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FALL TRAINS SEASON ARRIVES

Well Desert Division closed out summer in the most appropriate way, by having a hot dog feast for our members on the heels of Labor Day weekend. But if that wasn't enough, at the same time we kicked off the fall train season with an early train auction. Both of which were hits with our members, especially Delores Bean's now famous Baked Bean Quintet which we published last month. Even after making a double batch, we still ran out before everyone had a taste.

Although it is widely accepted that Desert Division is recognized as having as many foodies as collectors, we still had to get the business of the day done before our lunchtime treat. Sally Treichel filled in for Barbara Lautazi, even though Angelo still had to bring everything into the meet. Remember to thank everyone involved with our coffee club next time you see them. Our tradition of a pre-meeting coffee club goes back to the Scottsdale Jaycees hall and one of the finest gentleman I have meet in my life, Bill Leach, a man who was not a TCA member but was there every meeting for us. When Bill got ill, Shirley Hunter organized that has changed faces and locations but has

remained faithful and has been serving the Division behind the scenes for over fifteen years.

President Allen called the meeting to order and Secretary Angelo Lautazi reported that our current Division membership stands at 286. Seeing that it was still September and over 100°, we had no visitors. Division Treasurer Bob Herman reported that our current savings account has a balance of \$35,796.22 and Checking with a \$3,946.54 balance. Following the report President Allen announced that the figures just reported will soon take a radical hit. The contract for the first fundraiser for the Rio Grande Chapter has been signed with Lionel. The program hit a few snags over the summer and with the hard work of Rio Grande member Warren Smalley and fund raising chair Peter Atonna the first fund raiser is ready for sale. It will be a very limited run of 300 cars featuring the Cumbres and Toultec new logo on an outside braced Boxcar. However the car order will need to be prepaid and that along with the advertising costs will cut the savings account in half. As car sales come in, the temporary loan will be repaid first, with all the profits going to the Rio Grande

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4 – West Valley Railroad Historical Society Train Swap Meet – 9 AM - Glendale, AZ

October 11- 12 Rail Fair 2014 – McCormick Stillman Railroad Park - Scottsdale, AZ

October 11 – October **Division Meet** – 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Phoenix, AZ

October 26 – **Rio Grande Chapter – PUMPKIN MEET** – Albuquerque, NM – **Show flyer inside**

November 1 – Adobe Mountain “Everything Railroad” Train Swap Meet

November 14-15 Gadsden-Pacific TTOM Toy Train Show – Show flyer inside

November 21 – 23 - Cal-Stewart Train and Toy Meet – Ontario, CA

November 29 – The “Turkey Meat” Auction – 300+ lots of pre and postwar trains

8:00 AM preview Auction starts promptly at 9:00 AM – Shepherd of the Valley Church – Phoenix, AZ

convention fund. As with our convention fund, these monies will be used exclusively for the 2019 TCA National Convention and not mixed with the Rio Grande's normal treasury. With the high interest and limited production, it is anticipated that the car will sell out quickly.

Next Chris announced that the Division Module Trailer will make its debut at Rail Fair only if we have enough volunteers to man it. Vice President Mike Dietrich will be in charge of the two day event and passed around a signup sheet. It was quickly determined that even with so many of our members belonging to other clubs also participating at Rail Fair that weekend the event was a go. Remember if you are on the signup sheet manning the module and your name is pulled for the final Hudson Hundred, you will be considered to be in attendance at the Meet and be awarded the \$100.

Chris then noted that nominations for TCA National elections are currently underway and Division member and current TCA National Secretary Christie Wilson was nominated to run for National Secretary by Roland LaHaie with the unanimous vote of those in attendance.

ATTS Chair John Upshur announced that he is in need of inexpensive cars for the children to use for the train painting activity at the show. These cars can be the O gauge fixed couplers that you have been trying to sell for years or even some old HO stock you might have. Contact John for additional information or donations you might be able to make. Beth Stange, Table registration chair for the ATTS clarified that Division members pay no registration fee with their table purchase and Division members who only want to

shop, can early bird the show and get into the hall one hour ahead of the public by pre-registering.

Both Chris and Gordon Wilson talked about the Rio Grande's Pumpkin Meet as an excellent venue to sell trains to a different region of buyers. Less than a day's drive away and about the same distance as the Cal-Stewart Meet, the Pumpkin Meet is a nice one day show that sells out its limited tables early.

Chris finished out the announcements by stating that the annual tri-club Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 7th. The flyer for the party will only run in this and next month's edition of the newsletter and you will NOT be able to sign up at the ATTS, so get your registrations in early.

The educational segment featured Jonathan Peiffer bringing in the prototype for one of this year's TCA Convention Cars, the Merchants Dispatch Steel Side Reefer. This reefer features the rarely seen MDT oval logo and is a very attractive car. Jonathan also noted that the I♥NY American Flyer car was selling fast. Editors note; It is completely sold out at press time. Chris Allen brought in a variety of wavy flag cars that Lionel produced following our wavy flag mint car convention fundraiser.

The Mystery Greeter was Bill Lazenby who named Ray Pomper. Raffle prizes were won by Beth Stange Hudson ticket, Ralph Treichel Lionel TOFC, George Bean fire truck, Brodee Wood Weaver Boxcar, Mike Dietrich Train DVD's, Peter Atonna Bachmann Union Station, Sam McElwee Train DVD's, Angelo Lautazi Atlas Tank Car. Les Gnatz whose ticket was drawn for a raffle prize told us to pull another name, which we did. His generosity was rewarded later when his name was pulled for the Hudson Hundred.



The hall began filling up early in anticipation of the afternoon auction



Gordon Wilson getting ready for Oktoberfest. Yes it is train related, the General was glazed on the side.



Bob Johnson visiting Terry Haas and looking for a little pre-auction purchase



More train room and layout goodies



Jonathan Peiffer talking about the beautiful MDT scale reefer from the TCA Convention Car suite



With the smell of hot dogs in the air the members are hoping Chris finishes with the meeting soon!



The simple menu of hot dogs, beans and chips proved to be very appetizing for our members



Why is the condiment you need always on the other side of the table?

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – September 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 PM at the home of Beth Stange.

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Beth Stange, on teleconference Phil Todd and David Nycz. Phone problems prevented Greg Palmer from joining the meeting.

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed

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

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account has \$35,796.22 and Checking has \$3946.54. The Income/Expense report for August 2014 was reviewed. Bob noted that the Storage locker expense was high because we were using 2 units until this February. We will be transitioning to the new larger unit beginning with the Division module trailer following Rail Fair. Next, items from the ATTS will be stored there after the show in December. The current smaller locker already has consignment items for the November and January auctions. Rather than move them, we will continue to store them in the original unit and close it out following the January auction.

Membership Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 286

Old Business

Trailer Update - Chris expects to have the trailer ready to run by the October Rail Fair but would like confirmation of having members in place to operate the layout. Mike Dietrich will get volunteers at this Saturday's meet and will be in charge of the trailer at the railroad park.

September Hot Dogs and Cool Trains Member Auction - Laurel Allen will be picking up the hot dogs from Costco on Saturday at 10:30. We need to have the chafing dishes ready in the hall. Angelo will be bringing extra sodas and the Costco sodas will resupply the coffee club's soda.

New Business

Nominations for National Office - Beth nominated Christie Wilson for National Secretary and Bob has seconded. Chris will announce the nomination at the Saturday meet and have the membership present confirm the nomination.

Rio Grande Fund Raising Cars - A contract has been signed with Lionel for 300 Cumbres and Toltec boxcars. Peter is working on the Advertising. Ads will be placed in the Headquarters News and CTT in December. There was some discussion as whether we should include advertising in O Gauge Railroad magazine. When the costs were reviewed it was decided not to use OGR for this particular campaign.

Turkey Meat Auction - This is the tentative name for the 300 plus lot November 29th auction. We will have 100 catalogs for sale at the September Meet. At present there are no plans for food service during the lunch break.

ATTS Update and Direction - There was a meeting of the Arizona Toy Train Show committee on Monday and the event planning is moving ahead smoothly, many present also serve on that committee. There will not be any free TCA memberships given out this year.

Christmas Party Update - There will be no November meeting this year, as a result we must actively promote the Christmas Party earlier this year. Katie has received the Lennox ornaments. Fred Hunter is in charge of the member gifts and he is in the process of ordering them and confirming the shipping. The party reservations will be sent to Sally Treichel. The party's cost will be the same as last year.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 8th at Bob's home.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

President's Message

Who doesn't get excited this time of year? It's not just the start of train season but for many of you who follow football your long wait is over and for those of us who call Phoenix and the Valley home year round, the promise of cooler nights is much anticipated. I made a choice to move here, so you will never hear me complain about the heat, in fact as a typical contrarian that many of you know me as, I will begin complaining about the cold here soon enough.

But enough about the weather, fall brings on train season for most of us. The shows pick up and we dust off our wallets and trading skills and either build new empires or sell off excess stock that we have acquired and no longer need. The September Cool Trains Auction was the fourth auction this year and one more is still on the books.

The Division Board of Directors decided last spring that we will not have any more two-day auctions. Obviously, It is hard securing the church hall for a Sunday auction and it limits us to just a half day on Sunday. Quite frankly none of us are getting any younger and the two day auctions were wearing the volunteers a little ragged as well. With that in mind and already looking at 500+ lots under consignment we decided to bring back the fall auction but this time on Thanksgiving **Saturday**.

We feel the timing couldn't be better for those of you who plan to sell at the Arizona Toy Train Show or for those of you who want to get your Christmas shopping done early this year. The catalogs are on sale now and shortly after the October meet we will have a listing on line for you to review and quite a few pictures of the items up for sale. This is the first Desert Division auction I am aware of that will have a MTH Z-4000 go under the hammer. Yes, it's THAT kind of an auction!

But before we get too far ahead of ourselves, let's talk about the month ahead. October will be busy enough to get the boiler stoked up for the activities that are planned. The October Meet will be the last general Meet of the year. Because of Hall availability

or rather lack of, **we will NOT have a Division November Meet** in the smaller room. There are three train meets sponsored by other clubs in and around our area and our Auction that month so you will be quite busy jumping around from show to show. In fact if you start out with the Pumpkin Meet in Albuquerque you will have train Meets and auctions for six of the next seven weekends, ending of course with our own Arizona Toy Train Show on December 6th and our tri-club Christmas Party on the 7th. That sounds like quite a full calendar to me.

Also in October will be our return to Rail Fair running trains. In the past few years we have had static displays and while they do keep our name out in the community, nothing beats the mashing and crashing of gears, wheels and rails. The debut and shakeout of the Division module is planned and we hope you can stop by and see the work and effort by so many people and what they have accomplished. To be sure this is not how we have envisioned the completed trailer, but crucially need a tune-up run. The wiring will only be roughed in so that any modifications can be quickly accomplished and one small glitch found recently will need to be addressed but none of this should affect the fun of running trains for the first time on the trailer module. Vice President Mike Dietrich has taken the lead and will be at the park both days and is looking for full or part time volunteers so if you can help for even a few hours contact Mike or stop by the trailer after the meet on Saturday. Following this shakeout we will begin to mount the operating accessories that so many of you have donated. The fully operational trailer is planned to run at the Arizona Toy Train Show in December.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chris', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER SEPTEMBER MEET PICTURES



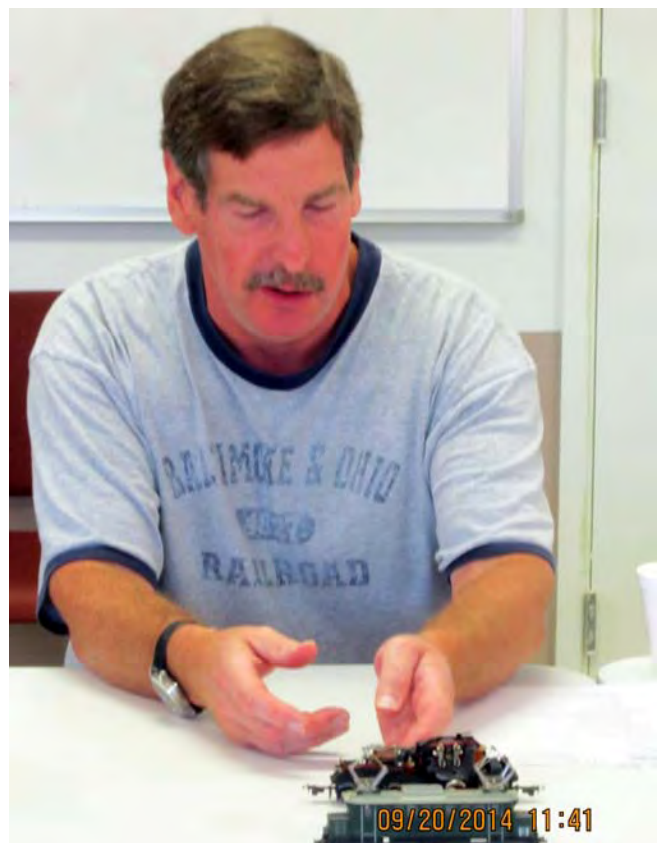
John Trever with postwar Lionel #53 Snow Plow and the rare normal "a" variation



Greg Palmer discussing and showing the Parts Order Sheets from the Lionel Service Manual



Greg also brought in several other items, including the General Model Reefer and Lionel 623



TCA member and visitor from Ohio, Mark Nielson and his Marklin HO 3 rail conversion



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By David Nycz – TCA 94-38787



The September Rio Grande Chapter meeting was held on September 20, 2014 at Los Altos Christian Church with 15 TCA members attending. Mark Nielson, a TCA member from Ohio, joined us for the meeting, his son just moved to New Mexico.

September is the beginning of the Toy Train season and college football, two highlights of the year. With Albuquerque's over 5,000 foot elevation, September also brings cooler weather.

Show and Tell: John Trever showed a #53 Snowplow from 1952 with "a" variation. John stated that this is a rare variation from the initial production. The first cars featured a normally positioned "a". This was quickly reversed to match the prototype once the mistake was pointed out to Lionel. Greg Palmer showed: a 1969 Parts Order Sheet from a Lionel service station, an AMT stockcar he was retrofitting as an idler car to couple both Lionel and scale cars to be able to use some of his scale cars, a Lionel 623 repainted to match a prototypical Santa Fe #2354 NW2 and a General models reefer kit. Mark Nielson showed a Marklin HO engine DD class E44, 3 rail AC from the 1950s he purchased at an Albuquerque mall.

Treasurer's Report: Don Kuster reported a current balance of \$1,662.37. **Board Member Report:** Art Lites shared information about a possible free meeting site that is centrally located, the Multigenerational Center, near La Cueva High School. Greg Palmer volunteered to check it out and report back to the club.

Old Business: National Train Day was very successful with over 700 people signing up for the free drawing of the train set that Jim Trever donated. These sign ups have generated email addresses to be used for notifications for the Pumpkin Meet with about 90% of the emails appearing to be legitimate. The first blast of emails announcing the train set winner and the Pumpkin Meet have already been sent.

The 2019 fund raiser car update: We will begin taking orders as soon as the sales sheet design is completed. Warren Smalley previously stated he will have an email blast sent to the over 2,200 friends of the Cumbers & Toltec members. Our goal is to sell a minimum of 300 of the Lionel wood sided scale box cars we will sell the cars at our Pumpkin Meet and have a table at the NMRA 2-day train show in November. The Division is placing ads in the TCA National Headquarter News and Classic Toy Trains magazine.

New Business: A request was made for raffle prize donations. Under Pumpkin Meet promotion efforts the following have already been or will be completed. Over a 1,000 flyers have been distributed in New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming. Over 100 tri-folds of a different design will be mailed to previous meet attendees and a second blast of emails will be sent. The Desert Division will have published the Pumpkin Meet flyer 3 times and provided us a free ad in the National Headquarters News. The locate G scale and the Santa Fe modules will email flyers to their members. Greg Palmer sent emails to ASHOME (HO) Club. Two ads will be placed in the Albuquerque Journal. The Desert Division has donated 12 train cars for our raffles. They also donated a Copper Range Mine train set. The Chapter members decided this set should be a separate raffle with tickets to be sold at both the Pumpkin Meet and NMRA Train show.

The 2015 meeting dates at Los Altos Church are: January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, (possible May 16) and September 19.

The Santa Fe train club will host an operating train show on October 4 & 5, 2014 at the Santa Fe Fair Grounds.

Our next scheduled event is the Pumpkin Meet on October 26th. Dealer's setup starts at 7:30. More door volunteers are needed for this event. Contact Don Kuster for more information at 505-293-3109.

Don't forget to purchase your tables for the Pumpkin Meet ASAP.

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Marx TCA Convention Cars - Part 1

by Chris Allen TCA 95-40580

I have reported before on how I began my quest for TCA Convention Cars shortly after becoming the Division historian. I continue to be intrigued in the fact that an organization that can tell you the special paint schemes made for Department stores or production miscues that might only be in the hundreds, has very little recorded information on their own convention and banquet cars.

Such is the plight of a ten year run of new era Marx cars that were offered from 1994 until 2003. I won't go into the "rebirth" of Marx and the fine people that were involved in trying to bring this classic toy back to collectors. New era Marx trains is a small subset of our broad hobby of collecting and annotating the history of all manufactures, big and small and many new era Marx trains continue to sell at a substantial premium today.



As mentioned the series ran for only ten years with three years producing passenger coaches and seven years of freight cars, there are actually fourteen cars total in the set because two of the three passenger years were sold in multicar sets.

In 1994 Eastern Division hosted the 40th TCA Anniversary at the York Fairgrounds and many of the convention cars that year reflected that theme including the very first Marx

offering. It was a two car set with a Railway Post Office car and an open vestibule type coach used by the Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad, affectionately known as the MA & PA. The cars were numbered 1954 and 1994 to reflect TCA's anniversary and with the help of TCA Librarian Jan Athey, I discovered that only 328 of the little two car set were made that year. The original selling price was \$77 and it was the second most expensive convention car that year coming behind a Lionel YORKRAIL GP9 that sold for \$135. The little two car set mint in the box still can be found for just about that price today although the two car set is quite often broken up and sold individually.

The following year, Pacific Northwest Division hosted the convention in Seattle and they produced what can only be described as the most whimsical car of the series, the J.B. Silvis UP Photography Car. Silvis was a photographer from Omaha and he would travel the UP trackage, taking pictures for brochures that encouraged the settling of the west. The car has several sleeping cats in the lithographed side and skylight. Originally selling for \$45, the car can be found today mint in the box cheaper than the original asking price.



1996 found the national convention in Dallas rather than Phoenix, but we will leave that story alone. One of the hardest to find (and photograph) Marx sets of the series, the four car Tarantula Railroad was issued. The four car Marx set sold for the exact same price as the Lionel 40th Anniversary full length "City of Dallas" vista dome passenger car at \$130. The other two O gauge offerings that year by K Line and Weaver both sold for under \$30 each.



There apparently were not a lot of sales and this is among the hardest to find car/set of the series. The four car set was modeled after the tourist attraction Tarantula Railroad, which is still in operation today. Now called the Grapevine Vintage Railroad, these cars are an accurate representation of the cars still hauling tourists 20 years after they first appeared. This set is almost always broken up, if and when found and usually sells for a slight premium.



What can you say about 1997 and the first national convention hosted by Desert

Division? New era Marx was becoming very popular and they were improving manufacturing techniques but they were just not ready for our design. The Black Mesa & Lake Powell Coal Hopper Car was one of the last new era cars lithographed rather than manufactured as a hopper. It does take a bit of imagination to see a hopper out of the design, but I feel that is what makes it so unique and true to the real spirit of Marx and toy trains in general. Featuring a realistic coal load, the little litho hopper sold for \$41.50 and sells for a slight premium today. The hopper has a certain charm to it and currently I am trying to put together a small coal drag consisting of these cars, they are after all, toy trains.



NETCA Division hosted the 1998 Convention in Providence Rhode Island and featured the Providence and Worcester Box Car. Rich in local history the P&W still operates today as a Class II railroad offering freight and occasional railfan excursions. Because of this and the heavy demand for the car in and around the New England area, the red boxcar usually sells for a nice premium over its original asking price of \$44.

In Part 2 of the series we will discuss the final five years of the new era Marx TCA Convention Car offerings. As you will see the change in manufacturing techniques and quality also inspired some very attractive cars. This translated into some very detailed and much sought after cars in the series.

DESERT DIVISION VISITS EMERITUS – PHOENIX

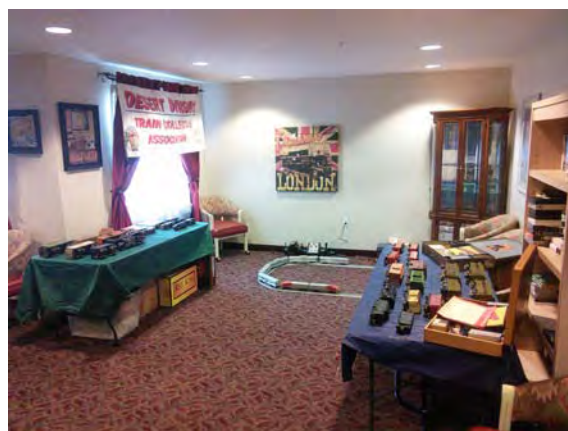
By Chris Allen TCA 95-40580

On September 10, I had the privilege to speak before some of the residents at the Emeritus Phoenix retirement facility. Invited by Life Enrichment Director Robinmarrie Carriere, we planned for a small display and demonstration of toy trains from various eras. She told me the residents were also interested in current trains so I planned for a wide selection. Space was a little cramped but the enthusiasm for toy trains from their childhood to present was over whelming. As Robinmarrie had suggested, many of the residents were as intrigued about how far the hobby has come from the trains they used to play with. Although I had a wide representation of prewar items I was surprised to see the reaction when I ran a fairly recent MTH steam locomotive and demonstrated the

sounds, including the whistle and bell by the DCS remote. Many questions about where the hobby is today, who still enjoys trains, were answered but it was the trip down memory lane and hearing their stories of childhood memories that made the day most memorable for me. Because of space limitations I could not setup the Standard Gauge track but ran prewar O gauge much to everyone's delight. One thing I did learn was that this center (and I am sure others) would like to accept donations of used train magazines. While I am sure they couldn't take a trunk load full I will begin contacting various centers around town so that future donations of train magazines to the Division can be sent there rather than the auction block.



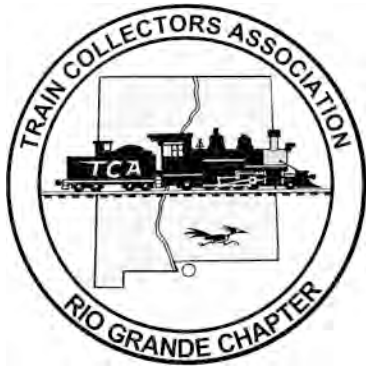
Static displays of prewar Standard and O gauge trains allowed the residents a chance to hold some of the trains from their youth



A simple loop of track on the floor in the TV room allowed for running several trains including a current production MTH locomotive

EDUCATIONAL SEGMENT FOR OCTOBER MEET

The last general meet of the year will feature an Educational segment that is open to your own imagination. With so many topics to choose from don't be afraid to bring in a spooky train, a pumpkin colored ATSF, even something in fall colors. The educational segment works if you share what you collect and find interesting and doesn't need to follow our suggestions, they are after all just some guidelines to keep things interesting and informative. We will begin with our after meet clinics in January, we still have many more interesting topics to cover, and keep wearing your name badges. The mystery greeter is scheduled to make one more appearance in October.



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Sunday, December 7, 2014

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4:00 PM: Meet and Greet (cash bar available)

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Nothing like a few hot dogs and a table full of friends



Chef Brad Martin enjoying a hot dog he didn't need to cook this time while Mike Dietrich contains a smile



The food line winding down. Good planning helped everyone get through and eating pretty quickly



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