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PIZZAS AND AUCTIONS A PLENTY

What can be said when the Pizza tossingest Division in TCA and maybe in the entire world, notches another forty pies to our growing list of accomplishments? Well, you might just want to add that it was a mighty fine auction as well.

Needing to move a consignment of trains before the summer break, the normal eclectic Pizza Meetza which has seen its share of rare and unusual items, had a large assortment of trains from prewar to modern in HO, S, Flyer O, O, and O scale. Wow! But before we get to carried away with the auction itself let's get down to the April Business Meeting and what's on deck for June.

Sales tables were active even with the auction crew setting up the auction items early. Of course the friendliest place in the hall was still around the coffee club where Barbara Lautazi had the coffee ready for those early arrivals.

President Allen started the business meeting promptly on time and advised those in attendance that there was not much of the agenda and that because of the large size of the auction it was going to start at 12:30 with a thirty minute preview.

Division Secretary Angelo Lautazi reported 283 members in the Division and although no guests were in attendance for the business meeting, President Allen

reported that he had fielded several phone calls from the public who saw our flyers in the local train stores and they were planning on being present for the auction.

Division Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Division Savings Account balance is currently \$35,795.09 and Checking is \$6,072.54.

President Allen announced that there was very limited business to attend to in order to keep the meeting moving however one of the items needed was to choose an alternate to take his place at the National Convention. TCA requires that each Division submit the names of alternates so every Division and member is represented. Because of business schedules or family care commitments, the officers of the Division are unable to attend the convention this year and so an alternate must be chosen from the membership. After a brief discussion past Division President Gordon Wilson was chosen as the primary alternate and current National Convention Guideline Chair and also former Division President Fred Hunter was chosen as the second alternate.

Next Chris announced the progress of the Rio Grande Chapter's first fund raising chair. The concept and copyright approvals have been secured and Peter Atonna has been working with the train manufacturer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14 – June Division Meet and Spring Raffle Drawing – Phoenix, AZ

*** We will be in the smaller Faith and Learning Center meeting room ***

June 21 – 28 TCA 60th National Convention - Philadelphia, PA

July 12 – July "mini" Meet – No raffle prizes but a whole lotta fun! – Phoenix, AZ

Aug 16 – BEAT THE HEAT MEET – Prescott Activity Center – Prescott, AZ

Bus Ride and Show Flyer inside

for prototypes. At the moment everything is on schedule for the sale of the first Rio Grande fundraising car this fall and Peter is already working to get the second car approved. The second car is waiting for copyright licensing approval which is expected shortly.

Chris next announced that progress on the Division's module trailer had been postponed for a variety of reasons because many of the critical volunteers have been involved in other Division projects. Work is expected to resume in the upcoming weeks and Division hopes to have the trailer operational for Rail Fair and the Arizona Toy Train Show.

There was no further new or old business and Chris turned the floor over for announcements which he started out by talking about upcoming summer events. First he mentioned the West Valley Historical Train Show being held the following Saturday in Glendale. Several members attended the show last year and plan on returning again this year. Next Chris mentioned that he had been in contact with the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club and the Beat the Heat Show that is coming up in August. This annual event is almost a rite of passage for those of us who hunker down in the Valley of the Sun and many of us look forward to our Prescott get-away weekend. Next up Ivan English announced the upcoming National Toy Train Operating Museum summer show being held at the end of May. Ivan said a few tables were still available for those who wished to sell and many members announced they were planning on heading down for this kick off to summer train show.



The auction crew already very busy before the May Meet. Getting 180 lots ready in record time!

Chet Henry, who was quite the busy man, helped to clarify the upcoming September "Yet to be Named" auction. Lots would be sold the day of the auction for five dollars each. Members will bring in items they wish to have auctioned and they are in charge of their own lotting but the object, as always, is to have enough items or a unique item that will get everyone's interest and sell for at least fifty dollars.

The educational segment was a bit on the light side and the topic of what train or item that you were "married to" brought some interesting items. Starting things off Jonathan Peiffer discussed some colored telegraph/telephone insulators. Jonathan noted that as a child he was always fascinated by them. He mentioned that his Grandmother had a large collection of them and he was always attracted to two in particular. When it came time for his grandmother to break up the collection she remembered Jonathan's love of these two and set them aside for him. Christie Wilson brought in a Volkswagen Beetle on a flat car, and we learned that it, the Beetle not the flatcar was the first car she and Gordon had when they were newly married. Ralph Treichel brought in a nice prewar Lionel 238 freight set which happens to be his first train. Ralph considers it his first love, which was close enough to the topic.

Following the raffle prizes (space does not allow us to list all the winners but they were all very happy) the Pizzas arrived which made for a great close to the meeting and a great way to kick off the 19th Annual Pizza Meetza. Be sure to be around next year!



Still the happiest place at the meet (unless you win the Hudson Hundred) the coffee club was well prepared for the day



Although we took off part of his head, Bob Dennison had a nice restored Flyer prewar on his table



Where's the seller? Maybe getting a sneak peak at the auction items?



Two of the insulators that are now in Jonathan's collection. These two beauties came from his Grandmother's personal collection



Had to shrink the hall a bit to get all the trains lotted and set up before the auction



Ralph Treichel and his "baby" a Lionel prewar freight set and his original first train set



We know Christie was smiling we just happened to catch her explaining to the members that Gordon did fit in a Beetle, but it was a "bit" ago...

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – May 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 PM at the home of Mike and Michelle Dietrich.

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Beth Stange, on teleconference Greg Palmer, Phil Todd, and David Nycz

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes – the minutes of the April meeting were accepted as distributed

Treasurers Report - Treasurer, Bob Herman, reported that the Savings Account has a balance of \$35,795.09 and the Checking account has \$6,072.54. Bob submitted the Income/Expense report for April 2014. Bob reported that he has sent the \$1000 donation to National and \$3000 to the hotel for the 2014 ATTS.

Membership Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 283.

Old Business

Pizza Meet - The plan is to set up some tables for the auction in the morning so half the lots can be pre-staged. After the HO and S gauge lots are sold we will break for an early checkout.

Trailer Update - Chris has acquired a Z4000 transformer for the trailer. We continue to get donations from members.

After Meet Clinics - We might be meeting in the small hall for the June meet and we are not sure if this will work for the scheduled landscaping clinic. Phil suggested that we submit our meet schedule for 2015 to the Church by July of this year.

September Auction - We will ask again at the Saturday meet for members to suggest a "clever" name for hot dog auction September. Mike has received but a few entries so far.

Members Gift for Holiday Party - The Board has chosen the gifts for this year's party.

Division Convention Car Inventory - Angelo went through the list and reviewed the suggested prices with the Board. Next step is to gather photos to put together an offer sheet for our members.

New Business

Rio Grande Fund Raising Cars - Work with the fund raising cars will continue as planned. Lionel informed us that the "other" project is not a mint car.

Alternate for TCA Convention – None of the BOD will be going to the National Convention due to prior commitments and family issues. Chris will ask at the Saturday meet for possible alternates.

TCADD Bylaws - Chris asked that any suggested changes be submitted by the July meeting.

Raffle Prize Purchase - The club has purchased trains some closeout trains from Roy's Train store. We are sending a dozen to the Rio Grande to use in their Pumpkin meet. A few will go on Ebay and the rest to our raffle prize inventory.

Pumpkin Meet - David has asked that the Pumpkin meet flyer be posted on our web site. As the time gets closer it will also be posted on the Division's facebook page.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday June 11th at Beth's home.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

President's Message

What an incredible year it has been! June marks the halfway point and for some of you the start of summer vacations and time away from the Valley of the Sun.

Laurel and I got a chance for a quick get-away ourselves. My brother came over from California to be the caretaker for my Dad and we did something a little out of our comfort zone. We hiked down the Bright Angel Trail in the Grand Canyon and then went on a four day rafting trip. Both of us would do it again in a heartbeat, the rafting trip that is, the hike was a true once in a lifetime experience for us!

We honeymooned at the Canyon and used to take our kids there every year. We have been snowed in, rained in, almost smoked out one year with a fire and have seen all four seasons from the top, but this was the first time for either of us to see the Canyon from the bottom. The closest either of us had ever gotten was Indian Gardens, five miles down the trail.

So what does that have to do with TCA and Desert Division, well of course another first. A few years back Gordon Wilson took a mechanical Hafner set to Antarctica to be the first person to ever run a train on that continent. I remember Gordon talking about it and locked the idea into the back of my head. As you might have already guessed, I back packed down the Bright Angel Trail the Hafner set I had on display at the April Meet. I was a bit tired the first night from the hike, but on the second night I set up the set on a sandy beach of the Colorado River and ran the little set at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Although I am a bit partial to Marx and wanted to run a battery powered set, I choose the Hafner because it had an AT&SF "Grand Canyon Line" Box Car as part of the set. Gordon's set was donated to the National Toy Train Museum, my set has one more stop to make and I hope another first for the Division before it gets donated as well. After all doesn't a mentor always wish their protégé the best? Why settle for just one record when this little train has one more interesting stop to make. Stay tuned...



annual Pizza Meetza. So far in 2014 we have had over 1,000 lots of trains auctioned off! Quite an accomplishment for the Auction Committee and all our volunteers who make these things happen. Coordinating the lots, catalogs, food, and not to mention the hall and that nice little receipt you get with your total takes a big team effort. Make sure you thank Chet Henry and all the runners and helpers the next time you see them.

And speaking of auctions, remember that there is still one more on deck, the yet to be named fall auction where we will be serving free Costco Hot Dogs and maybe even a few Polish as well. Contact Chet or any Division officer if you would like information on how to get your items in this or any other auction we have scheduled.

Thanks to Delores Bean I have been forwarded the recipe from the beans I craved at the picnic. Between Brad Martin's sauerkraut and Delores' beans I am all set for the September Meet.

Albuquerque National Train Day photographs



Art Lite, Larry Moore, David Nycz and public train display



Our new tripod and signs



Chris Wieclaw our raffle Barker drawing in the crowd



John Spargo's layout continued to draw the crowd all day



Children's train ride was a big hit all day



Climbing wall was only 50 feet from our location



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By David Nycz – TCA 94-38787



National Train Day was a great success in promoting the Chapter and the Pumpkin Meet. Promotional Train Day flyers had been mailed to citizens with their water bills. The attendance was huge, with well over the 10,000 projected. We had a small display case filled with varies vintage trains, a tripod with signage, a tri-fold TCA display, and a toy train set raffle. We estimate that

there was over 600 raffle entries and we gave out hundreds of Pumpkin Meet flyers. The following people contributed to our success: George Domeny, John Anderson, Chris Wieclaw, Art Lites, Boyd Reasor, Frank Dean, Don Kuster, Scott & Elaine Eckstein, and Larry Moore and TCA member from Seattle.



John Spargo's layout, TCA tri-fold, Display case, tripod, all set up and here comes the public



The Rail Runner and Amtrak locomotives



All of trains were open for tours



Happy children view trains while the adults fill out raffle tickets for our drawing

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As I remember it – Amusement Park Live Steam Locomotive

Dale Schafer TCA 90-32477

Photographs courtesy "Remember in Albuquerque when..." Facebook page

I got my first motorcycle when I turned sixteen

I remember my mama raisin' cane with me

She said, "Son tell me why you want to ride that thing"

She didn't know about the blonde at the Dairy Queen. - Alan Jackson, "She Likes It Too"

When I was a sophomore at Highland High School in Albuquerque, I started my first real job, the year was 1952. I was hired by Chester French and our neighbor, Col. Mears, to work at Playland Amusement Park. At that time Playland was located on Central Avenue (Rt. 66) about a block from the Rio Grande River. In the front of the park was the body of a C-97 cargo plane that had crashed in the nearby Sandia Mountains. I remember there were two flights of stairs to go up to the cargo area. Inside the park there was a full sized "Big Eli" Ferris Wheel and a Merry-Go-Round along with a Kiddie Car ride and a Kiddie Boat Ride, mini Ferris Wheel and a Crosley Hook and Ladder fire truck.

Around the park was a railroad track which was 15 inches across the rails. The park was surrounded by a chain link fence and the track ran in a rectangle. At the rear there were two gates, the track went out one gate, around the dirt track for the fire truck and back in the other gate. The track then ran across the front of the park, in front of the C-97 turned and went into a Quonset hut that formed a tunnel. There were ends on the "tunnel" that were padlocked closed at night when the train was stored there at night. The locomotive was a coal fired 4-4-0 steam engine.

My job after school was to ride my Indian motorcycle down Lomas Blvd to Central Ave and over to the Playland Amusement Park. I unlocked the gate, rode into the park, locking the gate behind me. I then opened both ends of the tunnel and padlocked them to the perimeter chain link fence. Next I pushed the loco, tender and three cars out of the tunnel and over an ash pit between the rails where I could break up any ashes in the fire box from the night before. Then I would check for a half full sight glass of water and fill the firebox with paper and slivers of wood which I

made from a small hatchet. I then put a stove pipe in the smoke stack and attached the blower end of a Electro-lux vacuum cleaner to it. This provided the



draft for the starter fire, which I lit. When I got a firm base of wood coals I would start adding small pieces of coal which I remember came in gunny sacks. Soon I would have a good fire and some steam pressure. I don't remember at what pressure I took out the stove pipe and started to use steam from the boiler for draft. As the steam pressure came up I would add larger pieces of coal. Since the tender was the total source of water I made sure it was full of water. I don't remember all the places I had to grease before the evenings operation, but remember green grease in the gun and lots of oil on the slides.

I usually arrived about 3:20 PM. After building steam I drove the train to the back gate, unlocked it and locked it open. Then I slowly drove around the track outside the gates to check the track. I then opened the other gate and locked it open also. I checked the tracks as I went to the front of the park and stopped next to the coal tipple. The train carried no coal so it had a coaling station next to the tracks and had a small scoop that fit in the firebox door that

would be used to keep the firebox fully stoked. Most of the time I had a full head of steam, a full tender of water, and the coal tipple full of coal by the park opening at 5:00 PM.

I wish I had the picture of the locomotive my mother had, but it was never found after she passed on. I do remember there was a brass whistle with a cord that ran into a bracket in the cab. The front of the locomotive boiler was stainless steel and then a brass strap. Then an area that took carbon black to polish, another brass strap, then carbon black to the cab which was painted with auto paint and was polished with auto polish.

The only brakes were on the locomotive itself. Between the cab roof and the top of the boiler in the cab was a lever like an old pickup truck emergency handle. You pulled the lever for the brake and when



stopped you set the ratchet. To release the break when starting you squeezed the two handles together to release the ratchet. Below this on the right side was a T-Handle that you pulled to open the cylinder petcock when stopped. On the right were two screw valves with red handles. The upper valve opened the steam from the boiler to the smoke stack to create a draft. The lower was the throttle which had to be opened carefully to keep the drive wheels from spinning. Once moving, you closed the petcocks unless you wanted to move kids back from the track. On the left side, one above the other, were three red handled screw valves. The upper opened the water to go into the boiler. The middle valve opened the steam valve to push water into the boiler; I think these were called

water and steam injectors. When adding water the steam pressure went down as the water went up in the sight glass. Then you had to crack the right side steam valve to the smoke stack to create draft and build steam pressure up again. A third valve on the lower left side was the blow off valve. It was in case the water in the boiler got too low. It let the pressure down quickly to keep the boiler from blowing up. In the center just above the fire box under the cab cover were the two most important items, the water sight glass and the steam pressure gauge.

There was a small padded seat cushion on the front of the tender to sit on and a ledge at the back of the lower cab to put to put your feet on. The passenger cars looked like heavyweights cars with no tops. They had eight seats; a child was one ticket, if they were under a certain size an adult had to ride behind them. Adults were two tickets and my job was to just collect the tickets and of course, run the locomotive.

When the train was loaded it was a chore to get started without spinning the drivers. The couplers were links with bolted pins. There was enough to slightly reverse and yank the slack out. As hard as I try I cannot remember how to reverse the locomotive today.

When you got your load going you would come roaring down the east side straight, whistle screaming. We loved racing that old Crosley fire truck around the back lot, a turn to the south and then to the west and back around the loop again, slowing and stopping at the coal tipple. I would open the petcocks first thing, as I did not want to bend any rods on start up. I would start out with about 225 psi and end up at 165 psi or so when I got back after two rounds of the park.

I remember that Saturday was service day. The smoke box on the front of the locomotive opened up on hinges, after removing a bolt with a wing nut on the other side. The boiler tubes were brushed out with a long handled wire brush and the front of the smoke box was swept out.

I was told the locomotive was made in Kansas, had the same horse power as a six cylinder Dodge car engine and weighed 4,000 pounds. Some have told me

it could have been a Cagney locomotive but my memory of the locomotive and pictures I have seen do not show the stainless on the front of the smoke box and the tenders are different then what I remember.

There are things I am missing after sixty-two years and some of the procedures may be wrong, but I will always remember the water level and the steam pressure kept me from turning the locomotive into a

bomb. I hope my description can help to identify the manufacturer.

I went away to college and when I returned home to Albuquerque the park was moved and a gas powered diesel replaced the steam power. I never forgot the trust Chester French and Col. Mears placed in the hands of a teenage boy as I drove that locomotive around the park, and I have never forgotten the blonde at the Dairy Queen either.

A Quick and Easy (inexpensive) Layout

By Dan Palaschak TCA 89-28891

Editors's note: I received an email from Dan about some research I was doing as club historian. What follows are several excerpts from Dan's emails to me about his most recent train layout. I found it interesting and think you will also. (Used by permission)

Since we moved back in the area I have been looking for a reason to set up a new train layout. My wife gave me the Arizona room while she took the rest of the house, but I am happy. Well, we had some ladies from a church group having lunch in our common area behind me and they were invited to come in to see the trains run and view the wall of trains...my neighbor told me they loved it. The magic of trains once again!!

For the layout, I used storage cubes and bookcases to fill in the bottom a really cheap way to make it nice and also the layout (2 6'x4' boards) sits on an old oak table from a thrift store (\$14) you can't buy the wood for the bench work at that price let alone all the work involved. As we get old we get wiser!! I laid the track then just threw some stuff up for the ladies. I know I want two loops, 54 and 31 to run two trains but the rest of it will be in flux until I

decide what else to do. I know I need to move the Street Car track to make more room for more houses and buildings. Why do you never have enough room? The cube to the right is for the grandkids to store toys....have to take care of them. It is a work in progress but aren't they all?

Just a little more information on making the layout and cost;

Lowes – 2 roofing sheets cut in store for easy transport, \$10.49 each or \$20.98 (I think 4'x8' is too expensive today.)

Lowes – 2 wood laminate shelves for backsplash - \$15.98

Home Depot - Vinyl trim pieces - \$15.50

Thrift store table - \$14.00

Big Lots - buy one get one 50% cube storage - \$37.98

Big Lots - 2 dark wood laminate book shelf - \$29.98 or \$14.99 each with \$5 coupon

Big Lots - 1 clearance bookshelf (repaired) - \$11.99

A nice looking layout with plenty of storage underneath for under \$150.00. Good wood for the bench work would cost that! The fabric boxes for the cubes \$6.75 for 3 at Family Dollar. Smaller beige one when you can find them are \$1 at Dollar tree.

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You don't need much space, or go to a lot of expense to run trains as Dan points out.



Those of us with grandkids like the idea of sharing a bit of space for their toys next to ours.



BEAT THE HEAT MEET

By Peter Atonna TCA 75-7578

Have you marked your calendar for this year's edition of the Beat the Heat Swap Meet in Prescott? This year's event will be held on August 16th. Prescott will be looking really good come August. Our event is sponsored by the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club and features 90 tables of goodies, an afternoon of layout visiting and an invitation for you to enjoy the weekend in the Prescott area. The meet is held at the Prescott Activity Center, 800 E. Gurley in downtown Prescott. If you haven't come before, the Activity Center is right on the main street, a half mile after you enter town on SR 69 or 89. Just follow the signs to Gurley Street.

Each year we have been selling out our sales tables so you will have a great selection of trains. Admission is \$5 with kids under 12 free with an adult. The show starts at 9am and runs to 1pm. Table reservations are close to selling out, so if you are looking to sell, please get your reservation in ASAP. They are \$25 each and that includes one admission and must be paid in advance. Dealer setup is 7 - 9am. Send your reservation with your check to Dick Gauge, 1972 Oak Hill Circle Prescott, AZ 86301. If you have questions, call him at (c) 802-272-1352 or email to: vttoaz@cableone.net.

To help you plan, here are some of the weekend's activities around the Prescott area.

Shopping - Prescott has one of the finest antique and arts districts in the state. Located downtown, less than a mile from the Activity Center, the district lines Cortez and Marina Streets.

Museums - Next door to the Activity Center is the Smoki Museum, while downtown is Sharrott Hall Museum and just north of town is the Phippen Art Museum

Train Rides - Both the Grand Canyon Railway and the Verde Canyon Railroad are less than two hours from Prescott and would make a great Sunday activity.

Outdoor activities - The Prescott area is a jumping off point for camping and fishing in the Bradshaw Mountains, bike riding on many of the area highways and hiking in Thumb Butte, Granite Mountain or the Peavine Rails to Trails. Lynx and Watson Lakes are great picnic locations.

Farmers Market - Yavapai College, located on Sheldon St. just north of the Activity Center, hosts a farmers market Saturday's 7:30 till noon.

Mortimer's Farm - Mortimer Nursery Farms located at the intersection of SR69 and SR169, on your way home, will have a crop of corn and other goodies ready for you.

Open Houses - The Prescott area is home to a number of

home layouts and we are happy to share some of the best with our visitors. Six fellows have generously opened their layouts and collections for your enjoyment.

Time for visiting starts at 2pm on Saturday, after the meet. There will be maps available at the meet registration table. Be sure to pick one up on your way in. Marlin Benson - Three rooms filled with O gauge trains and displays. His high rail layout occupies two rooms. A Large Scale loop lines the walls and a Christmas themed layout are included in one train room.

Stan Cedarleaf - An outdoor Large Scale layout over 100 feet long with multiple trains running. Be sure to enjoy the "crows nest" viewing spot.

Warren Webster - Another outdoor Large Scale layout, just down the street from Stan, with multiple loops and spectacular wooden bridges in a delightful outdoor setting.

Peter Atonna - Large O gauge high rail and On30, fully sceniced layout. Displays of prewar and postwar Standard and O gauge trains.

Scott Hicks - A garden layout in the large back yard of his historic home, just walking distance from the Activity Center

Donn Pease - A large HO gauge layout depicting the Southern Pacific in the Tucson area. Trains are running and scenery is under way.

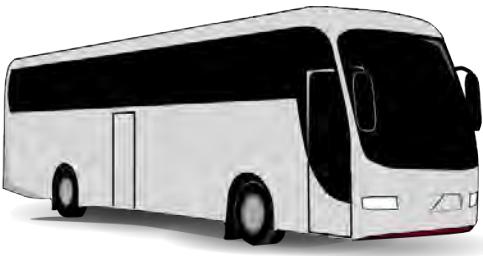
We hope you plan to spend the weekend in Prescott. If you would like a nearby motel for your stay, here are some suggestions (the Prescott area code is 928):

A short distance from the Activity Center are:

- + Heritage House Motel (across the street from the Activity Center) 819 E. Gurley 445-9091
- + American Motel, 1211 E Gurley 778-4322
- + Econo Lodge, 1225 E. Gurley 445-7057
- Motel 6, 1111 E. Sheldon - 776-0160
- Quality Inn, 1105 E. Sheldon - 800-997-5148
- Best Western Prescotonian, 1317 E. Gurley - 800-230-4134
- Prescott Resort, 1500 SR 69 - 800-997-5149

If you would like to stay at a beautiful historic downtown hotel, we have:

- + Hotel St. Michael 205 W. Gurley 776-1999
 - + Hotel Vendome 230 S. Cortez 776-0900
 - + Hassayampa Inn 122 E. Gurley 778-9434
 - + Marriott SpringHill Suits in Depot Square 776-0998.
- Don't forget the downtown hotels are right in the middle of Prescott's arts and antique shopping district.



“BEAT THE HEAT” SWAP MEET & LAYOUT TOUR TO COOL PRESCOTT, AZ

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north of the McDonalds

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PREScott'S BEAT THE HEAT Model Trains & Old Boys' Toys SWAP MEET

Saturday August 16, 2014 9 AM - 1 PM

At the Prescott Activity Center 824 E Gurley St

Presented By:

**The Central Arizona Model RR Club
Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 and under Free**

Contact: Dick Gage (c) 802 272-1352 CAMRRC Treasurer
Steve Bumgardner 928 775-3184 CAMRRC President

Table Reservations \$25.00 per table in advance

Table Sales are Subject to Availability

1 Free Admission with Each Table

Dealer Setup Time 7-9 AM --- No Early Public Admission

The CAMRRC is Not Responsible for Lost or Stolen Items

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Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of Tables _____ (Limit 4 Tables per seller) @ \$25.00 each _____

Helper Name _____ @ 4.00 each _____

Helper Name _____ @ 4.00 each _____

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FOR THINGS THAT DIDN'T FIT ELSEWHERE or BREAKING NEWS!



And who won the raffle prize at the Albuquerque National Train Day? Allow us to introduce you to Jeff (the actual winner) and his sister Jessica LaFlex. The Lionel set was donated by Rio Grande Chapter member Jim Trever.



Here's a little closer look at the display case with the TCA membership tri-fold in the background. The portable layout can be seen with the Rio Grande's article.



YOU CAN TAKE PICTURES IN THE HALLS AT YORK! Peter Atonna was among the first to snap this picture of the Ft Pitt module display. Very nice clever humorous scene.



A partial view of the Lionel booth at York. A tip of the Desert Division cap to the Eastern Division BOD for allowing photographs in some of the halls. WELL DONE!

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