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# Desert Division

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## SPRING TRAINING IS HERE

Well, if you've been out to your favorite restaurant the past few days you know "they" are back in town. And while we are glad they are here for only the month of spring training, our springtime birds do add a certain level of excitement just about everywhere you go. The February meeting brought us our most welcomed variety of these wintertime visitors, our travelling Division members, in town for a few months or until they get the phone call that there is no snow back home. For some of them, that call might be a few months away.

President Allen brought the meeting to order sharply at 10:00 AM and noted the larger than normal crowd of over 50 plus members, wives, and guests. He wasn't that far off. Secretary Lautazi announced our current membership of 257 members. He also introduced our newest member of the Division travelling membership David Hollister who calls the TCA Lakes and Pines Division home. David collects postwar O gauge and is now a part time Valley resident. After assurances from President Allen that it is really a "dry heat" each summer, David declined taking up full time residency though.

Christie Wilson noted that we also had another visitor joining us for the day. Bob Metzger was in town, visiting from Indiana. Upon introduction Bob reported that he was also a postwar O gauge collector looking for new treasures he could take home with him.

Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings account held a \$27,800.43 balance and checking was now at \$25,179.67. Chris was quick to add that these balances also include pre-orders for the Los Alamos Mint car that is the current fundraiser for the Rio Grande Chapter 2019 National Convention.

Using that as a convenient segue, Chris went on to report the sales of the spectacular Los Alamos mint car that Peter Atonna had worked on with Lionel for almost two years, were underway and indeed sales were very brisk. Although the car was quietly announced at the Christmas Party, once the national ad campaign began and photos of the prototype that arrived and began circulating, sales began to climb quickly. In fact sales are over 200 units at present and the entire shipment of 500 cars is still expected to sell completely out before the shipment arrives from Lionel. With additional advertising planned for the upcoming

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5 – GCMR Cactus Winter Meet – 9 AM – 1 PM North Phoenix Baptist Church – Phoenix, AZ

March 12 - **Division Meet** - 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Phoenix, AZ

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March 19 - **Rio Grande Chapter Meet** - Albuquerque, NM

April 2 **Multi-Club Spring Picnic** – Stillman Ramada – McCormick-Stillman RR Park Scottsdale, AZ

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issue of the National Headquarter News and we hope will be featured in the New Product section of the April Classic Toy Trains.

Following the announcement of how the car sales were proceeding, there was a detailed discussion on how Desert Division processes credit cards. Desert Division has used PayPal to process credit card orders since the 2009 National TCA Convention and as with all credit card companies, PayPal charges a modest fee to process the credit card payment. Secretary Lautazi (who is also our website guru) explained that as a non-profit, we are given a slightly lower cost per transaction rate than the general public.

Many members use PayPal if they sell an item on eBay and are familiar with how the process works. During the discussion President Allen explained that the Division Board of Directors feels strongly that from a business aspect, the average dollar sale or size of the transaction and the increased number of transactions or sales we generate by offering this option far outweighs the fees that we pay. In addition it has reduced chasing down insufficient funds checks and all the service fees associated with them. As Chris explained, it is simply the cost of doing business that we have seen dynamically change in the past decade and we need to adjust our budgets to better account for this in the future.

Under general announcements Chris explained the new TCA National Amazon Smile program. Anyone who uses Amazon for their online purchase can join the Amazon Smile program at no cost to them and the Amazon foundation will send .5% of their purchase to TCA as a donation. Chris urged all those with an Amazon account to switch over to the smile program and explained that it took him less than five minutes to add the three Amazon accounts his family uses.

Vice President Mike Dietrich has taken on a new

role that of the Division membership chairman. Mike will be contacting members who have dropped from the TCA and Desert Division rolls encourage them to rejoin and also ask how we can better serve their needs. If you have ideas on how we can better serve you, please let Mike or any Division officer know.

The annual Hudson drawing begins with the February Meet along with the famous Hudson Hundred. Look for the page explaining this year's raffle elsewhere in this issue.

Transportation Day was held February 19<sup>th</sup> at our host church. As part of our community outreach we participate each year at this event by bringing the Kids Club module and running trains for the preschoolers.

"How to" clinics will again begin in March following the meet. Scheduled for March will be a demonstration on using foam for your layout and April will feature swapping out and replacing lamps for LED's on your layout.

The Educational segment began with Gordon Wilson and two "what is it?" items he recently found at the bottom of the box, our favorite location for rare and unusual items. No one in attendance had seen them before so the search goes on. In the spirit of the movie Ground Hog Day, Jonathan Peiffer brought in a series of Pennsylvania coaches in different scales. Jonathan also had a Lionel scale flat car and one produced by Menards for members to compare and contrast, with the emphasis on value.

Raffle prize winners in no particular order; Ralph Treichel Hudson ticket, Dave Kuszynski Lionel TTOS Boxcar, Jack Eaton Lionel Savannah Boxcar, Homer Reed Lionel N&W Boxcar, Bill Richardson CTT subscription, Ralph Treichel train puzzle & calendar, Bill Warren Fire Engine. The winner of the first Hudson \$100 drawing for 2016 was appropriately, Christie Wilson.



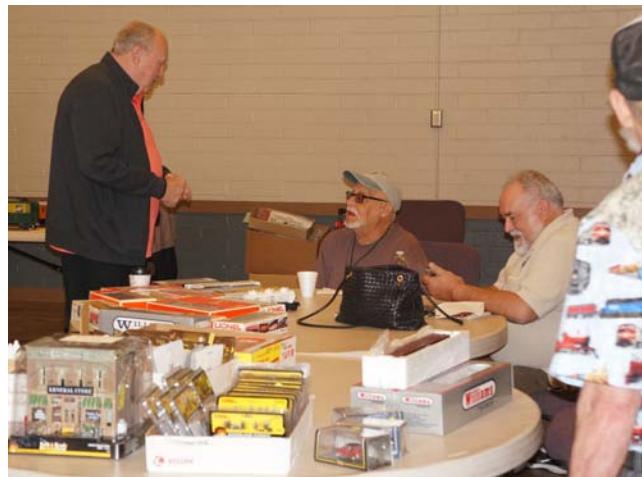
Looks like Bill East is giving that raffle prize a real good look while Bill Lazenby, Chet Henry and Chris Allen share a good laugh



Dan Palaschak and grandson Jack along with Terry Fagan stop by DeLon Freije's parts table



**Don't know what's in the box, but it sure is attracting a lot of attention**



**Meanwhile Fred Hunter, Tony Saulina and Dave Brown seem to be doing more talking than selling**



**Like Marx 8 wheel? A great selection showed up at the February meet**



**Bob Dennison had two beautiful American Flyer wide gauge on his sales table**



**Jonathan Peiffer during the Educational segment brought in several items to tie in the February Ground Hog Day movie theme**



**Gordon Wilson describing his bottom of the box finds that has left him and everyone in attendance stumped**

## TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – February 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Paul Wassermann

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Paul Wassermann, Terry Haas. On teleconference Greg Palmer and David Nycz

**Approval of Agenda** -The agenda was approved as distributed

**Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes** – The previous meeting's minutes were amended to read that the runoff ballots were counted prior to the meeting and Terry Haas was elected as Director. The minutes were approved as amended.

**Membership Report** - Angelo reported that membership stands at 256 members. At the present time 43 members still owe Division Dues. There will be further discussion on membership growth later in the meeting.

**Treasurers Report** - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account has \$27,800.43 and Checking has \$25179.67. Bob submitted the Income/Expense report for Jan. 2016. The January Souper Bowl Auction results were discussed. Members continue to have a great time at this event and it will be repeated in 2017. After much discussion it was decided to keep the club's commission percentage unchanged as a member benefit for Division members at 10% and all others will remain at 15%.

### **Old Business:**

**BOD Annual Dinner** - Paul found a venue in Scottsdale, The Side Door Restaurant which will accommodate our group. Sunday evening, March 13 is the date decided on by the Board for the no host event.

**Rio Grande Fundraising Cars** - Sales of the C&T car have reached 226 and are close to the breakeven point. Sales of the Los Alamos Mint car continue to be strong at 216 preorders. There will be an ad in the TCA National Headquarters News and hopefully CTT's New Product announcement in the April issue.

### **New Business**

**Fall Toy Train Meet 2016** – There is still a desire to hold a Fall train meet. Chris reported conversations Fred Hunter had with a local hotel and their unrealistic pricing. Fred asked for a set date so that he could pursue other venues. There was much discussion on proposed dates but the topic was postponed because of other items on the agenda.

**Membership Growth** - Mike Dietrich has accepted the position of Membership chair. He will follow up on TCA drops and local TCA members that are not Desert Division members. Chris will contact TCA Headquarters for an updated list. Chris also mentioned that the time is running out for TCA members who dropped their membership in the past three years to get their old membership number back for just the cost of paying this year's dues. Paul proposed that Chris suggest to National to offer a half price trial membership for family members of current and past members of TCA. Chris mentioned he will include that idea in with a proposed Bylaw change for the June National Convention.

**Hudson Raffle** – Sales for the Hudson Raffle begin with the February Meet. The ticket will show the winning option of choosing between a postwar Hudson, a modern Odyssey Hudson or the \$750 in cash. Bob will have a poster advertising the Hudson so he does not have to trek the trains to every meet.

**Rio Grande Fundraising Cars** - The C&T program needs to sell the remaining inventory. A trip to the Chama when the railroad reopens in the spring might be the best course of action. The Los Alamos mint car sales are underway. New advertising for this car should highlight the uniqueness of its "glowing load". There will be ads in the March CTT and the TCA National Headquarter News. Other free advertising methods such as YouTube videos were discussed.

**Amazon Smile** – Chris reported on the Amazon Smile program. Amazon Charities donate .5% of qualifying purchases to TCA National. Chris mentioned there was an article in the newsletter and he will speak on it Saturday.

**Spring Educational After Meet Demonstrations** – We are starting up our "How To" Clinics again featuring how to use foam on your layout in March and LED lighting in April.

**National Toy Train Museum Brick Program** – The BOD has decided to update the "bricks" in front of the museum with this year's donation to the annual appeal to reflect the past decade of changes.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on March 9, 2016 at the home of Mike Dietrich.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

## President's Message

As President of Desert Division I've written over fifty President's messages. Some are just a "State of the Division" type of message others are a "Rah-Rah, I love TCA" and others I hope are just an insight how and why certain things happen and why decisions are made.

The past few months the Board of Directors and I have continued to deal with our declining membership. While we are financially secure for the near term, mainly due to our hard working volunteers, our auctions, raffles and other events, you can't help but notice a certain amount of pessimism has crept into our midst. Familiar faces no longer come to the meets, or we hear that someone has downsized or even sold off their collection completely.

A bigger concern for some of us that remain active seems to be, who will buy my trains? To some my response might be considered rather cavalier, but I didn't get into this hobby to make money, I joined TCA to get access to trains and to increase my knowledge and enjoyment of the hobby. For me, that hasn't changed. I have as much fun now as I did when I started, maybe even more so, because of the new friendships I've made and the new knowledge I've gained put me closer to trains I didn't even know existed before I became a member.

But still, where are our new members going to come from? They are going to come from us, you and me, continually working to talk up the club we love. It's going to come from our attitudes towards others in the hobby who might not share the same love for Standard Gauge, or Marx, or even HO trains.

Online recently there was a discussion on the CBS sitcom show The Big Bang Theory and a comment made by one of the shows main characters, Sheldon Cooper, who has had several episodes over the years running and discussing model trains. In the episode in question Sheldon was going to a local train store to be part of a discussion regarding HO Trains, "Half the size, twice the fun!" When a friend asked what side of the debate he favored Sheldon claimed, briefly, that he was

neutral before saying, "Oh who am I fooling, we all know its O Gauge or no gauge."

Before I get too far off the subject of this nerdy millennial playing with trains, regardless of the gauge, the key word here is fun. What I have noticed is that there is a trend in our membership to bring the fun back into the hobby. Many of us enjoy building layouts and operating trains.

Yes, some of us still enjoy collecting just for the sake of collecting the oddities that are out there, but for the most part these days in and around the Division we play with what we "collect" and that dear friend is where our new members will come from. Regardless of the scale or age, new members will come, even for just a brief stay, from those that want to share in the joy of running and operating scale, model, and dare I say it, toy trains.

As I mentioned last month we have two exciting after meet clinics planned this spring. This month following the March meeting Paul Boston will join us for a demonstration on using foam on your layouts. Both in cutting with a hot wire or molding into shapes with a heat gun, so if you are curious on how you can use this technique on your own layout plan to attend. In April, Dave Brown will give a talk on updating your layout by replacing your incandescent lamps with LED's. The price of LED's are dropping and their flexibility is changing as rapidly as the hobby, and I know Dave he will pass on some great ideas you can take home with you.

We also have a special treat in store for the picnic this spring. Details are currently being worked on and will be available at the March Meet but I can tell you this. The spring picnic started out many years ago at the home of Ray Korte where people gathered for the day of visiting Ray and Virginia as they opened up their home and Ray opened up his train room for a day of fun. Look for us to recapture some of that magic for a day you won't forget as we view a marvelous layout following the picnic.



## RIO GRANDE CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL PICTURES



Greg Palmer had a very informative talk about the transition from Fandor to Dorfan trains and had several examples on display.



John Trevor with his non-scale custom made TTOS Banquet car from last year's TTOS convention in Albuquerque.



Art Lites had two Menards flat cars with non-prototypical but very fun loads. Securing them is part of fun of these well built inexpensive freight cars.



Chris Wieclaw's showed off some wallpaper that is scale and textured to be applied directly to your layout for fast wall or road construction.



Jim Trevor with a wide assortment of Lionel HO operating accessories, some of which would almost be prototypical in O gauge.



Long time TCA Standards Committee member Dale Schafer, display a chemically altered stock car and gave a quick "what to watch for" to the members.



## TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By David Nycz – TCA 94-38787



The February Rio Grande Chapter meeting was held on February 20, 2016 at Los Altos Christian Church with 20 TCA members attending. The meeting began with show and tell.

**Show and Tell:** Greg Palmer showed trains by Fandor of Germany circular 1912-1933 manufactured by the Kraus family. Greg then showed similar trains manufactured by their cousins under the Dorfan name made in the USA from 1922-1933. Both companies ceased operations about the same time in 1933. He also showed American Flyer trains. The O gauge trains were manufactured by Coleman in Chicago, while the 3/16 S gauge trains were manufactured in Connecticut by AC Gilbert. Both scales utilized the same O gauge. John Trever showed his Chile Mint Car from the recent TTOS Convention. These cars were custom painted by Steve Latta. The normal load was replaced with green and red chilies. Art Lites showed a 2016 Menards scale Flat Car to which he added a Corgi helicopter. Excellent Menards cars are available at a very reasonable prices. Chris Wieclaw showed cobblestone and brick textured wallpaper that he ordered from starboc1 through eBay. Jim Trever showed Lionel HO operating cars (giraffe and rocket launcher) and other operating accessories. Jonathan Peiffer showed an O scale Budd Slumber coach Amtrak made by 3<sup>rd</sup> Rail 1 of 22 made. There were only 28 real cars built. Dale Schafer showed a 1992 TTOS Chemically altered box car & a REA Box car with passenger car trucks. Dale needs someone to setup and run his Remco Riding Train at future events, anyone willing should contact Dale.

**President's report:** David Nycz noted that there were 2 guests from Phoenix to provide information for the National Convention in 2019. Additionally he circulated a front page article from the Wall Street Journal concerning the decline of the model railroad hobby. The NM Council of Railroad Clubs was formed to address this decline in New Mexico. It will coordinate and share all the club's activities and contacts. This information is being developed so that if an individual has an interest in our hobby can then be directed the appropriate club.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Kuster reported a balance of \$3,418.10 in the checking account.

**Old Business:** The Pumpkin Meet is schedule for October 30, 2016 and a deposit was made to the Sheraton Uptown. An email poll was conducted of the members. The new hours of 10-4 were approved by a large majority.

**New business:** For St. Patrick Day the city is sponsoring an event at Balloon Fiesta Park on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The TTOS will setup their Modules. The TTOS offered to share a table with the TCA. There were no volunteers so we will not be participating. The TCA will have a table at the Albuquerque Railfair on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**2019 Convention Discussion:** John Trever showed 4 proposed logos with different coloring for the 2019 Convention Logo he needs feedback and other suggestions from members as to which logo they prefer. Chris Allen suggested variations of the logo would be needed for different uses such convention shirts.

Chris Allen talked to the members about various aspects of the 2019 Convention. Slogan Ideas, member participation, and promotional sales at York and the 2018 NETCA TCA convention in Rhode Island were some of the topics covered. We need 10-15 members willing to commit the week of the convention and 10 more members to commit to one day. He also gave an update on C&T Fundraiser car and reported that past Chapter member Bill Harris purchased a car which put us past the break-even point.

Jonathan Peiffer talked to members about Convention Cars. He discussed the challenges involved (type of car, decoration, which company is best based on cost, car minimums and production availability). The Car Committee is already formed and will work on ideas with Jonathan to keep the project on time.

**After Meet Activity:** The after meeting activity was hosted by Don and Charlene Mantay. They provided a good lunch with a tour of Don's train layouts.

The next scheduled meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup> at Los Altos Christian Church. Non Chapter TCA members and potential new TCA members are welcome to attend a meeting.

Remember, all Chapter members who are not receiving emails please send your email address to Jim Trevor at prairie\_dog5@yahoo.com

## AFTER MEET "HOW TO" CLINIC

One of the best things about the train club community here in the Valley of the Sun is the cooperation we get in working with each other. National and club agendas aside, we just like to get together and further the hobby.

Recently I contacted Paul Boston of the Paradise & Pacific Railroad Club (among others that he belongs to) and asked if he would be available to give a lesson to our Division members about using and manipulating foam for layout construction. He graciously accepted my invitation and will present a demonstration following the March meet.

I'm old school and last worked with Hydocal on my old layout 25+ years ago so I am looking forward to learning from someone who has used this technique for years himself.

This should be a very instructive clinic and I hope if you have questions or just a curiosity of how to use these modern materials you will plan to stay after the March Meet. The clinic will be held immediately following the meet in the same room we are having the meeting.

In April Dave Brown will give a presentation on replacing and using LED lights on your layout. Herb Andreen has been converting his layout to LED's so if you visit his layout following the picnic you will be well prepared for Dave's clinic in April.

## MARCH ROOM CHANGE & SELLER TABLE RESTRICTION

Because of a change necessitated by a scheduling oversight the March General Meet will be held just around the corner in the Faith Learning Center at Shepherd of the Valley Church. This is our usual "fallback" meeting room and there will be a limited amount of free tables available. Because of this we are asking all sellers to restrict their sales to only one table and if you have just a few items to sell please consider sharing your space with another member.

It seems more than a few people were caught off guard by the early Easter this year. If you have been to the auction or February meet you may have noticed that our host church has been preparing for a rather large rummage sale. When we secured the dates for the Hall for 2016 the person responsible for the scheduling gave us the all clear, but there was a small detail that she was not aware of. Items left over from the Saturday rummage sale are left in the hall for church goers on Sunday to peruse before the items are donated to a local charity. It was the Rummage Sale organizers that were caught unaware that their need of the Hall on Sunday fell on Palm Sunday and caused the conflict.

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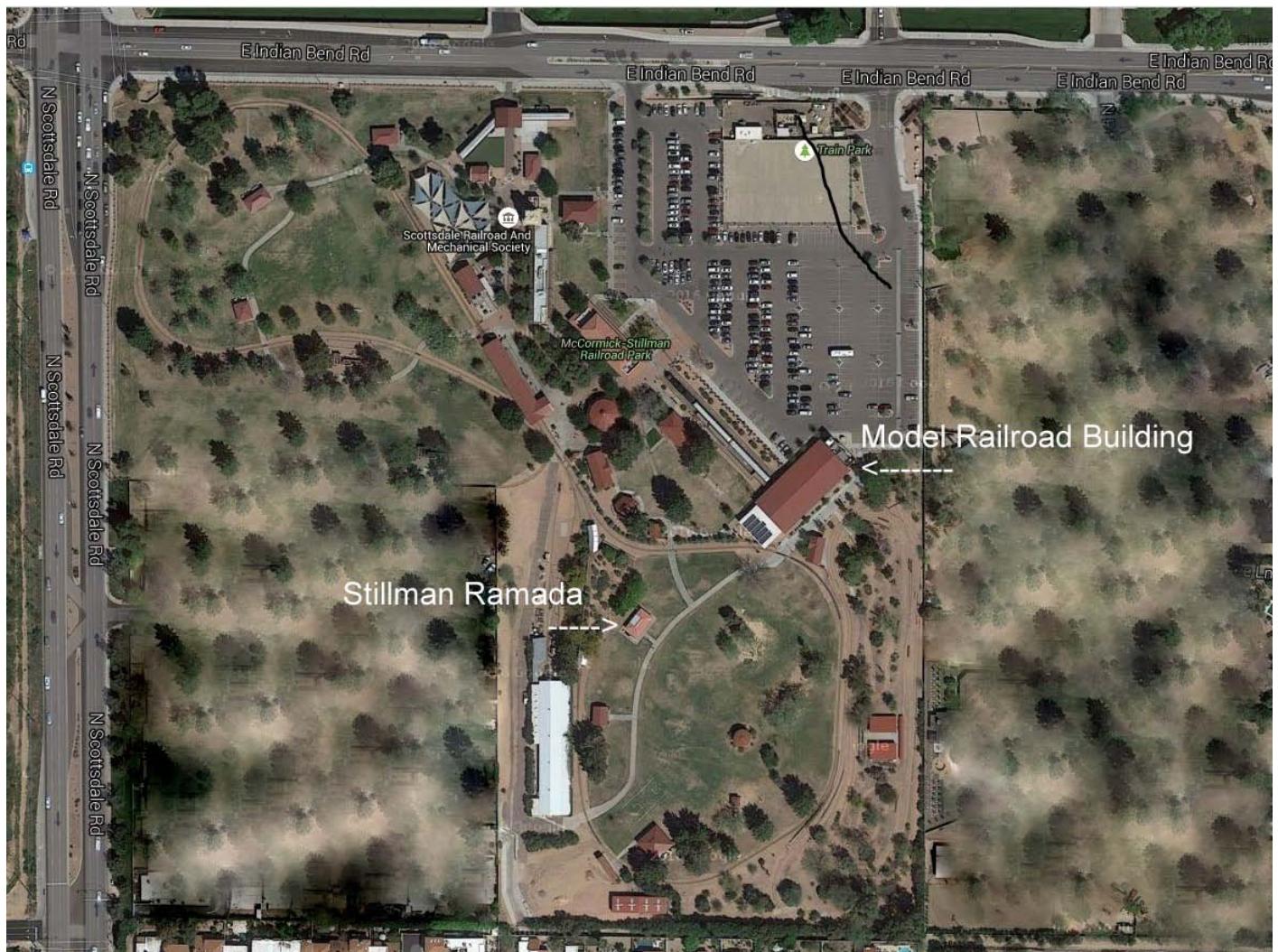
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## 2016 SPRING PICNIC

### April 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



The 2016 Multi Club Spring Picnic will be held on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park located at the southeast corner of Indian Bend Rd and Scottsdale Blvd. in Scottsdale. We will be back in the Stillman Ramada which will make it easier for the members of the clubs located in the Model Railroad building to stop by and join us as we celebrate the wonderful weather and sharing our hobby with each other and our families.

The Spring Picnic is an offshoot of the Ray Korte Open House that Ray would host each year. For those of us who remember the special day at Ray's would begin with a small swap meet in Ray's carport, a picnic, an afternoon auction and of course Ray's marvelous layout that was open for all to enjoy. This year we will recapture some of that magic by visiting the layout of Herb and Becky Andreen following the

midday picnic. It will be an approximate 30 minute drive to the Andreens from the park for this unique opportunity to visit a layout that has undergone quite a transformation.

Plan to join us for a great mid-day picnic of food, fellowship and of course trains. The Clubs will provide burgers, hot dogs and returning again this year will be baked and fried chicken. We will also have chips, ice cream, soda and water. We ask that you bring a side dish to share or dessert to delight all our taste buds. The chefs will be setting up for food service to begin at 11:00 AM. The grill will shutdown at 12:00 noon and the raffle prize drawings will begin at 12:30 and run until 1:00 PM

Maps and driving instructions will be available at the picnic with the Open House scheduled to begin at 1:30 PM. We all hope to see you there!

## Transportation Day at Shepherd of the Valley School



Transportation Day helpers Jan & Terry Fagan along with Katie Elgar, Chris Allen and the trusty old Kid's Club module



The trains were the first things the children saw and the last stop before they went back into school.



Mail trucks, semi's, ambulances, cement trucks even a city bus and the SWAT Command post showed up!



The Kid's Club module has its legs shortened down to make it more easily viewable for the preschoolers

## MARCH EDUCATIONAL THEME

This has been a crazy year. We have had a no show El Niño that was to drown us in rain and snow along with record temperatures in February. Since we seem to be rushing headlong into an early summer let's slow things down a bit and remember that March brings out the Irish in many of us and spring is just around the corner. So do we do green, maybe beer cars or maybe refers to cool things off? Bring in anything that reminds you that spring starts soon or maybe your recent purchase from one of the many train meets that are still going on in the area.

## HAVE YOUR DIVISION DUES EXPIRED?

Division dues expired on February 29<sup>th</sup>. If your label shows that your dues have expired this is your LAST newsletter until you bring them up to date. Division dues are payable at \$10 per year and may be paid up to five years in advance. You will be protected from any Division dues increases that might occur that time. Don't miss out on the fun and excitement of being a Division member and the chance to learn collecting and operating tips and visitations to some of the Valley's premier layouts and collections. Renew your dues today!

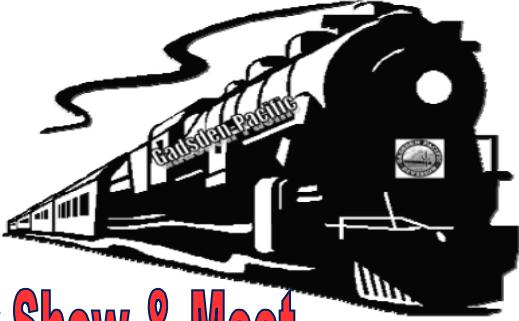
# Hudson Raffle 2016

What a great Hudson raffle is in store for you this year! Could this be your year? The Hudson Raffle for 2016 features a beautiful Lionel 773 from 1964 that is graded C-8. But wait, there's more! In response to your input the Division has acquired a new in the box modern era Lionel scale Hudson J-3A re-issue with TMCC & Odyssey. This locomotive is pristine and still wrapped up as if she just rolled off the assembly line. But we didn't stop there. If you don't collect or operate three rail or maybe have no interest in steam locomotives there is still the option to walk away with a cool \$750 and buy the engine of your dreams. The rules for this year's drawing are simple and printed below. Tickets are on sale now from Bob Herman or Christie Wilson.

- Only 100 tickets will be sold and they will be sold exclusively to Desert Division members until the October General Meet. That means that ONLY Division members will be eligible to win the monthly \$100 prize. After the October \$100 drawing, any remaining unsold tickets will be made available other TCA members or the public.
- Starting in February and at every Division Meet with the exception for the July mini-meet, a name will be drawn from the tickets sold and that person awarded \$100. That means you have seven chances to walk away with the Hudson Hundred
- **You MUST be present to win the \$100.** If the member is not present, another name will be drawn until a member in attendance is called. However, if a members name is called and they are representing the Division such as working at a module display and the event coincides with the General Meet, that member would be considered present at the meet and be awarded the \$100.
- The winning ticket will be pulled and announced during the annual Christmas Holiday Party in December. The winner will have the option of one of the three prizes the classic postwar Hudson, the mint Lionel Hudson re-issue or \$750.



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Christie Wilson, after selling Hudson tickets most of the morning, won the first Hudson \$100 for 2016



A nice selection of G Gauge items for sale, must be getting ready for the springtime running outdoors.



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