolences to Alan Moore for the loss of his beloved wife Eileen.

That is all for now folks, I wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season

And as always All my best to you and for you,

Joe Fanara

2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION NETCA COMMEMORATIVE CAR #1
AMOSKEAG BOX CAR
 GENUINE LIONEL O-GAUGE



\$89.95

+ \$10 SHIPPING

- LIMITED PRODUCTION OF 100 UNITS
- PRE-ORDER NOW FOR SPRING '22 DELIVERY

Send a Check made out to NETCA for \$89.95 + \$10 shipping to:
 Dennis Ingalls, 220 Dean St. Norton, MA 02766 • Or, order via PayPal, see how at www.netca.org



The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company of Manchester, New Hampshire was the largest mill in the world at the turn of the 20th century - a mile in length along both shores of the Merrimack river. Those mills enabled Amoskeag to become the largest manufacturer of denim in the USA, as well as the exclusive supplier of denim to the Levi Strauss Company out in California. The Amoskeag Company was also the soul owners of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad. Most people are not aware of the huge number of employees Amoskeag had through New England. For many years they were one of the largest contributors to the New England economy.



RAFFLE: TAKE A CHANCE TO WIN A BOSTON RED SOX TRAIN SET

6 tickets for \$5 Tickets will also be available at the December 12, 2021 meet. Or you can mail these tickets and a check made payable to NETCA, send to Malcolm Laughlin, 19 Holden Road, Belmont MA 02478

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NETCA DECEMBER MEET '21

Sunday December 12

9am (TCA Members) or 10am (General Public) – 2pm

At The Hudson-Concord Elks, 99 Park St. Hudson, MA 01749

Admission: Free for TCA Members with your valid TCA Membership card • \$5 General Public

This will be our first in-door meet in almost two years! We're working hard to make this an exciting meet and hope to see you there!

Two rooms of trains, displays and space!



There will be NETCA Bucks prizes of \$25 given out every half hour!

NETCA Bucks can be used towards any purchase from our table holders on the day of the show only.

Auction at 11:45am

Operating Layouts

Repair Advise Table

NETCA Merchandise



Hats, Shirts as well as NETCA Commemorative cars will be available for purchase.



There will also be Gang Car Races at 11:00am

-the last car left on the track wins . You must bring your own car, Trolley or Gang car to enter. *Netca will not be responsible for any damage.

All state and local Covid rules will be followed. Check the web site Friday Prior to the event for any weather/cancellation information. (www.netca.org/netca-meets)

MEET REGISTRATION & ADDRESS CHANGE

9am-2pm, December 12, 2021; **Dealer Set up 8am** Hudson-Concord Elks Pavilion, 99 Park St. Hudson, MA 01749
MAIL TO: Malcolm Laughlin, 19 Holden Road, Belmont MA 02478 Registration must be postmarked by November 24, 2021

or EMAIL Malcolm Laughlin (preferred) at mlaughter@yahoo.com

ADMISSION: Free with current TCA membership card! Or \$5

TABLES: @ \$25 x number wanted _____ = _____

TOTAL Enclosed is a check **payable to NETCA** in the amount of \$ _____

Dealer Table Rental Carries The Responsibility To Keep The Tables Open Until 2:00 items brought for sale have to be trains or train-related

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 _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Please check here if this is a new address



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- *The First 2023 Convention Car*
- *Upcoming Division Elections*
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UPCOMING TRAIN MEETS

Here is a quick list of some upcoming Train Meets. You can get details on the NETCA web site for our meets, and you can also find the latest, greatest, comprehensive *Train Show List* that is put together by Sam Carr. Download this month's copy by visiting www.netca.org/shows-and-events

DNovember 20-21, 2021

Greenberg's Train and Toy Show at the Shriners Auditorium

99 Fordham Rod, Wilmington, MA 01887. Hours 10am-4pm both days.

For details please visit <http://greenbergshows.com>

December 12, 2021

NETCA Indoor Meet at the Hudson-Concord Elks

99 Park St. Hudson, MA 01749

Sunday December 12,

9am (*members*) 10am (*Public*)-2pm,
See the details on the inside pages of this newsletter!

January 9, 2022

NETCA Southern Chapter Show

Army Navy Hall, 1090 Main Street, Manchester, CT 06040

Sunday January 9, 2022 (*Snow date January 16*) Show hours 9am-2pm

Open to the Public! Admission: Adults \$5, Children under 12 are Free!

For more information, contact Dean Johnson at trainshow@cox.net or by calling 401-222-9708

January 29-30, 2022

Amherst Railway Society Show,

The Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield MA. 01089. Hours 9am-5pm on Saturday and 10am-5pm on Sunday. For details please visit

<http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com/>

ELECTIONS

NETCA will hold its officer election in the spring. We are encouraging everyone to consider running for one of the positions; **PRESIDENT-ELECT, VICE-PRESIDENT, TREASURER** and **SECRETARY**.

It is important to diversify the number of people who have held division office in order to increase the knowledge base of NETCA. In other words, the more people who are familiar with the procedures necessary to run the division and to be part of TCA, the better.

If you are not certain what would be involved with holding a division office, contact any of the current office holders, Their names and contact information are included in the newsletter masthead.

If you are interested in running for an office, you are welcome to nominate yourself; as well, you can be nominated by another member. **Watch for more information, or talk to someone at the upcoming meet!**