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RAIL FAIR AND PUMPKINS

Fall is in the air. Many of my back east friends ask how I know that it is fall in Arizona. Simple I reply. It's when all the golf courses close for the winter grass reseeding.

The September Meeting had a very nice turnout considering that our temperatures here in the basin were still over a 100°. Counting heads and not counting spouses who were also busy catching up from their summer adventures we had about 50 members in attendance.

There was a somber mood in the room as many members wore their 2009 Convention vest in honor of founding member Bob Johnston's passing and Celebration of Life service that was planned in nearby Glendale following our meeting. Many members took the occasion to share stories about Bob, how often he helped them out or his humor.

President Allen called the meeting to order right on time at 10:00 AM and everyone grabbed a chair breaking away from the wide assortment of table sales that showed up.

Secretary Lautazi announced that our current paid membership was at 234. The latest report from TCA headquarters showed that 315

TCA members live within the borders of the Division. Angelo introduced our newest member Brian Fullman who resides in Glendale. Brian is new to the hobby and shared his interest in the Long Island and New York Central Railroads. We think he will be able to find plenty of supplies to fuel his new hobby passion.

Treasurer Bob Herman gave the financial report and noted that the Savings Account was at \$19,804.13 and Checking had \$6,625.67. Bob reported that the drop in checking was due to the payment to Lionel for the Fred Harvey Company car.

Chris reported that the sales of the latest fundraising car have reached the midway point with 150 units sold, but unfortunately the sales have slowed over the summer. Trying to keep expenses to a minimum, this car was not advertised in Classic Toy Trains as all of our other car sales have been. After discussions with Peter Atonna, this decision was reversed and an ad will appear in the December issue.

Next up was the announcement of the Election Committee chaired by Steve Bienstock. Steve announced that any member can run for

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7 - 8 - **RAIL FAIR 2017** – McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park – Scottsdale, AZ

October 14 - **Desert Division Meet** – 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Phoenix, AZ

October 14 - **WVRHS Train Swap Meet** – Glendale Christian Church 9 AM - 1 PM – Glendale, AZ

October 19-21 - Eastern Division **Fall York Meet** – York, PA

October 28 - **Adobe Mountain Swap Meet** – 9 AM – 2 PM – Adobe Mountain Railroad Park, Phoenix, AZ

October 29 - **2016 Pumpkin Meet** – Sheraton Uptown Hotel - 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Albuquerque, NM

November 10 & 11 - **GPD FALL MEET** – Fri 1 PM – 6 PM, Sat 9 AM – 2 PM – Tucson, AZ

any office as their will be a ballot because of the Bylaws and dues increase items that require a general membership vote.

President Allen reported about his work as a member of the TCA National Internet and Technology Committee regarding online voting. Doing the research the I&TC discovered just how economical online voting can be, even for a small Division such as ours. He presented his findings to the Division Board of Directors where it was noted that our Division Bylaws contain specific language such as "postmarked by" and "mailed on" that prevented us from doing it this election cycle. The Bylaws change was approved and forwarded to TCA National to review and insure its compliance with National Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. He also noted that to save money this year the ballot would be part of the November issue of the newsletter. Every and only dues paying members of the Division will receive a newsletter in November with instructions and the ballot as part of the newsletter next month.

Paul Wassermann reported on the progress with the new Division polo shirt. After conversations and prices quoted from the company it was decided to drop the option of outsourcing the shirts and go with the shirts the company has in inventory. Paul has a meeting with them and hopes to have a few samples along with his report at the October meeting.

It was announced that Rail Fair was a week "early" this year. Actually, it usually falls on Columbus Day weekend but a quirky calendar has that date early this year which is good for us since it will not collide with the Division Meet. It will also make it hard for us to get volunteers out to the park because they get that friendly reminder at the meeting. There was a signup sheet available and President Allen thanked member Dallas Dixon who worked behind the scenes for all the clubs in the area to coordinate our rejection of the new insurance forms and requirements for our participation at Rail Fair. Dallas on behalf of the clubs worked out the differences with the City of Scottsdale. Larger clubs such as our simply contact our insurance carrier and ask that the appropriate paperwork be submitted, which in most cases is acceptable.

In addition to that, the City of Scottsdale wanted every volunteer to sign a "hold harmless" form. Desert Division along with the other clubs refused to have our volunteers sign that form. The employees at the park were caught in the middle. They have always been very appreciative of everything we do to promote the Railroad Park and go out of their way to make the weekend a success for all involved. However, their bosses, the City of Scottsdale legal department put up a good front. Like I said, cooler heads prevailed and Dallas, the silver-tongued devil that he is, convinced the city they need to, well shall we say, reconsider?

Registration forms are in circulation for the November train show. Early forms had omitted a spot on the form for your email address. Beth Stange will confirm table seller's registration through email ONLY. If you have an early form please include your email when you mail it in. The updated form is in this issue of the newsletter.

The Educational segment featured Roland LaHaie with a nice Weaver Pennsy Torpedo. This brass engine was his latest find on eBay where he searches for broken engines that he can convert to conventional mode. Roland scored big time on this one not only did he get it running with minimal repair but it also came with a sound unit which the seller did not have as part of the listing. Jon Hinderer brought in a nice Pride Lines navy blue Interurban and gave an interesting short talk about collecting and operating Standard Gauge. Chris Allen had several items but said he was most happy with the recently completed six car gondola set from the 2002 TCA Convention. The three different addon cars were produced in limited run of only 250 units each.

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order; Hudson Raffle ticket - Ivan English, remote control car - Bill Richardson, Menards ATSF Flat car w/truck - Terry Haas, American Flyer gondola - John Upshur, Train Painting - Larry Teresi, Lionel Toy Fair car - John Wiley, Weaver Hopper - Mike Dietrich. With only the October drawing left, Chet Henry took away the Franklin in the Hudson drawing. Will you win the final Hudson Hundred this year?



Bonnie and Steve Rudy came down from Prescott Valley and are checking out the raffle prizes



This looks serious, Mike Dietrich, Steve Bienstock and Dan Palaschak chat while Jon fills in his raffle ticket



Roland LaHaie talks about his latest eBay find he repaired and turn into a nice runner for his layout



Jon Hinderer discusses his blue Pride Lines Interurban and the joys of collecting and operating Standard Gauge



Chris Allen and the three addon cars for the 2002 TCA Convention in Chicago



Chet Henry pocketed the second to last Franklin in the Hudson Drawing. You have to be at the meet to win.

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – September 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM at the home of Angelo and Barbara Lautazi

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

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

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that current active (paid) membership is at 234

Treasurers Report - Treasurer, Bob Herman, reported that the Savings Account is \$19,809.13 and Checking is \$6,625.67. Bob noted that we have upcoming payments to be made for the November Train Show and Christmas Party.

Old Business:

Fred Harvey Fundraising Car – Chris noted that the big hit in the Treasurer's report was from the payment of the Lionel Fred Harvey Company invoice that came due during the summer break. He gave an updated sales report noting that sales have slowed, but 150 units have sold. During a conversation with Peter Atonna it was decided to place an ad in the December issue of Classic Toy Trains. Previously we have used an ad in CTT to promote our cars during the pre-order period so this will be the first time we will advertise our cars that are available for immediate shipment. It is expected that the sales of the car through the CTT ad will boost sales and cover the cost. Updated financials for the project reflecting the ad expense were distributed.

Fall Election – All Division officers and Directors have announced they will run for re-election except for Greg Palmer who announced he is running for Rio Grande Chapter President. This will leave one vacancy for a Division Director. Steve Bienstock is the Election Chairman and will select other members to fill his committee.

Division Bylaws Change – Current Division Bylaws are worded to prevent the use of online voting. Chris has researched various companies as part of his work on the TCA Internet and Technology Committee. He reported that offering members this option could save the Division several hundreds of dollars each election cycle. The Division Board agreed. Division Bylaw changes must be approved by TCA National to make sure they are in compliance with National TCA Bylaws. They will be presented at an upcoming meeting and are expected to pass and will be included on our November ballot.

Polo Shirts – Paul reported that he has an appointment with the embroiders next week. The idea of using or making patches was also discussed. The company informed Paul that even using shirts from a source such as Costco the per shirt cost would most likely be higher than if it was a shirt supplied by them.

New Business:

2019 Proposed Banquet Car – Chris has been in contact with Stu Rankin, the National Convention Car Chair about a proposal to supply Banquet Cars for the 2019 Convention. Chris supplied the financials and how the program would work. The Division will buy 150 Convention Cars with the sales of the unsold cars allowing us to recoup the expense.

Rail Fair 2017 – The City of Scottsdale had new requirements to participate in Rail Fair this year. Dallas Dixon represented many of the larger clubs at a meeting and persuaded the city to lift and rewrite some of the requirements. Chris has signed the paperwork and the Division will bring the trailer and participate. Signup sheet for volunteers will be at the meet on Saturday.

November Toy Train Show – Flyers have been distributed since Beat the Heat Meet. Large Window posters are also available to be placed in stores when the event gets closer.

November Train Auction – Catalogs went on sale at Beat the Heat, Chet will have them for sale Saturday.

Christmas Holiday Party – Several ideas for members gifts were shown and others from catalogs were discussed nothing rang the "Christmas Bell" yet, so the search continues.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on October 11, at the home of Bob and Joan Herman.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

Presidents Message

Rail Fair 2017 will have just happened or be a day or two away when you get this newsletter. Because of a unusual calendar, Rail Fair this year is the weekend before our October Meet. Hope you can stop by and join us at the module trailer, we will be playing trains all weekend long October 7 & 8.

Fall is the time of year when things in our hobby start ramping up. I can tell by all the requests I am getting to run ads for train shows and the notifications I am receiving to buy tables. We also have auctions and the Christmas Party on the horizon.

Speaking of the Christmas Party we have some exciting changes upcoming for this year. The Division BOD and the Christmas Party Committee could not come to an agreement on the member gift so we are going to do several things to make this still a fun event for everyone attending.

As you can probably guess our food costs for the meal continue to rise and a regular basis. We underwrite a portion of the meal using the proceeds from the raffles and centerpiece sales to help us balance the books. The food service prices did increase again this year but instead of passing that increase on to you and your guests we are lowering the price. In fact we are charging the same price for the Holiday Party that we did over a dozen years ago. This year the cost for adults will be \$25 the same as it was in 2004.

But it doesn't just stop there; the Christmas Holiday Party will have a new twist on the member door prize as well. Since each member's spouse or guest will get this year's offering of the Lenox Snowman ornament, what could we do for the members?

At the end of the evening we normally award one door prize for the men and one for the ladies in addition to the gifts already given out. Plans are underway to have several "member gifts" drawn in addition to the door prize. While not every member in attendance will get a gift, we think that between the reduced meal costs, the festive nature of our party and the addition of a few extra special member gifts will make the event extra special this year.

Plan to join us. The Christmas Holiday Party is the first Sunday in December as it always has been, but with a quirky calendar that turns out to be December 3rd. Your invitation is in this issue and we need your reservations No later than November 29th to insure enough food and table arrangements can

be made to make the event as special as it has always been.

This is also a busy election year for those of us in the Division and Chapter. As I am typing this there will be a ballot presented to the membership in the next issue of this newsletter. Last month I wrote that the election would be conducted online. Well, I spoke a little prematurely and I apologize for the confusion.

At the September BOD meeting we discovered that the language in our Bylaws is a little too specific and the language that is in place will prevent us from doing an online election this year. The proposed amendment will allow us to save money on future elections and it will be written broad enough to also allow us to only send a paper ballot to only those members who request one, otherwise everyone will vote online either by computer, Smartphone or pad.

The fewer people we need to distribute a paper ballot to, the more money we save. It is projected that this could save the Division up to \$500 each election cycle in paper and postage costs if everyone votes online. It will also save you the postage stamp to mail your ballot back to the Election Chairman. We will print the complete Bylaw proposed amendment along with both the pro and cons next month as part of the election information.

Well, with so much going on do not forget about the November Train Show. Last year we had to make a very difficult decision. The Shrine Auditorium does not rent their facilities on Thanksgiving weekend. That eliminates typically the fourth weekend of the month. The second weekend is held by our friends down in Tucson, the GPD Toy Train Operating Museum. The first weekend rotates around a bit, but usually it is the Adobe Mountain Show.

That left us with the third weekend in November and the weekend a few of our members would go to the Cal-Stewart Meet in Southern California. Yes, we were aware of the conflicts and that some of our larger vendors and maybe even a few members will make the decision to go to the larger show in California rather than be here.

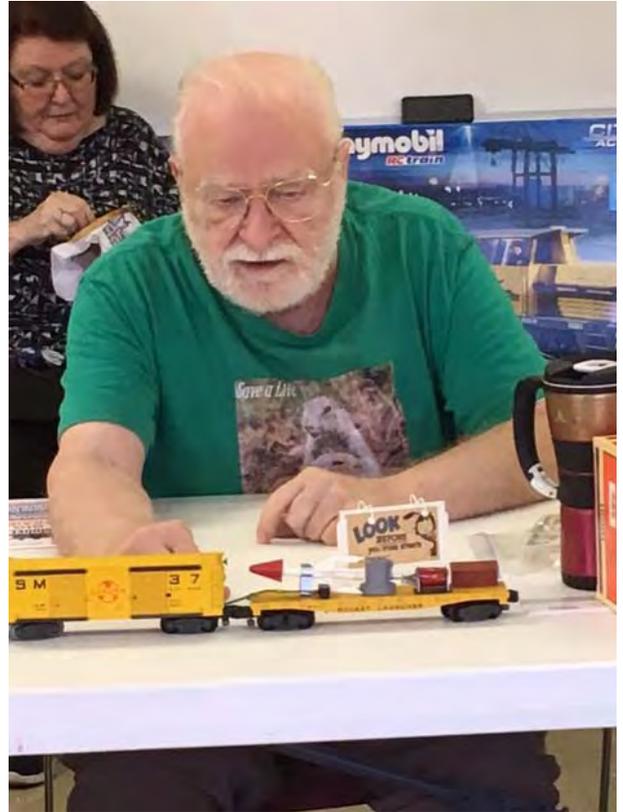
Decisions like these are never easy, but unless another date in November opens up we are forced to stay on the third weekend date. The table form for the show is in this issue. We hope to see you there.



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER SHOW AND TELL



David Nycz had a very unique O Gauge tunnel. Manufactured by Hawthorne Village, it features Mount Rushmore on one side and is illuminated by LED's



Jim Trever talked about his postwar American Flyer Boxcar and missile launch flat car, both in real great shape



The meeting room was full since the 2019 Convention meeting was going to be held following the lunch break



John Trever had a most unusual 6464-650 Type 2, with a Yellow Roof. Under bright illumination no silver appears anywhere on the roof.



Greg Palmer displayed a wide assortment of prewar European trains while National TCA Convention Chair, Bob Keller, listens in.



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By David Nycz – TCA 14-69805



The September Rio Grande Chapter meeting was held on September 16, 2017 at Los Altos Christian Church with 18 TCA members attending. The Members Only Swap Meet began at 9:00am.

Show and Tell:

- David Nycz showed an O-gauge Mt. Rushmore Hawthorne Village Tunnel layouts, pictures of the Portland TCA Chapter Meeting he attended.
- Greg Palmer talked about items from his International Train Collection: a) Soviet/Kruscher era "O" Gauge Gondola and street light b) French 4691 JEP gondola and Steam Engine c) Spanish PAYA tank car d) Marklin 25Volt transformer and power reducer e) Japanese HO Diesel DC Engine power. He also had his custom Atomic Train set.
- Jim Trever had an American Flyer "S" Gauge boxcar and missile launch flatcar set and a billboard set from a box of cereal in the 1950's. He also showed and then donated a Play Mobile Train Set for the Pumpkin Meet Raffle.
- Chris Allen showed several Convention Cars with color reversal for Banquet Cars and the 2009 Convention Copper Hopper car.
- John Trever showed a Rio Grande 6464 Boxcar types 2 & 4 and a 1966 Rio Grande Boxcar type 2 w/yellow roof which is either rare or a factory error.
- Bill Lubert displayed his collection of erector sets.
- Art Lites demonstrated operating trains with a mobile phone and pad and using the MTH WiFi system the Chapter purchased to showcase this technology to the public.

Officer's Report:

- David reported from the Desert Division Board Meeting 234 members, \$19,804 in savings and \$6,625 in checking. David noted that the meeting would be in 2-parts, our regular Chapter meeting, club provided lunch, then a convention meeting opened to all members.
- Treasurer's Report – Everett Hagan reported a balance of \$4,149.40 in the checking account.
- Scott Eckstein introduced Bob Keller TCA National Convention Chair.

- Board Members at Large; Greg Palmer suggested having expanded meetings to include lunch and a short topic of interest for the 2018 meetings. Lunch could be ordered with club members chipping in. General consensus was to try it (Greg will plan for January)

Old Business:

- Election of Officers; Slate of officers presented for consideration, election to be held at Jan 20, 2018 meeting.
- President: Greg Palmer Vice-President: Jim Trever Treasurer: Everett Hagan Secretary: Scott Eckstein
- Board Members at large: Art Lites, Jon Spargo, Ross Jordan
- The C&T Boxcar (profit \$6,400) and Los Alamos (profit \$5,117) cars are sold out. We had profit of \$25 from the Railfair and a small table at the Socorro meet for the Harvey Girl Car Flyers

New Business:

- A sign-up sheet for 2926 Open House – 9/23/2017 was passed around.
- Rails Along the Rio Grande 11/18 & 19 / 2017 sign up will come via email
- Pumpkin Meet:
 - Two areas that need improvement are paid attendance and the need to vigorously push raffle tickets.
 - Actions to publicize the meet were outlined; flyer distributions; newspaper ads; email list; craigslist; nextdoor; and emails to other clubs.
 - This will be Bill's last meet as swap meet coordinator.

Meeting Dates for 2018: Jan 20, Feb 17; Mar 17; April 21; and Sept 15.

Other Events

- Oct 21st 22nd & 28th SFMRC (De Vargas Mall)
- November weekends SFMRC Open Houses (internet)
- Nov 4th - 5th SWMRC Train Show (Mid Valley Air Park)
- Nov 18 & 19 Rails along the Rio Grande at Balloon Park
- Nov 19th TCA Desert Division Train Show – Phoenix
- Dec 2nd TTOS Swap Meet and potluck dinner
- December – Holiday Train Layout 1st Nat'l Bank of Santa Fe

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All the way to Santa Fe

By Chris Allen TCA HE95-40580

Laurel and I have been making more frequent trips to New Mexico this past year working with the 2019 Convention Committee as the Registration Chairs. We try to attend their convention meetings as often as we can and while we are there try to take in a site or two along the way. Neither of us have ever been to Santa Fe, New Mexico so this past trip we decided to check it out the way the 2019 Tour Chairs Chris and Mary Wieclaw had designed it to run as a tour. Actually, they have several different tours planned to Santa Fe because there is so much to see you really can't take it all in on a single trip.

We decided that rather than drive up we would take the New Mexico Rail Runner that runs from Belen on the south all the way north to Santa Fe. The Rail Runner trip gave us lots of background information, since the convention hotel will have shuttle service to the downtown Rail Runner station, about a mile and a half away. We feel that many of our convention guests will ask us about doing "self-guided" tours once they see how inexpensive it is to travel on the Rail Runner. Being at the registration desk it's always better to have firsthand information we can pass along.

We arrived at the Alvarado Transportation



The Rail Runner waiting for our day to begin

Center in downtown Albuquerque about ten minutes before the scheduled departure of the 9:35 AM train. The Alvarado Transportation Center is exactly that,

with Amtrak, Rail Runner, Greyhound, local bus and other shuttles all in one spot.

The Alvarado Transportation Center sits on the spot of the former Fred Harvey Alvarado Hotel that is featured on our current fundraising car. The hotel was destroyed in a fire about fifty years ago the new complex is styled in the same architecture of the original hotel.



Alvarado Transportation Center in Albuquerque

Since this was an origin point for the Rail Runner rather than a continuation of a northbound train from Belen, the doors opened about ten minutes before departure and we found a seat on one of the upper deck cars so I could take pictures along the way.

We left right on schedule heading north on our new adventure. I must admit it was a bit tedious getting out of town. The Rail Runner makes ten stops along the way to Santa Fe, but once we left the city proper we rolled right along. The ride was great, the cars clean even after the morning rush hour commute. Our fare was very reasonable at \$6 per person round trip. We got off the train right on schedule at the old Santa Fe Depot. Like Phoenix, Santa Fe was a spur line of the AT&SF because the grades coming into town proved too costly.

Sitting at an elevation of 7,200+ feet Santa Fe welcomed us to a rather drizzly morning and cool temperatures but nothing to deter our escapade. We found the free ground shuttle service asked a few

questions and off we went. Our first stop was the Santa Fe Visitor's Bureau where we loaded up our backpacks with brochures of sites to see in New Mexico, Albuquerque, and of course Santa Fe.

Since it was now lunchtime we decided to



Santa Fe, New Mexico Station and the beginning of our adventure. The free shuttle is a short walk from here.

check out a restaurant we had seen on Food Network. Only a short two block walk from the Visitor Center we found the spot and were not disappointed. The place was busy with locals doing a business lunch and the food was fantastic and inexpensive, by Santa Fe standards.

Walking back to the free shuttle we passed the San Miguel Chapel, the oldest church (1610) and the De Vargas Street house reported to be one of the oldest houses in the continental United States. We didn't stop in to get more history since we were off on the free shuttle to the Santa Fe Plaza.

Walking around the Plaza we stopped in to visit the other hotel on our Fred Harvey car, the La Fonda. What a magnificent hotel, though the bottom floor was now completely over taken by shops and boutiques. The dining room was grand but since we had just eaten lunch we continued our visit to the Plaza area.

A friend from Mesa who knows my mechanical background told me to visit the Loretto Chapel that had a two-story staircase that has no visible support and appears to have been made without any nails. This intrigued me so off I went to view this very unique staircase. I won't bore you with the details, myths, and legends surrounding it, but it was truly impressive in its own right.

Getting a tip from the Rail Runner conductor on our trip up in the morning, we headed back to the

station a little early to catch the first train southbound. We were told the next train, the 5 o'clock express, was a smaller train and usually very full of commuters.

The return trip was just as pleasant although we did learn something I had overlooked. Maybe not a big deal to most people but it seems to be for many of the commuters. There was a reporter for a local newspaper interviewing commuters about the lack of Wi-Fi on the Rail Runner. Although we appeared to have cell phone coverage for the trip since I never noticed my "roaming" light going on, I never noticed the lack of Wi-Fi. I guess for the daily commuters and the younger crowd these things matter but Laurel and I



The staircase in Loretto Chapel built circa 1875. The outside railing was added ten years after the staircase was built. Can you imagine how spectacular that floating staircase must have looked?

were just as happy to stare out the window and watch the world go by without having to worry about traffic on I-25. Some portions of the Rail Runner tracks go right down the middle of the Interstate so it was not unusual to see motorists taking our picture as we whizzed on by.

Very enjoyable trip and I recommend it when you come and visit the 2019 TCA National Convention. In fact, you just might want to consider a Rail Runner Weekly Pass during your stay. I think you will find its

location to the host hotel, the free shuttles once you get to many of the destinations, and ease of use an attractive option when visiting Albuquerque and many interesting stops in New Mexico.

By the way, Laurel and I ended our day visiting another restaurant in Albuquerque we heard about on the National Geographic channel. It turns out they also had been featured on Food Network. If I keep up this editor jig much longer I'm going to start sounding like Gordon Wilson...

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Convention Meeting: (After Lunch)

- The main topics were the tours (excellent presentation by chairs Chris and Mary Wieclaw), registration, finances, and discussed allowing non-member modules exhibitors into the trading hall free during public hours.

In attendance were the following chairs: Bob Keller – TCA Nat'l Convention Chair, Scott & Elaine Eckstein – Convention Co-chairs, Chris & Laurel Allen – registration, John Trever - Treasurer, Ron & Anne Bahm

Welcome and Banquet, Jim Trever & George Domeny – advertising, Art Lites & David Nycz – displays/modules, Everett Hagan – security, Greg Palmer – trading hall (temporary), Warren Smalley - C&T Railroad.

We would like to thank Bob Keller for traveling from Atlanta and the Allen's from Phoenix. Greg Palmer is resigning as Trading Pits chair and a new chair is needed. Please contact Scott and Elaine if you are interested. Bill Spofford is willing to help the new chair.



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UNION PACIFIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Phil Todd TCA 95-41411

On July 22, Dottie and I started a road trip to Denver so we could attend the Union Pacific Historical Society 33rd Annual Convention. I had joined the society earlier this year after being encouraged to do so, by my friend John Roam from Midland, Texas. He is the person that got me started in Phase One of the train hobby (buying). I had taken him to the General Electric Manufacturing Plant in Erie, Pa. and I bought a MTH GE Dash 8 #8100 as we drove to Schenectady, New York. Besides Alaska RR, I have accumulated a lot of Union Pacific stuff.



This year the convention began on July 26 with an evening and dinner at the J. D. Forney Transportation Museum. Out of the 600 items on display, the UP Big Boy #4005 was a high point for me, as we were allowed to walk along side and touch the engine. Do you know that this engine had derailed because a siding switch was in the wrong position?

Dottie liked the 1969 blue corvette. I liked the three-axle car built for the King of Spain. However; the real attraction was the presentation by Ed Dickens, UP Steam Supervisor. He is the person that selected the #4014 for restoration and convinced UP management to approve the \$3 million-dollar budget. He and his team moved the #4014 to the main line and did all of the planning to get the locomotive to Cheyenne. Did you know that some rails have been relocated in tunnels to allow double stack intermodal

cars to go thru? This has reduced the normal 13' 4" distance between center lines and the swing of the Big Boy becomes a challenge.



Ed also is the supervisor of the disassembly, inspection, and rebuild of the #4014. He will also be the engineer that will take it to Ogden, Utah for the 150th Anniversary of the driving of the Golden Spike on May 10, 2019. Ed was also the engineer on the #844 during the trip to Memphis and during its trip to Phoenix a few years ago. He also is the engineer on the #3985 which is now partially disassembled in the Cheyenne Steam Shop. Two busloads of UPHS attendees toured the Cheyenne Steam Shop and Roundhouse on Thursday, July 27th.



On the 28th, two busloads of attendees rode the Royal Gorge train. During the “spare time”, there were ten one-hour presentations. Do you know that there was a barber shop in one of the UP passenger cars? How many railroad lines were built between Kansas City and Denver? 3?, 4?, or 5? What were their names? Who had the shortest published travel time? What was the fastest travel time between Kansas City and Denver? 11:05 Hours, 13:10 hours, 15:20 hours?

National Parks in Moab. If you have never been to these places, they should be on your bucket list. As we drove on I-70 we saw nothing but rusted rails on the former Rio Grande track

Rick Fortmeyer, Paradise & Pacific RR Club Member and his daughter Ashley were the only other Arizona residents that attended the convention, that I know of. Why belong to a Historical Society you may ask? The dues are not too high, but it is not cheap to attend a convention. This year, people from England, Germany and Australia were part of the 160+ people that attended the Denver convention. The membership is 3,300 + people.

If you have a favorite railroad and are operating or collecting that railroad, you might want to learn more about the history. Yes! There are books but you will never see and hear the passion that some people have for a particular railroad. Search Google for your railroad historical society. I just contacted the Rutland Historical Society. The Rutland ran adjacent to my father’s farm near Winthrop, New York. I am trying to get MTH to issue a Rutland RS-3 Railking Engine. At the swap meet in Denver, I found a 1952 Rutland route brochure for \$17.00.



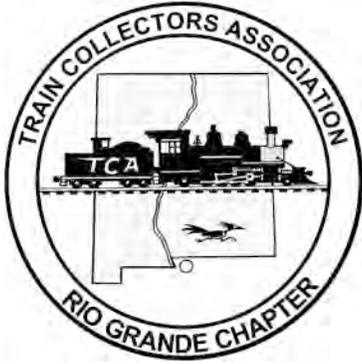
Mr. Jerry Davis, former CEO of UP and CSX was the featured speaker at the Saturday banquet. He is respected and loved by the UP retiree’s.

Our road trip took us to the Lava Tubes near Flagstaff, The La Posada Hotel in Winslow, Canyon de Chelly in Arizona, and the Arches and Canyonlands



The 2018 UPHS Convention will be a joint event with the Milwaukee Road Historical Society at Olympia, Washington in July.





TOY TRAIN SHOW

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I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of Train Collectors Association (TCA) committees and any actions and rulings of TCA committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TA member at any TCA-sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacturers' original condition unless I have caused and such item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction.

2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Mesa Marriott
200 N. Centennial Way
Mesa, AZ 85201



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

5:00 PM: Dinner

Fellowship, Food, Favors, Raffles, Auctions and Fun!

Guests are Welcome

Reservation deadline: November 29, 2017

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Make check payable to Desert Division TCA and send this form and check to:

Angelo Lautazi
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Adults: \$25.00
Children 12 and under: \$18.00 Children age 2
and under: Free

Guests are welcome. (same cost as members)

Please print first and last names of persons attending, giving ages of children 12 and under.

This year, instead of a Members Gift, we have decided to roll back the admission price to the 2004 cost of \$25.00 for adults.

There will be a spouse's gift for Desert Division members.

Adults @ \$25.00 _____
children 12 and under: \$18.00 _____
Total enclosed _____

Please Indicate Club Membership
Desert Division TCA _____
Grand Canyon MR _____
Paradise&Pacific _____
Guest - no affiliation _____

The Ballroom will be set with tables of eight.

Please Note: Only Desert Division members will receive a spouse's gift.

Holiday Committee: Barbara and Angelo Lautazi and Shirley and Fred Hunter



**TCA DESERT DIVISION ANNUAL
TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2017
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**



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TRAIN MEET HOURS

Saturday, November 18, 2017

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Admission \$6

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Table Top Auction

SETUP 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

TABLE REGISTRATION – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

NAME _____

TCA# _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Email for table confirmation _____

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the TCA & the Desert Division Train Meet in regards to buying, selling, ethics, and behavior. I further agree that in the case of a dispute, the meet chairman, or an impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairman shall arbitrate the matter and render a binding decision. I shall upon the direction of the Meet Chairman, in the case of a disputed sale, refund a buyer's money. Vendors not participating in the Table Top auction may, at their own decision, close at 1 PM

Signed X _____ Date _____

Make check payable to: Desert Division TCA

Mail Table Registration to: Beth Stange, 8619 E. Chaparral Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85250

More info: Bob Herman 480-948-2730 or Chris Allen 480-820-9559

\$25 per 8' table

(Bring table cover if desired)

Tables @ \$25 each _____

Special Requests? _____

**YOUR TABLE REGISTRATION
INCLUDES ONE FREE HELPER
NAME BADGE IF NEEDED**

Helper Name _____

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****DEADLINE FOR AD's - THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH ****

THE BACK PAGE

FOR THINGS THAT DIDN'T FIT ELSEWHERE or BREAKING NEWS



Roland LaHaie also brought along this MTH loco in the Golden Spike Centennial livery from 1969



We had a Penny thing going on... Chris Allen with the last of his Centennial Series Postage stamp cars also featured a GG1



Bonnie Rudy shares a chat with treasurer Bob Herman while Jon Hinderer and John Craft chat about all thing "standard" in their hobby



This little "shorty" Rail Runner is the evening express from Santa Fe. As you can see seating is quite limited!

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