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PERFECT PICNIC – PIZZA’S UP NEXT

Wow, what a great picnic! The weather was as perfect as could be and a great time was had by all. Many volunteers from the Division stepped up to make it all happen and special thanks go out to Marty Wik who arranged for the tours and helped Brad Martin with the shopping. Brad in turn got an extra set of hands as Angelo Lautazi again worked side by side with him on the grill. But before we get too carried away with the great picnic let’s review the April Meet.

Where was everybody, should have been the theme for April. While we know that many were travelling to spring vacation destinations, including York, we had a noticeably lighter attendance than usual. That later played out well for your humble editor so read on. The President called the meeting to order promptly at 10:00 AM and a quick head count by our Secretary showed we had about forty members in attendance. Janet Mattern introduced her recently retired friend Paul Jenkins. Paul turned in his TCA membership and Division application and is looking forward to begin a new hobby and a old love, collecting and operating trains.

Secretary Angelo then announced that our current membership now stands at 250. Our 2015 club rosters were available up front and for those who did

not pick them up at the meet (quite a few of you) they would be in the mail and you should have received them by now. If you haven’t and would like one, let us know and we will mail a second.

Treasurer Bob Herman reported the Savings Account had a balance of \$27,797.91 and Checking had a balance of \$22,995.36. Bob noted that \$12,880 in checking was earmarked towards the Lionel invoice for orders already received for the Rio Grande Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad fund raising car.

I then took off my President’s cap and put on my editors hat and explained the smaller than normal size for the April DISPATCH. The goal was to cover all the necessities and try to get the newsletter under 1 ounce for first class mailing. It didn’t work, as the newsletter still came in well over the minimum weight and cost us 70¢ per copy to mail. That increase did not offset the reduced printing cost. Chris will be working with our printers on several other ideas in upcoming months, but for the short term we are done experimenting until after the summer break.

Next up Dallas Dixon explained to those present about the tours in the Model Railroad Building that would take place prior to the spring picnic. Not only would we have access to the Paradise & Pacific

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9 – Desert Division **PIZZA MEET**! 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting
11:00 – 12:00 Free All You Can Eat Pizza! 12:00-12:30 Auction Preview 12:30-?? 100+ Lot Auction

May 29 & 30 GPD TTOM Toy Train Show 1PM – 6 PM Fri & 9 AM – 2PM Sat – Tucson, AZ

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

layout but also the Sun-N-Sand N scale, and the Scottsdale Model Railroad Club's HO layout as well. This was a new opportunity for many club members to get a behind the scenes chance to view the operating side of these layouts rather than viewing them from outside the glass.

The picnic events were outlined with layout tours, food service and even another tour, this one of the back shop area for the live steam operation at the park. The work of several members spanning several clubs resulted in a great event for all.

One of the ideas mentioned last month during our talk about membership recruitment was the idea of having a small business card that we could pass out to prospective members. Angelo worked on the idea during the month and had several hundred printed up and passed them out at the meet. If you would like a few to carry with you or to hand out at your next train show stop by and see either Angelo or Chris and we will get you some.

Speaking of membership recruitment, remember to continue to speak about the benefits of being a TCA and Desert Division member if you happen to belong to several clubs. Besides all the great free coffee and donuts each month (I'm kidding but it is a nice perk) there is always a helping hand for any project you might have or someone with the knowledge about the train purchase you are about to make. The learning curve on pre and postwar trains can be expensive if you don't get a second opinion sometimes. If you are curious about expanding your operating layout to include a few collectable trains from the past as "wall art", or you find a train that just has that certain something that attracts you to it, TCA is a great place to start. Most collectors have layouts and most operators have a collection, even if it is just a bunch of extra running stock. We all know the old adage, "You never have enough trains, there's always room for one more."

Under general announcements Katie Elgar let folks know that Division member Bill Jenkins wife is recovering from a recent accident. Bill would always bring something interesting to share for our meets whenever they were in town. The date for the HO and G scale auction will be this fall if our scheduling can work it in for the hall and auctioneer availability. There is still room available for the Pizza Meetza (as of this printing)

so bring your lots to the May Meet and check in with Chet Henry before the meeting. Lots are \$5 each and as we have announced before we have sixty lots of "good stuff" to kick things off with. It looks like a fun day with some interesting items already on consignment.

The educational segment was a little sparse due to the light attendance. Remember, you do not need to follow our suggested guidelines about a certain theme to bring items to the meet. These are just suggestions and anything you have that you just acquired or want to share is always welcome. Christie Wilson stayed with the tax day theme that was suggested and brought in a box of Lionel boxes. As she explained, Gordon had these stored in the garage and had forgotten all about them. When he came across them recently he realized he had sold the trains that belonged to the boxes and wondered how much money he left on the table by not having the trains in these boxes when he sold them. As Christie explained, it was just more money for the taxman to collect. The only other item was a tan colored Lionel gondola lettered "Archaeological Expedition" on the side. The load consisted of cheap Easter Basket grass and some plastic "dinosaur" eggs. Chris Allen, the proud owner of this unique car, opined what was going through the minds of Lionel when this car was conceived. He wondered where on your layout you could put such a car for it to look prototypical. He thought this had to be one of the worst cars Lionel ever marketed, so of course he had to have one.

Christie Wilson won 10 raffle tickets for the best Educational Item brought in and Bill Harris was the choice of our Mystery Greeter and he also won 10 raffle tickets. Raffle Prize winners are in no particular order, Christie Wilson - Hudson ticket, Diane Martin - Lionel Monopoly Boxcar, Don Locke - Lionel GG1 Boxcar, Bill Harris - K Line El Capitan Boxcar, Glen Gordon - Bachman Union Station, Bill Richardson - TCA road sign set, Christie Wilson - Fire Engine, Chet Henry - CTT Subscription.

As mentioned earlier, your humble editor would like to thank those of you who had other things to do last month. Special thanks go out to Sam McElwee and Paul Wassermann whose names were called for the Hudson Hundred but they were not in attendance. The third time is the charm and yours truly was the lucky winner.

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Well there was a little activity on this side of the hall



And even a little on the other side as well



But for the most part April's Meet looked like this



Only a couple of rows of seats and we still had empty chairs



Christie doing here best deadpan face telling the story about Gordon's lost "treasure" trove of boxes



Chris Allen was very thankful for the light crowd, two other people could have claimed the Hudson Hundred

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – April 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM at the home of Angelo and Barbara Lautazi

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Michael Dietrich, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Beth Stange, Phil Todd, on teleconference 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.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account has \$27,797.91 and Checking has \$22995.36. Bob submitted the Income/Expense report for Mar 2015. It was discussed that recent member comments about the amount of money in the checking account will make it necessary to remind members that a great portion of the funds in the checking account reflect preorders that will be paid to Lionel for the C&T fund raising car. Bob will note this when reporting the Treasurer's report starting at the April Meet.

Membership Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 249 members. The Roster has been printed and will be distributed at Saturday's meet and the remainder will be mailed.

Old Business:

Rio Grande Fundraiser Sales – To date we have 160+ cars sold so far. There was discussion that once the cars are on hand they will be an easier sell to members. Car sales continue to be strong in New Mexico and very weak in Arizona .

Division Newsletter – The April newsletter was very concise as a test to see if its weight could be kept to under 1 ounce, it was not. The thought was that a minimal newsletter's printing cost could offset the increase in having to mail the newsletter First Class. Mailing cost for 1st class was \$124 vs. \$40 for our Non profit Standard rate. Chris will continue to work on ways to reduce printing costs. There was some discussion on having the newsletter available on a subscription basis so as to make it available to former TCA members.

Arizona Toy Train Show – ATTS Chair John Upshur and Chris were at the hotel recently going over the logistics of the new room. It seems we will not have access for setup the day before and this may cause problems for our vendors. These issues need to be worked out and the contract was not finalized. Fred Hunter and John Upshur will work to negotiate with the hotel following spring York.

New Business

Membership Retention - In order to get feedback from members who have dropped, Secretary Lautazi has drafted a letter that will be sent to these members. Acting on a member's suggestion to use business cards to promote the club, Angelo had cards printed with the Desert Division's information. He will distribute these to members at the upcoming meet. Chris also wants to target members of other local train clubs for potential members. David reminded everyone that talking to the public at train shows was an effective way to promote the club.

Annual Spring Picnic – Chris was in contact with the GCMR President John Draftz. They want to be more involved in the picnic and will purchase some of the items. Marty Wik worked with the park and scheduled two tours before and after the picnic for the families to visit. A schedule has been worked out that sets times for food service and Park tours. This promises to be our largest outreach to the local train community and cooperative picnic to date.

Pizza Meet – The May General Meet on May 9th will be the 20th Anniversary of the Pizza Meetza. Beth will order the pizzas. Peter will conduct the auction. There are over 60 lots so far.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

The next board meeting is scheduled to be on Wednesday May 6th at the home of Beth Stange

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

President's Message

Wow, what a great picnic! We promised great weather and we had it. The main reason for switching the picnic into the month of April was to prevent some rather unpredictable March weather that has plagued the picnic in past years. Working with the other two major players, the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders and the Paradise and Pacific we agreed two years ago to move the spring picnic into spring (little insider secret was that the spring picnic was usually held in winter) and we are batting a thousand ever since.

This year we extended our invitation to include all of the clubs that operate in the Model Railroad Building at the park. Some of those new faces you saw were many of the volunteers who work tirelessly maintaining all of the layouts and trains in the park for the public to enjoy. It was our small way of thanking them for opening up their layouts for us to enjoy prior to the picnic. The tour both inside all of the layouts in the Model Railroad Building and of the back shop area for the parks live steam was a wonderful experience that many of us enjoyed.

This spring we celebrate another milestone of sorts as the 20th Anniversary of the Pizza Meetza will take place in this month. Hard to believe, but it is true. We noshed on our first Pizza (actually 42 of them) at our then new home of the old Scottsdale Jaycee's Building in 1995. We had just moved into the Jaycee's building the previous year after meeting at Ray Korte Chevrolet for many years. Ray of course hosted the spring auction/Open House/swap meet at his home for more years than we all care to remember. When Ray's health became an issue and he could no longer host the event it was so entrenched in the Division "calendar" that the officers decided to continue it on our own. For many years the picnic hosted the swap meet prior to the grills getting fired up. But when eating space and train selling space soon began to compete the picnic became a family event and train sales were no longer welcome. Times have changed quite a bit since then, since we also used to have train sales prior to the Christmas Party as well, but now I am dating myself.

But back to the Pizza Meetza. Since I double as the Division Historian, I tracked back through all the records and uncovered that with this year's purchase, we will have served 807 pizzas for a total of 6,456 slices of pie over the years. To say that no other

Division in TCA will ever come close to topping that is an understatement. Why Pizza? Well that's a good question, but our minutes don't reflect why the decision to go with pizza instead of BBQ, Taco's or Hot Dogs. The fact that two years later the catchy moniker of the Pizza Meetza was given to the event might have something to do with the longevity and popularity it has engendered into Desert Division lore.

But pizza is only half of the day's activities, the afternoon auction, led by our local legend Peter Atonna, is another tradition. Most of us don't remember when it started because Peter has been doing auctions as long as they were a member of the Division. Long before the Pizza Meetza, and even before the spring auctions at Ray Korte's Open House, Peter has been doing our auctions. Thank you Peter, we look forward to another afternoon of fun, entertainment and a little more knowledge than what we started with. We also might go away with a new treasure or two you talked us into having to add to our collection.



So plan on joining us in May. It promises to be a day filled with fun, friends and of course lots of food. After all, that's the Desert Division way.

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Peter Atonna, the man in the photograph above.

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL PICTURES



David Nycz talking about an article he read regarding a man retiring from Wall Street and having a custom train layout built for his “new” hobby



Scott Eckstein brought several American Flyer boxcars from his collection to share with everyone after reading an article about them in a recent Classic Toy Trains



Greg Palmer and several IVES and Bubbs tinplate trains from the 1920's & 30's time period



Jim Trevor was the lucky high bidder for this ultra rare Lionel X-646 set on eBay recently



Dale Schafer is a long time member of the TCA Standards Committee and has a top notch collection, part of which is on display here



Another view of Dale's train room, this one shows just a small fraction of his train layout. Rumor is the food was a big a hit as the trains



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By David Nycz – TCA 94-38787



The April Rio Grande Chapter meeting was held on April 11, 2015 at Los Altos Christian Church with 21 TCA members attending.

April is our annual member's only swap meet, which began at 9:00 a.m. A few members brought trains to sell, with a lot of socializing before our meeting.

Show and Tell: David Nycz displayed a Plasticville cottage he painted for Frank Dean's layout. The building was painted to look like stucco with a tile roof for a New Mexico farm scene. Also he brought an article from the Wall Street Journal about a recently retired man and his layout that he paid a professional to build. The bottom line is that there are still individuals spending money to enter our hobby. (and potentially new members)

Scott Eckstein showed an article from the Classic Toy Trains magazine about the American Flyer #633 Box Cars and brought one from his collection along with several other Flyer Box Cars. Greg Palmer showed several tinplate cars from Ives and Carl Bubb from the 1920's and 1930's. Jim Trever showed a rare 1958 set #X646 US Marine Corps with all the boxes and accessories. This is rare promotional set with only 200 to 300 sets manufactured. Jim bought this set off of eBay from the original owner. Jim was shocked with the price he paid. The rarest item was the 212T Marine Corp ALCO dummy unit with a front coupler. This led to a discussion on Jim's trials buying original replacement parts for Lionel's 50's Pyro military vehicles. That could be summed up "Buyer Beware." Art Lites stated this type of information is a benefit of being a TCA member.

President's Report: David Nycz reported on the Desert Division Board Meeting. They have a balance of \$27,797.68 in savings and \$21,749.76 in checking and a total membership of 249. The division will send a letter to Division members who have dropped out. The letter will thank the individual for their past membership and be used to obtain information to improve the Division and help retain members. The newsletter will continue to be distributed via email and regular mail for now. The Division has sold 160 C&T fundraising cars. We need to sell 73 more cars to break even. Hopefully sales will pick-up when the actual cars arrive.

Treasurer's Report: Don Kuster reported a balance of \$2450.80 in the checking account.

Convention Chair Report: Elaine Eckstein passed around information sheets on convention committees asking for volunteers. She also reported that John and Jim Trever will be working on a convention logo. Elaine mentioned that she is going to be working with Chris Allen on an update for the June TCA Board meeting.

Board Members at large: Greg Palmer noted that we will send an Email to our members so that anyone who does not want to be called before meetings may have their name removed.

New Business: 2015 Pumpkin Meet – New Flyer Design 3" X 5" double-sided with promotional phrases on the front and essential information on the back. It will have new phrases which would include Toy Train Show and operating trains, old & new trains, family activities buy/sell/trade trains. Bring in your old trains to sell. Pre-show Promotions to include 8 by 11 signs for various locations, an Email to be forwarded by each member to their personal contacts, advertise to other non-train clubs.

For the Pumpkin Meet: At the Albuquerque Rail Fair May 23rd we will have a display case, sell the fundraising car, and distribute flyers. Tom Lawler will bring his Magic Mountain layout. At the August TTOS Convention we will have a table for selling fundraiser cars and distributing flyers. At the 2926 Open House, in September, we will have a display table and distribute flyers.

Meeting Dates for 2015:

September 19, 2015 (10 am) Los Altos Church – After meet Don Mantay's new layout.

November 1, 2015 Pumpkin Meet – Sheraton Hotel

Up Coming Train Events:

May 23 Albuquerque Rail Fair at the Fair Grounds

May 23-24 Santa Fe Model Railroad Club @ Santa Fe Fairgrounds

August 7-8 TTOS National Convention Train Show @ Albuquerque Convention Center

The after meet activity was at Dale Schafer's home. Dale, his wife Sylvia and their daughter served Posole, Tortillas, and trains. Though Dale has great trains and an original Lionel Store layout, Sylvia food won hands down. (The editor wants to know if you'll share the recipe for the Posole?)

History of the Magma Arizona Railroad

By John Hernandez

Pinal Nugget – Reprinted by permission Copper Area News

In early 1914 the Magma Copper Company, after studying different methods for transporting copper concentrate to the new smelter in Hayden, decided that hauling by railroad would be the most economical. The mine had been hauling concentrate by wagon to Webster located on the Southern Pacific Railroad line. The ore would be transferred to the Phoenix and Eastern Railroad where it would then be hauled to Hayden. Webster which would later become known as Magma Junction and then Magma was 31 miles from Superior. Hauling by wagon required a team of between 20 and 32 mules pulling three ore wagons and cost the company \$10 a ton.

A young engineer, Edward Dentzer from Pennsylvania had convinced Magma Copper that a narrow gauge railroad would be the most economical means of transportation. On Oct. 10, 1914 the Magma-Arizona Railroad Company (MARCo) was officially organized. The contract for the railroad line was awarded to the MacArthur Brothers Company. Dentzer would become superintendent of the railroad. Before he retired in 1944 he would be promoted to general manager, director and vice-president of the Magma-Arizona Railroad Company.

Construction at Webster began in November of 1914. The rail line would be completed to the concentrator near Superior in April 1915. An article in the *Arizona Republican* in June 1915 reported that the shipping costs had been lowered to \$3.50 a ton with the use of the train. The train used a saddle tank steam locomotive to haul concentrate, supplies, freight and passengers. They would later transport cattle from local ranches to market. A spur and loading dock was installed near the now ghost town of Reymert so the mine there could ship their ore by rail.

In 1920 the mine in Superior had increased in size and production to the point that Magma Copper Company made a decision to build their own smelter. In order to build the smelter a large amount of steel would have to be shipped to Superior. The narrow gauge railroad could not handle the heavy weight and amount of steel needed. It was decided that a standard size track be built. Construction on a line next to the small gauge line began in late 1921. The small gauge line was kept open to allow hauling of ore to continue while the other line was being built. The

Toohy Brothers Construction Company built the new line. In 1923 the standard gauge line was completed and the old line was junked. The smelter would begin operating on March 31, 1924.

New locomotives, larger ore cars and equipment were purchased. Passenger and mail transportation would continue until 1938 when a better road between Mesa and Superior was completed allowing automobiles to take over. When diesel powered locomotives arrived in Arizona, Magma began phasing out the steam engines. The last steam engines, engine number 5 and number 7 were retired in 1967. Old Engine Number 5 appeared in the motion picture epic "How the West was Won" in 1962.

In 1996 Broken Hills Proprietors (BHP) purchased the Magma Copper Company properties including the railroad. The operations of the railroad ceased in 1997. Resolution Copper Mining, LLC now owns the railroad and mine properties.



Engine #5 taking on water at Desert Tank, June 1967

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Editor's note; Magna Arizona Railroad engine #6 was the first of the railroads steam locomotives to retire. The "Little Mogul" now sits at the entryway to the McCormick Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale. It is reported that the Magma Arizona Railroad was the last revenue railroad to use steam locomotives in the United States. MAA #5 pictured above, was retired from revenue service in the fall of 1967, just months after this picture was taken.

Photos from the Spring Picnic



Getting the grills going early this year was a big secret to our success, Bob Herman and GCMR President John Draftz supervising our Grill Masters Brad Martin and Angelo Lautazi



It was hard to keep the crowd away once the first set of burgers, dogs and brats were ready. The food service was well thought out and flowed very well



Look at all the ways to dress out your burgers & dogs. Hidden from view is Brad Martin's homemade sauerkraut



The grill chef's worked their magic for several shifts of club members who were doing volunteer work in the Model Railroad Building



The first wave of happy picnickers enjoying the great weather. The friendships made the event so worthwhile

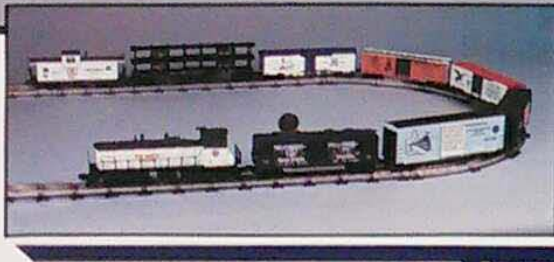


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By Chris Allen TCA 95-40580

So what is so important about this old K Line MP-15 and why does it appear in the Desert Division Dispatch? Well it has quite a story and believe it or not, a Desert Division connection. The idea for an engine to go with the freight cars produced from 1973 to 1986 (not including the passenger car set) was first proposed by Al Levin at the National Officers Meeting, a precursor to today Executive Committee, in May 1986. Lone Star President, Newt Derby, entered the motion at the following June 1986 National Board of Directors Meeting. Newt is a long time Desert Division member and the sitting President in 1986 was Al Levin, also a long time Division member. The original idea was for a GP-7 or GP-9 locomotive or shell for about \$50. The idea was endorsed and sent to committee to work out the details. Well, it might have been the 80's but you still couldn't build a Lionel locomotive for \$50. Reading the minutes from back then it was clear to see that TCA politics soon came into play. By December 1986 minutes from the Officers Meeting shifted focus from the locomotive to blank shells being painted locally and the idea had almost gone full circle with all kinds of problems being kicked up by the naysayers. Just when it looked like the program was doomed, in stepped Maury Klein. 1987 was an interesting year. As Lionel was changing hands, contract negotiations were becoming increasingly harder and 1987 marked the first year TCA did not offer a Lionel National Convention Car. Working with Al Levin, Maury Klein worked out an acceptable price for the little MP-15 switcher engine and it was offered to the membership in 1988. This is indeed a unique set to put together as a TCA member. The cars are of varying quality and price and can be purchased, for the most part, very inexpensively on the second hand market still in mint condition. The little MP-15 still holds its own, being purchased today for around \$70+. The engine interestingly is marked #2 on the cab and is billed as Freight Engine #2. If one remembers that TCA offered for sale the Lionel Bicentennial set in 1976, also marked as set #2, and the Williams 25th Anniversary set in 1979, (a story, no wait, a drama all by itself) there were these two sets between it and the 2020 boiler front which was all that was offered for the first series of TCA Convention Cars. Signs of the times, a K Line engine pulling a consist of Lionel cars? Interesting however you want to look at it. The engine matches the Lionel caboose exactly and for those of us who own any of the dual motor MP-15's that K Line made, you know they are first class pullers. Desert Division used the same locomotive less than a decade later for the 1997 Arizona and California set we offered. However you may look at the story, I hope if you get a chance you can pick up this little engine with a big story and a rich history behind it.

MAY EDUCATIONAL THEME

Among the many topics we discussed during the picnic was what theme should the Educational segment have? Well, we miss Cinco de Mayo by a few days so since we are having Pizza, why not Italian, or maybe red, white, and green, or...? It's May, the day before Mother's Day and we will be eating pizza and hanging out with friends so come up with your best idea or blend them all together. We even will let you go off topic and bring in your latest find or something you just want to share with the rest of us.

The Pizza Meetza is coming!

This year the Pizza Meetza plans to be better than ever before. We have a select group of items that arrived too late to be included in the catalog and auction in January. Several prewar and postwar trains, some accessories and even some signage that would look nice in your train room will be at the start of the auction, but there is still room for you. Auction lots are \$5 each so to make it worth your while and leave the rusty track at home. See Chet Henry before the May Meet to sign up for your lots.

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Another view of MAA 5, this time doing yard switching duties in Superior AZ, June 1967. She was retired a few months later
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Cumbres & Toltec engine getting ready for her morning run, picture sent in by Jim Nichols, who purchased the boxcar and sent me pictures and a story about his vacation



The silliest train car to date goes to Chris Allen for this very prototypical gondola of dinosaur eggs. The play value is trying to keep the load in the gondola.



Here is a close-up of Christie's or should I say Gordon's, box of boxes. Now I'm no paper expert, but looking at the condition of the boxes should help ease Gordon's mind about untold wealth left on the table...

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