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SUMMERTIME IN THE DIVISION

One thing you can always take to the bank, bring out the food and we bring out the members! The May Pizza Meetza welcomed a good crowd of over 65 members, including a few of our winter guests who will be heading for cooler climates to spend the summer. It was great to have them join us once more but no doubt they got out just in time because we are celebrating our first week of solid +100° days here in the Valley of the Sun as I am putting this newsletter to bed.

The early arrivals were able to get their wallets warmed up as we had a nice turnout of table sellers as well and everyone pitched in to get the hall setup quickly. Auction Chair Chet Henry was busy early setting up many of the lots for the afternoon auction and Janet Mattern was busy running between her sales table and keeping an eye on the free coffee and donuts we had available for the early birds.

President Allen got things rolling right on schedule at 10:00 AM and welcomed everyone to the 20th Anniversary of the Pizza Meetza. Chris gave a quick historical review of how the Pizza Party came into being before turning the meeting over to Angelo. Secretary Lautazi introduced our newest Division member Joe Fauty. Joe is already a TCA member and an expert model builder along with his many other talents. Angelo announced that with Joe joining our ranks our Division

membership now stands at 252.

Treasurer Bob Herman reported a Savings Account balance of \$27,798.13 and Checking Account balance of \$24,168.38, of that balance, \$13,360 are preorders received for the Lionel fundraiser.

With that sedge way President Allen reminded everyone that the Rio Grande fundraiser needs everyone's help. We are about 70 units away from breaking even and then the proceeds will begin to flow into the 2019 Convention Account.

The HO and G Gauge auction is set. It will be held on Saturday September 19th at our normal location in Phoenix. The G Gauge auction is scheduled for the morning, with our normal lunch break and then an afternoon of HO starting at 1 PM. The NMRA Southwest Regional Convention will be in town wrapping up that week and we did not want our auction to conflict with their trading pits so the auctions were flipped. The November Thanksgiving O gauge auction is still set for November 28th.

A quick recap of the Ray Korte Memorial Spring Picnic indicated everyone had a great time. There was better coordination with the other clubs who actively co-sponsor the event with us and that helped to iron out some of the past wrinkles we had making the event much smoother and enjoyable for everyone, including

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

June 13 – **Desert Division Meet** - 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Phoenix, AZ

June 20 – 28 TCA 61st NATIONAL CONVENTION - New York, New York

July 11 - **Desert Division “mini” Meet** - 8:30 AM member only swap & get together - No business meeting
NO RAFFLES OR HUDSON DRAWING – Just us tough old birds too stubborn to leave town for the summer

July 25 - Grand Canyon Model Railroaders - **“The Cactus Summer Meet”** - **NEW MEET AND NEW LOCATION**
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - North Phoenix Baptist Church 5757 N Central Av. Phoenix

the volunteers. All of the co-sponsors agreed that it was long overdue for us to extend the invitation to the other two clubs who share the Model Railroad Building at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park to join us. This was a simple thank you to them to enjoy lunch with us after they opened up their layouts for all of our members and their families to see and get a rare behind the scenes tour their layouts as well.

Next up Chris led a very informal discussion regarding the annual Hudson drawing. Things in TCA are changing and they are probably changing faster at the local level before they begin to resonate nationally. We have seen a trend away from post-war collecting for some time now. Chris also mentioned that we all have recognized the depressed market for pre and post war items and he opined that it has very little to do with the slow economy, the reality is our current membership trends are more towards better running and more prototypical designs .

The annual Hudson drawing is stuck in a sales slump and after the few early bird ticket buyers buy in for a better odds chance of winning the monthly Hudson Hundred, sales drag through the end of the drawing. The Division Board of Directors wondered maybe the prize itself was failing to get the attention of our current members. The Division Directors proposed that we would replace the Hudson with one of its more recent re-issues, most likely the centennial version of the Hudson

Well, the discussion was very lively and an informal poll showed a keen interest in something modern to be added to the mix. Gordon Wilson asked, "If we switched how many of you would buy a ticket?" Good question and the solution seems to be, offer a choice of locomotives, classic postwar, modern era, or the always popular \$750. Next year's drawing will be one to watch.

Peter Atonna spoke next on the upcoming changes for the popular summer destination, Prescott's CAMRR's, Beat the Heat Meet. The new venue is actually a bit closer, has ground level access, and most importantly for those of us who will be attending air conditioning instead of the big old fans at the Armory.

President Allen then asked Peter to stay up front and proceeded with, what can best be described as one of the best oopsie's we have seen. Seems there is no record of who the Board of Directors has awarded Lifetime Division Memberships to. At the last Board of Directors Meeting it was recommended that Peter be given the award for his years of tireless efforts on working procuring, transporting, cataloging, and conducting our auctions. There was only one problem, as Chris was prepared to comment on this and give

Peter the award he looked at Peter's name badge and discovered that Peter had already been awarded the Lifetime Membership. Fast recovery, or maybe a little song and dance will distract everyone? Congratulations Peter, and thank you twice over for everything you do for the Division.

Mart Wik was up next and had Barbara Lautazi pull the winning ticket for the 50/50 raffle. Beth Stange had the winning ticket and pocketed \$50. Thank you Marty for your idea and for all of you that participated.

The Educational Segment was left wide open for Mothers Day, National Train Day, or your choice. Mom won hands down. Jonathan Peiffer brought in four Amtrak diesels that represent the major motive power for Amtrak in their history. Greg Palmer had a red Marx Commodore that was a present from his grandmother. How she acquired it instead of a box of kitchen utensils made everyone laugh. Christie Wilson brought in the children's book, "The Little Engine That Could" and related the story about growing up and the sibling rivalry with her brother. Her favorite expression was "I can do that", and the storybook always reminded her of being determined to complete all her endeavors, even as a child. Ivan English brought in a Weaver Hayden Mills boxcar but instead related his Amtrak story about attending his first TCA convention via the train. After so many delays he ended up taking a one way flight just to get to the convention on time for one of his most desired tours. Dan Palaschak had a Lionel General locomotive on display and told the story that his mother wanted a train with a "cow catcher" and how he shopped to find the right one and some of the trains they looked at and the characters they met along the way. Chris Allen had the K Line MP-15 engine for the second set of TCA convention cars and related all the anomalies about the markings of the "set that is 100% Lionel cars, including the caboose, being pulled by the little K Line locomotive. Marty Wik displayed his latest online purchase an "S" gauge water tower. When it arrived Marty surmised that the S must have stood for Standard Gauge as it was way too big for his S scale layout. The members present voted that Dan Palaschak's story as the best and he was awarded ten raffle tickets. The Mystery Greeter said Jerry Sienkiewicz had his name badge on and had the best greeting of the day. Jerry also won ten raffle tickets. Raffle winners in no particular order; Chris Allen Hudson ticket, Loren Hess Lionel boxcar, Jerry Sienkiewicz TCA Roadsign set, Greg Palmer Lionel Boxcar, Bill East Fire Truck, Terry Haas CTT subscription, Bill East (repeat winner) Lionel Boxcar. The winner of the Hudson Hundred was Angelo Lautazi.



Chet Henry was busy getting some of the consigned items out early for members to preview



We also had sales tables up and running on both sides of the Hall, it was a very busy Meet



Greg Palmer talking about his good fortune by his Grandma's misfortune of missing kitchenware



Ivan's boxcar soon lead to a story about his trials by rail Amtrak story



Dan Palaschak won the educational raffle prize tickets with his story about finding a locomotive for his mother



Photo bombed by DeLon! But it still didn't keep the smiles off the faces of Angelo Lautazi getting the Hudson Hundred from Bob Herman

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – May 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM at the home of Beth Stange

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

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was approved as distributed

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes – The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Membership Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 251 members.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account has \$27,798.13 and Checking has \$24168.38. Bob submitted the Income/Expense report for April 2015. There was a short discussion on the amount of food and duplication for the Spring Picnic. Chris suggested we cover that on the picnic recap later in the meeting. Bob will have the picnic costs broken down on the next BOD Income/Expenses report after the final bills get submitted.

Old Business:

Rio Grande Fundraiser Sales – To date we have 169 cars sold so far. There was a question about the fundraising car budget containing PayPal fees. Chris said it did not and he would provide an updated budget reflecting actual monies spent and the anticipated PayPal transaction fees.

Arizona Toy Train Show – Contract remains unsigned. The board feels strongly that not having access to the hall on Friday put the contract at risk as there will be too much work in too little time to have an effective show. Chris will meet with John prior to the next BOD meeting for an update.

Ray Korte Memorial Spring Picnic The picnic was well attended and went smoothly. The communications with GCMR have improved but there was some confusion on food purchases and volunteers. The last minute invitation to the HO and N gauge model RR clubs to join the picnic was not communicated to our volunteer chef's who had already turned down the coals and those club members had to wait for their food to get cooked.

The HO and G gauge Auction - There are 2 dates available, Sept 19th or Oct 3rd. Chris will meet with Chet and Peter to finalize the date.

New Business

Pizza Meet – May 9th. The pizza meet is a 20 year old tradition of the DD. Beth will order the pizzas and have an 11 AM delivery. Auction Chair Chet Henry has over 70 lots consigned so far. Peter will conduct the auction. Chris proposed that Peter Atonna be made a life member for all his years as service and the rest of the Board agreed.

Hudson Raffle - Current sales of Hudson raffle tickets have been slow and we need to decide if we want to continue this raffle. If so, we need to purchase a Hudson for next year. It was decided to poll the members at the next meet to get some feedback and suggestions.

The Trailer Module - A question arose as to who will operate the trailer? There is some concern with the GCMR and other clubs in town that our trailer might cause some volunteer conflict because of member overlap. It was suggested that perhaps one person be appointed a Trailer Chairman who would schedule the trailer manning. The final wiring of the module was discussed among other minor tweaking before the fall train season. Chris, Bob and Angelo planned several work parties during the summer to complete the work needed on the trailer.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

The next board meeting is scheduled to be on Wednesday June 10th at the home of Beth Stange

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

President's Message

Here it is June, midyear for the Division and time for me to pack my bags and head to the TCA National Convention. I have been to New York Airports, but never to the city itself so I am looking forward to the convention and hoping that in-between the days of meetings I will get a chance to see some of the sights of this great city.

June also marks a short break for us in the Division, yes there will be a small mini meet in July with coffee, soda, donuts and a few of us old dogs that never seem to leave the Valley for too long a period. I will also get a short break as your humble editor and get a month off from newsletter duty. The July and August issue get combined into a Summer Edition which should go out in early August. Just in time for the Beat The Heat Meet, but a week or so too late for the new GCMR Cactus Meet. It's nice to see the GCMR pick up a train meet in the summer and I hope to see many of you there. I'm looking forward to it as much as the CAMRRC's new location in Prescott. Maybe Laurel will start joining me at my sales table again. For many years she just kept the motor running as I unloaded and then spent her day doing garage sales and bumming around town with her sisters until it was time to pick me up and buy her lunch because she was so tired from running all over Prescott. (I never give her my President's message to proof read)

One of the things I am noticing more and more is the new generation of members that are joining our ranks. Some of you might be them or actually more like me. I came into TCA from the HO model side of things. My youngest son was born in 1989 and while my oldest was very active in sports (and keeping me disgustingly fit trying to keep up with him) my youngest was quieter and computer bound. I got back into trains with several HO sets and eventually built a small door sized layout. Nothing fancy but in our small house it fit quite nicely and more importantly, could be stored out of the way. My parents had recently retired and in the process of downsizing and moving they had also returned my original Lionel freight set I had as a child.

So as the saying goes, all the stars were now in perfect alignment. At that time I noticed a little 3x5 card stuck up on the bulletin board at Roy's Train World in Mesa. It mentioned something about if you had a Lionel train and wanted it evaluated show up on

Saturday at 10:00 AM and someone would tell you what it was worth.

That turned into my first meeting with Tom Stange and Gordon Wilson and my introduction into the world of TCA. Gordon taught me the wonderful world of variations, a theme my mother always talked about when it came to observing the world and noting the differences that occur day to day. From Tom I learned patience and if you can't afford everything, focus on something you really like and get very good at collecting and learning about that one area.

So the operator slowly turned collector. I always liked all the motorized postwar items that Lionel offered and began my collection with them. Tom also taught me to have fun with my collection and the first time I saw him with five #50 gang cars on the same track bumping into each other at Chris Town Mall causing such a wonderful "controlled" chaos I was hooked!

I still operate when I can. In fact half of my collection are trains that I love to operate, not only for my enjoyment, but to see the enjoyment in others. I always find it an interesting anomaly of our hobby, we "go to the basement" to run our trains yet it is seldom a solitary hobby. Our most joy and happiness comes from the fact that we love to show our hobby off and share it with others.

My mother taught me early, never just walk through life, observe and enjoy the life you have. You either see the shapes in clouds or just observe that it is a cloudy day. When does the operator become the collector? That is for you to determine. For me my membership in TCA has been a constant learning and sometimes sharing of life stories and experiences. I love this Association and all of its members, we have so many stories to tell and experiences to share. I hate comparisons because they seldom are, but listening to your stories about anything train related is almost like telling campfire ghost stories, just enough truth to keep me interested.

I hope you will have an enjoyable summer. I will miss the June Meet because of a family reunion and Mike Dietrich will run the show. I hope to see you at all the various meets over the summer and until our paths' cross, have fun with them trains.

PIZZA MEETZA AND AUCTION PICTURES



The line formed right after the chow bell was rang and the Pizzas were still hot



Here they come and leading the pack is auctioneer of the day, Peter Atonna



With such a wide selection of pies, everyone seemed to find a pizza they liked



Seems we had a bigger than expected crowd, but we still had enough for everyone



Having lunch right next to some of the auction items helped to keep everyone interested



And of course telling a joke or three after lunch helped keep everyone in a happy mood



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News



IT'S HERE – WELL ALMOST

Well, the paint sample is here along with the latest news from Lionel. I like to be a Pollyanna about most things so the shipping delay that we are experiencing from Lionel had a pretty good reason. Our latest contact with them revealed that they had to terminate a contractor that had been working for them (and us). Seems there were too many errors and the quality was below Lionel's high standards. The paint sample is from their new contractor and I think you will agree with me that it looks fantastic! The graphics are very sharp and the colors really do pop. I would much rather have a production delay, which is not all that uncommon these days anyway, and have a product we would be proud to sell and represent us and the fine folks up at the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. We have already updated our website so please spread the word. We are expecting delivery in early fall, but the wait will be well worth it!

CAL-STEWART AND THE WINE TRAIN

By Gordon L. Wilson, TCA #76-10233

We've been going to Cal-Stewart meets in California since moving to Arizona in 1988. The one in Northern California has always held a special place for us because we have very close friends who live in what is called the "East Bay Area" of San Francisco, namely Concord. I went to school with a friend from Kindergarten on; we were each others' Best Man at our weddings; and his wife is Larry Bird's 1st cousin. Christie and I know Northern California nearly as well as we know Arizona and New Jersey.



The Jelly Belly Factory Tour is fantastic for "kids" of all ages

The Northern version of the Cal-Stewart Meet provides things to do such as attend performances of the San Francisco Opera, Ballet, and Symphony; visit National Parks like Lassen, Yosemite, King's Canyon, and Sequoia; plus stays at nearby Lake Tahoe. One of the greatest factory tours one could ever hope for is in Fairfield, California. Yes, the Jelly Belly (jelly bean) Factory Tour is phenomenal and it's FREE!

Did you know that the "Yankee Clipper," Joe DiMaggio, and Wyatt Earp, the gunfighter of OK Corral fame, are buried in Colma, California, just south of San Francisco? These are some of the amazing things you can learn when going to the Nor-Cal half of the Cal-Stewart Meet.



A Pair of former 1950 Canadian National PA's pull the fabled wine train

A REAL TRAIN offshoot is the Napa Valley's famous WINE TRAIN. It is a 5-star level dining experience on an exquisite 1940-1950 passenger train, pulled by two ALCO PA diesel locomotives. On March 20, 2015, on our 8th trip aboard this luxury dinner train, I had the privilege of riding in the cab with the Engineer and the Conductor. What an amazing experience! Those two men welcomed me as if I was a long-time member of the crew.



Gordon prepares to climb aboard for the trip from Napa City to St. Helena



A look at the diesel motor which keeps this PA running

I had full reign to walk around the entire engine's nooks and crannies, including seeking out its hidden video camera, the contents of which are given to CHiPs at the conclusion of each run. WHY? Too many autos still make "S" turns around safety gates across the roadways as the engine is approaching. That's not only dangerous, but illegal and is a \$450 fine! I witnessed several cars make the "S" turn around those downed gates as we bore down on them between Napa and St. Helena. Not a smart thing to do!



Among the many famous wineries we pass is the world famous Mandavi Winery

The view from the Cab was completely different along the Right-O-Way than it had been from the dining car. I could see damage to buildings caused by the recent Napa earthquake and was privy to "special" whistle/horn signals blown to acknowledge friends of the Engineer and

Conductor as we traversed the 30-mile route. It was interesting that the speed of the train varied according to contracts in place with multiple wineries along the route. There were also stops at a few of the wineries to drop off and pick up patrons as part of special Winery and Wine Train Tours.



A dangerous crossing – a vehicle played "chicken" and did an "S" turn around the gates as we approached

This is the 26th year of operation for this world-class dinner train. I was very appreciative to the crew for their professionalism and the outgoing manner they showed toward me. It's a ride I shall long remember and cherish.

June Educational Segment Announced

Okay, let's check the calendar. It's June, this is Phoenix, and we finally got the heat we all knew was coming. No big surprise but we have had a wonderful May and now it is time to pay the devil his due for living in this great state. Summertime in Phoenix, what does it mean to you? Beer reefers? Maybe someone will bring in a #97 Coal elevator to see if that is what the temperature will be at the time of the meet. Or maybe a UP #202 because that's how hot it feels! Let's see how clever you can be, or not. Remember this is an educational segment and you can bring in anything you want. We've given you a few ideas, ten free raffle tickets to the person with the best presentation at the June Meet, let your imaginations run wild...

STOP THE PRESSES: BEAT THE HEAT HAS A NEW VENUE!

by Peter Atonna

Yes, the “powers that be” here at our Prescott club have decided to find a newer, more modern and convenient location for the Beat the Heat meet. We are all nostalgic for the old Prescott Armory, but now there will be a hall with air conditioning, a direct entry and exit for sellers and visitors and lots of parking. Kind of puts nostalgia in its place, doesn't it.

The new location is at the Liberty Traditional Elementary School in Prescott Valley. It is easily assessable off SR 69. We will publish a map to the school in the July issue of the Main Line.

Meet chairman, Dick Gage notes: “The show is in the school gym which is located off the road to the left of the school's classrooms. There are two entrances on each end of the building, right by the driveway. There are no steps or ramps to negotiate. It is air conditioned and parking is right there under solar panels for protection. It should be vendor and customer friendly. Moving in and out should be a cinch for the vendors. All the new amenities should end up making this one of our best shows.”

Each year we have been selling out 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 \$30 each and that includes your admission and one helper and must be paid in advance. Dealer setup is 7 - 9am. If you have questions, call Dick Gage at 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 - Downtown Prescott has one of the finest antique and arts districts in the state. The district lines Cortez and Marina Streets.

Museums - Next to the old Activity Center is the Smoki Museum, while downtown is Sharlott 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 for 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.

Mortimer's Farm - Mortimer Nursery Farms located at the intersection of SR69 and SR169, 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, 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.

Warren Webster - An outdoor Large Scale layout, with multiple loops and spectacular wooden bridges in a delightful outdoor setting.

Scott Hicks - A garden layout in the large back yard of his historic home in downtown Prescott.

Donn Pease - A large HO gauge layout depicting the Southern Pacific in the Tucson area. Trains are running and scenery is under way. Be sure to note his spectacular scenic backdrop.

Richie Scanapico - An outdoor Large Scale layout surrounding two sides of his house in addition to a display of spectacular large scale military trains.

Mark Ziven - A fully scened O gauge high rail layout with an open pit scene and massive industrial scene.

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 area code is 928):

If you would like to stay at a nearby motel in Prescott Valley there are:

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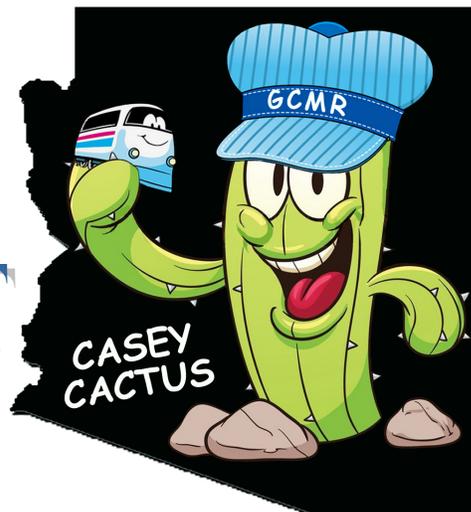
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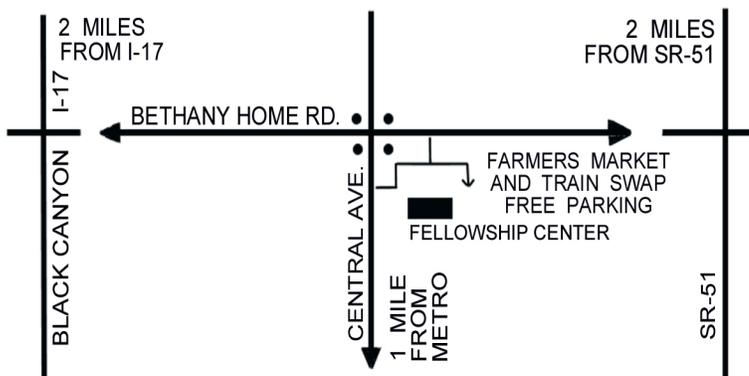
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WANTED: Neon Lionel sign used in hobby stores – I have the bell now I am looking for a cradle and yoke for a 12" locomotive bell – semaphore working or pieces – do you have a real RR crossbuck? Call me Chris Allen 480-820-9559 sparkyshome@cox.net

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Some early browsing was going on even before all the lots were out on the table for the auction



That of course led to more browsing by more people. It was a great auction, Thank you for all who helped putting it together and who participated



We really did have a full house as you can see in the picture, quite a contrast from a month ago



Chris doing his best quick step to get out of a faux pas giving Peter Atonna a second Life Membership award. Both were well earned we understand...

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