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# Desert Division

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## FALL TRAIN SEASON IS HERE

Well, it seems like forever since we last got together. I've missed seeing many of you over the summer, however with so many train shows in the area I've crossed paths with many more members than I expected. Both the Division and the Chapter are ramping up, so jump on board everyone the fall train season is here and we are about to leave the station.

The June General Meeting attendance already was reflecting summer in the valley with about forty members in attendance. However, they did enjoy the nice selection of donuts, in fact we almost had more donuts than members and nobody missed out!

President Allen started the meeting exactly on time at 10:00 AM and Secretary Lautazi announced our new paid Division membership at 233 members. Angelo introduced our newest member, Tim Halchuck who resides in Fountain Hills. Tim is a postwar Lionel collector looking specifically for coil couplers, but then again anything trains will also get him to look twice.

Treasurer Bob Herman gave the financial report and noted that the Savings Account was at \$27,803.89 and Checking had \$10,745.56. Since

we are currently taking pre-orders for the Harvey House Car, some of that balance is pre-order monies that will be used to pay the invoice when it comes due this summer.

Chris relayed a conversation from Peter Atonna that early sales of the Harvey Company car are doing well and that he has already received a paint sample. Peter has asked for one small change and feels the car will go into production soon and should make for an on-time delivery this summer.

Next Chris mentioned that he is required to file a Division Annual Report each year with the National Board of Directors. Part of that requirement is an accurate membership count. You may have noticed that our membership took a dip from recent numbers. Chris and Angelo worked together and discovered the drop is due in part to local members not keeping their National TCA dues current. We also discovered that there are 113 TCA members who live in the Division boundaries that do not pay local Division dues. This fall we will begin to send out solicitation letters asking these members to join us as we ramp up train season both the Division and

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 9 – **September Desert Division Meet** – 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting-Phoenix, AZ
- September 16 – **Rio Grande Chapter Meet** – 9:00 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Albuquerque, NM
- September 23 – **GCMR Mini-Swap** - 9:00 Am – 11:00 AM – 1212 E Glendale Ave, Phoenix AZ
- October 7 - 8 – **RAIL FAIR 2017** – McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park – Scottsdale, AZ
- October 14 - **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

Chapter. Scott Russell suggested that he would pay for these members local dues as an enticement to get them to join, much like a friend might pay for another friend's admission to a show. Chris thanked Scott for his generous offer but thought this might not be the right approach mentioning the "free TCA membership" drive we tried a few years ago at the Toy Train Show. Currently Chris is sending many of these members a free copy of the Division newsletter to members of this group that might be within a reasonable drive to the Phoenix or Albuquerque meeting location. After explaining the need to keep costs down by printing and mailing a minimum each month it was suggested that these copies be stamped or marked "Complimentary Copy". - editor's note, starting with this issue the newsletter is so marked for those TCA members who do not pay Division dues.

A vendor has been sourced for the newest Division polo shirt project. Because we will not have a meet for several months this project will be put on summer hiatus and resume in the fall. The local company can offer the shirt in several fabric sources and because the newest trend is with lightweight "wicking" fabric, the logo cannot be embroidered onto the shirt with the fabric puckering around the embroidery. It was suggested that the Division log be made as a patch and that patch sewn onto the shirt. Because of that option extra patches might also be made available for individual sale. We hope to have all the information available when we meet again in the fall.

Chris announced that there would be Division elections this year. Steve Bienstock agreed to chair the election committee again and will solicit two other members to assist him. Greg Palmer, who currently holds a spot as a Division Director will be running for Chapter President so there is one immediate opening for Director on the slate. In addition, Chris announced that he will seek re-election as Division President because of his desire to see the 2019 National Convention through to completion.

Education Segment; Jonathan brought a Sakai HO locomotive that impressed him with its detail. He also brought along a "Hot off the Press"

Amtrak E9 that he recently received from 3<sup>rd</sup> Rail. Jonathan discussed the small but notable variations between the E8 and E9 versions, both in real life and the modeled versions of this iconic workhorse. Dallas Dixon brought along the latest DCS book available online from MTH. He commented that it had solutions for numerous DCS issues and was a great source and starting point for troubleshooting DCS issues. Chris Allen displayed the current Standard Gauge Pickle Vat car that TCA offered this year and arrived before he left for the convention. We learned that these cars are more or less prototypical of the cars of the era. The graphics were sharp and made for a much more attractive car than the real deal. Roland LaHaie relayed the information that the Mesa Library has free train displays in July and August at the Main Branch downtown.

Raffle prizes in no particular order; Hudson Raffle ticket, Chris Allen, Lionel flatcar with logs, Bill Mahan, Lionel CP Rail Boxcar, Bill East, Lionel '92 Toy Fair car, Don Locke, Large Fire Engines, Bill Lazenby, Menards UP Flatcar with trucks, Larry Stencil, Railroad DVD's, Angelo Lautazi, CTT Magazines Don Locke.

The winner of the June Hudson Raffle \$100 was Bill East.

**REMINDER, the September Educational Segment** will be what new trains got added to your collection over the summer or what new spot did you visit during your travels that you would like to share.



Jonathan's HO Sakai locomotive



It almost looks like Janet is praying that John would buy something from her table. maybe she was...



Yes, it was a hot June day, let's just sit here for awhile



Lots of informal chit chat before the meeting



Dave "no name" Brown and Bill Lazenby checking out the raffle



Dallas Dixon talking about the DCS Companion book



Bill East was the June Hudson Hundred winner

## TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – June 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM at the home of Mike and Michelle Dietrich

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, 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 233

**Treasurers Report** - Treasurer, Bob Herman, reported that the Savings Account is \$27,803.89 and Checking is \$10,745.56.

### **Old Business:**

**TCA & Division membership** – There is approximately 100 TCA members that do not pay Division dues. Some live outside of what might be considered a reasonable commute to either the Phoenix or Albuquerque meeting locations. We also discovered a few members with pre-paid Division dues that have let their National TCA dues lapse. Angelo has written solicitation letters encouraging these members to become active in the Division. These will be sent out later this summer prior to our active fall train season.

**Christmas Holiday Party** – The Board agreed to a member gift however decided against the cloisonné club pins discussed last month. The Board authorized the Christmas Holiday Party to decide on the member gift.

**Fred Harvey Fundraising Car** – Chris gave a sales update on the first two cars. The Los Alamos has completely sold out and the Cumbres and Toltec car has only six cars remaining. The sales from these two cars have produced over \$11,000 in profits for the 2019 National Convention. Sales figures for the newest car, the Fred Harvey Company boxcar, is now at 108 units. Peter has received a paint sample and feels the car will possibly arrive early from Lionel this summer.

**Pizza Meetza Meet and Auction** – Continues to be very well attended and a very popular meet each year. It was noted that we continue to have excess pizzas the past few years. The plan for 2018 will be for a slightly smaller order. The Board appreciates the excellent job Beth Stange continues to do coordinating the event.

### **New Business:**

**2017 Annual Division Report** – The fiscal year for TCA ends June 30<sup>th</sup> the required Annual Report was submitted. Chris provided a copy to the Board for review and it details the Division's events of the past year along with membership and financial information that is required. A printed copy will be available at the June meeting for review and members can contact Chris or check on the National TCA website for a soft copy.

**Polo Shirts** – Chris reported that Paul has secured a embroider vendor for the club's polo shirts. They have no minimums and will make the shirts by subscription. Price information will be available in the fall depending on the type of shirt the member orders, regular cotton or the new "wicking" fabric that is becoming popular.

**Fall Election** – Elections are this year. The Board will appoint a three member election committee to construct a slate of candidates. Chris announced he will run for re-election for one more term in order to see the 2019 National TCA Convention in New Mexico through to completion. Greg Palmer is running for Rio Grande Chapter President so that will open a Director spot on the Division Board.

**Auction Committee** – The November Auction is full and consignments are now being assigned to the January Auction. About forty items of Standard Gauge will be inventoried and placed on eBay this fall to secure a better return for our consignor.

**2019 Convention Update** – Chris reported on a recent teleconference held by the 2019 Convention Committee and feels everything is on track for a great convention. The Division will hold some of the profits from the first two fundraising cars to help offset the cost with the expected early arrival of the Harvey Company car this summer.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on September 6, at the home of Angelo and Barbara Lautazi.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

## Presidents Message

Well, it's been a long summer, in fact for those of us in most of the southwest it seems like summer has gone on way too long, and probably still has a month to go.

Well, relax, fall train season is here and so are all the train shows. Our friends over at the GCMR have their mini-meet coming up on September 23 and if you have never been to one, let me encourage you to do so. These meets are held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church located at 12<sup>th</sup> St. and Glendale Ave. 30-40 tables makes for just enough diversity and of course a room full of many of your friends. Check it out, it's a small meet yet packed full of many surprises.

The September Meet is also the first time we've been together since June. There is a lot of information to cover, our upcoming Division elections, Rail Fair, the November Train Show, so much to do with only our two fall meets to get it done in.

As I mentioned last month, founding member Bob Johnston passed away and a celebration of Bob's life will be held following our September Meet just a few miles away from our meet at the Iron Works Restaurant located at the Bellair Golf Course near 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Union Hills. The exact address is elsewhere in this issue but I would really like to have all Division members wear their 2009 convention vests on Saturday if you still have them. Bob loved wearing his and it will be a fitting tribute to a man who did so much for the Division over the years.

Sneaking in a week earlier than normal, Rail Fair is coming to the Scottsdale Railroad Park the week before our October Meeting. We've been an active partner with the park since 1979, running trains and providing layouts almost continuously since the beginning. Recently the City of Scottsdale has made participation a bit more rigorous. The Railroad Park people are great, but unfortunately there is an 800 lb gorilla in the room called the city, that wants all the "I's" dotted and well our trains might run on a tight time schedule but most of us cranky old men don't take too kindly to unnecessary paperwork and change. We have turned in the appropriate paperwork and look forward to a fun filled weekend.

But to pull it off we need your help. I'll be dropping off the trailer Friday evening but we will not begin setting up until Saturday morning. Getting the wings down and level takes just a few minutes, but the decorating is a little more time consuming. If you have time Saturday morning between 7:00 AM and 10:00 please consider signing up to give me a hand. We will

be running trains both days from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. We have trains to run or you can bring your own. Plan to join us for a few hours either day.

Did I mention that fall train season is here? In this issue, you will find table seller forms for the Chapter's Pumpkin Meet, the Tucson Toy Train Museum's November Meet and our own November Train Meet. That's three train meets within four weeks. Like I mentioned earlier in the year, the Shrine Auditorium does not rent their facility on Thanksgiving weekend. I am currently in contact with the other clubs in the Phoenix and Tucson area to move our meet to a vacant Saturday in November. We currently are on the same weekend as Cal-Stewart in Southern California. Although many of our members no longer travel to southern California to this meet, we would still like to re-establish our meet on a November Saturday that has no conflicts.

The November Train Auction is scheduled for Thanksgiving Saturday on November 25<sup>th</sup>. It is chock full of interesting items and the catalogs are available now. Pick your copy up at the September Meet. We hope to have it online shortly. The January auction is at capacity as well. I will have more information about both auctions in future editions of this newsletter.

This is also election year in the Division. Steve Bienstock has again volunteered to be the Election Chairman and will be conducting the election. All offices, even those held by incumbents are open, but we will be looking for at least one new Director to fill out the election slate. Nominations close at the October General Meet. Contact Steve, myself or any Division member about questions you might have running for a Division office. This is an important election because we also have the open motion from earlier this year about the Division dues increase.

To save expenses, both yours and ours, this year we will be conducting the election online. If you belong to any of the other clubs, or just about any other organization, you know how simple online voting is. You will need to have an email address on file to vote. This email address will only be used for the election, nothing else. The Division maintains several email lists to send notices about upcoming shows, the newsletter and so on. If you want to be included on any of these lists please contact Angelo Lautazi.





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# TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

Welcome Back from Summer – Our next Meeting is September 16 at Los Altos Christian Church  
Pictures from various summer activities



Rio Grande Chapter promoting TCA, the Pumpkin Meet, their raffle and even a nice postwar display at the Albuquerque Rail Fair



A young engineer enjoying her ride – the rope is wired to the “kill” switch



Tom Lawler supplied the Pre-war Hudson and Post-war Madison's and Jim Spatafora's original Pre-war train set were displayed at Albuquerque's Rail Fair



Jim Trever selling raffle tickets next to the Area 51 set he donated for the raffle this year

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## RAIL FAIR 2017

We have a somewhat unusual event this year. Rail Fair 2017 will be held a week earlier than usual. This happens occasionally when the October calendar causes the Columbus weekend to fall earlier than usual in the month. Rail Fair will NOT coincide with our October Meet but rather a week earlier on October 7 and 8. That means that instead of reminding everyone to come out to the park at the October Meeting this will be our only opportunity to ask you for help. We will drop the trailer off Friday afternoon and setup will begin early Saturday morning October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 AM. Run time Saturday and Sunday is 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM both days. Tear down will be Sunday afternoon beginning at 5:00 PM. We need three volunteers to help with setup and teardown Saturday and Sunday and operators for both days. You can bring your own

trains to run or run one of the many the Division has on hand, but we do need your help. The Division committed to the trailer module because so many members raised their hand that if we built it they would come and operate trains. Setup is easy and five large loops provide the chance for you to run Standard Gauge, O gauge or American Flyer S gauge. Rail Fair is always a fun filled weekend running trains, working with other members and keeping our hobby in front of the public. We don't need you all weekend or even all day. Just volunteer a few hours of your time either day. If everyone just does a little, we will have it covered. We will have the signup sheet at the September Meet. Come out have fun and participate in this annual tradition of running trains at Rail Fair.

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## EUREKA, HE FOUND IT!

A few months ago, we sent out a request for everyone to check their Los Alamos Mint Cars boxes to see if they might have box number 001 or rather just box 1, which we could set aside as the "Number 1" production car of the Los Alamos series boxcars. Well several months went by and after hearing nothing we figured it was shipped to a non-Division member. Imagine Peter Atonna's surprise when member Bill Richardson came up to him at the recent GCMR Summer Cactus Meet and said, "Is this what you are looking for?" **Yes, it was!** TCA members come with many collecting quirks, so trying to come up with unique items that we might be able to use, either for the Welcome Party Silent Auction or the Banquet Auction can be challenging. Thanks to Bill we hope this "Number 1" will go to a collector who desires these unique items. We had two Los Alamos Mint cars set aside for the convention and traded one

to Bill, so now instead of a routine mint car in the auction we will have this special car. Thank you, Bill, for supporting our fundraising efforts and checking your boxes. You're Number 1 in our books.



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## THEY ARE HERE - PICKUP YOUR CAR AT THE SEPTEMBER MEET

Yes, the Fred Harvey Car arrived on schedule and will be delivered at the September Meet if you took advantage of the special-pre-order offer. If you cannot make the September Meet let Chris Allen know and he

will try to make arrangements with you so you can get your car. We want to thank all of you for participating in the early buy campaign and supporting the 2019 Convention Committee.

## In Memoriam – Bob Johnston

By Chris Allen TCA HE95-40580



Bob Johnston, one of the original 25 founding members of Desert Division, passed away suddenly on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

When Sue called me with the news I was numb. I had just seen Bob a few weeks earlier and he was his usual happy self, telling jokes about his heritage, growing up in Wisconsin, chasing trains and everything in between.

I've known Bob since work and family life allowed him to get active in the Division again. He and Sue were a tremendous help to me personally as the Registration Chair during the 2009 convention and to the Division overall. Bob was a huge supporter of anything Desert Division and wore his 2009 convention vest religiously to Division events. Besides financial support for all the Division fundraising cars that never quite fit in with his passion for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, he helped at almost every club sponsored event, most recently helping setup the module for the World's Greatest Hobby Show this past spring.

Many years ago, I volunteered with the oral history project for the TCA Library. It was our task to record whoever we felt had information on the early workings of TCA or Divisions and the memories of those members when they joined. During that time, I recorded the thoughts of past Division and National Presidents I had met during my time serving TCA. Seeing that I had become the Division Historian, I contacted Bob to see if he would like to be interviewed as well. "Why me?", he asked. Well, I'd like to hear your side of things. You have a unique view of someone who

stepped away and then came back. I find that story very interesting and I'd like it preserved in the archives.

Setting up the recorder on their kitchen table I could tell Bob was a bit nervous, but within minutes he was sharing stories of everything from Shop Class to buying trains from mailing lists and how things were like in the Valley of Sun during those early days. Bob had served as club Secretary/Treasurer during those early years when the two offices were one. With Sue by his side, (and often their children as well) I learned of early family vacations sometimes spent chasing trains and sometimes getting chased out of railroad yards. I came away from that interview with a whole new perspective of this quiet man, who had experienced life and his dreams with passion.

Bob was a musician and his love of music covered many genres and his handiwork and passion for tinkering and repairing went far beyond trains and into the musical instrument field. I guess the Shop Teacher or rather the Industrial Arts Instructor spark burned brightly within his soul. Although we are relatively close in age, the passion Bob had as an instructor, was like the man who directed my life so many years ago. Perhaps that is why I enjoyed being around Bob and hearing his life stories. My life, as I am sure so many of Bob's students were as well, was shaped by men with a passion of working with your hands as well as your mind. I learned the value to design, read from blueprints, construct, maintain and repair so much of the world around us.

Bob's smile, humor, and presence will be missed by all of us. We've lost an important connection to the beginnings of Desert Division, more importantly, we lost a good friend who can be proud that the club he began grew so large and is still active today,

A celebration of Bob will be held September 9, 2017 at Iron Works Restaurant, 17233 N. 45th Ave. at 1:00 p.m. Come and share good memories and food. I ask all Division members who still have their 2009 Red, White, and Blue Convention vests to wear them Saturday to honor the man who wore his proudly at so many of our events.

# HARVEY HOUSES

By Phil Todd TCA 95-41411

Many of you have driven to or thru Winslow, Arizona as you go east or west on I-40. Many of you have stood on the corner in Winslow. Some of you have spent the money and enjoyed an evening at the La Posada Hotel and have sat on the benches and watched the BNSF traffic. We know that Gordon and Christi Wilson stay only in room 101.

From the very first time I saw the La Posada, I have thought about how and who had renovated a former Harvey House. Oh, the days of steam engines pulling passenger cars and the Harvey Houses were the splendid hotels that travelers stayed in at night. I had learned that Tina Mion and Allan Affeldt were the people that had been the inspiration for the renovation. I mentally estimated how much money they take in for a full hotel and at the fantastic dining room. I have also heard that they were renovating the Harvey house in Needles, California. This I have not confirmed.

However; there is another story and you might be interested in it. After the UP Historical Society Convention in Denver, Dottie and I headed back to Gold Canyon on I-25. Some of you know that the word ANTIQUES on a billboard north of Las Vegas, New Mexico would result in us taking an exit. Yes! There is an antique shop on Railroad Avenue directly across the street from the Santa Fe Depot. It is a very nice antique shop and for the very first time, we found railroad

memorabilia. Some of it left the building on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July.

We did see a Fred Harvey small cup priced at \$160.00. We did see a Fred Harvey silver looking turin with no ladle priced at \$600. We bought three pieces of Union Pacific china and two Santa Fe butter saucers and two Santa Fe sugar containers with lids.

While Dottie was in the antique shop, I went over to the Santa Fe Depot, which is the Amtrak stopping point and the Information Center for Las Vegas. Pictures on the walls tell a lot of history.

North of the Depot, was a fenced in area and within the fence stands an abandoned building with the word Castaneda Hotel barely legible. When I asked the lady at the information center if that had been a Harvey House, she said, Yes! She then gave me a copy of the hotel and staff in 1899. On the back was an article about the furnishings and inside appearance in 1899.



**The Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, New Mexcio**



**The Castaneda Hotel in Las Vegas, New Mexico is currently under a major rehab as seen in this photo. Follow us on facebook to stay up to date on the progress**

I then was given an article written by Tina Mion or Allen Affeldt, stating that they are 90% confident that they had secured financing to renovate the Castaneda Hotel. A bank in "California has agreed to provide crucial NEW Markets Tax Credits and a new loan. Chase Bank has agreed to make a major investment in the project."

“As part of the restructuring Tina Mion and Allen Affeldt will give the Plaza and Castaneda Hotels to the Winslow Arts Trust, the 501-c3 we established for our Arizona philanthropy. The Arts Trust will be renamed and redefined to support arts, history and economic development projects in Winslow and Las Vegas NM. We will establish a new LLC, which will have a long-term lease from the Trust, to restore and operate the Plaza and Castaneda Hotels, so we will be involved. During the last three years we have made nearly \$1 million in improvements in the Plaza.”

“We are also proceeding with our plan to lease the food and beverage business at both the Plaza and

Castaneda, just as we do at La Posada with the Turquoise Room. “Funding should be available so work can begin in October on the Castaneda. This is estimated to be \$3 million and should be done in 18 months, so we are targeting a 2019 Castaneda re-opening, seventy years after it closed as a hotel.”

Now you know the rest of the story. The Plaza Hotel is located west of I-25 on National Avenue. It is located on the northwest corner of the square.

Keep track of the renovations, if completed you might be able to stay here before or after the 2019 TCA Convention. Las Vegas, NM is about a 90 minute drive north of Albuquerque.



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# DESERT DIVISION 2017 RAFFLE



## 1st Prize

Is a real gem from 2000 and is mint in the box. The MTH 30-2197-0 with loco-sound. That's right, no fancy electronics to get messed up on your layout. This beautiful UP M-10000 set operates on 031 curves so it is a perfect fit for just about any layout. The locomotive has been completely serviced and is ready to roll as soon as you win it. This one can find a home in your collection or on your layout if you are this year's winner.

## 2nd Prize

Got Gas? Why not wash your car at the same time? The perfect companion for any service station on your layout is this MTH 30-9104 Operating Car Wash. The picture is from the internet, you will win one that is factory sealed, brand spanking new in its shipping carton. Time to clean up all those cars on your layout and run them through this beautiful accessory.



## 3rd Prize

From the TCA 61<sup>st</sup> TCA National Convention we present this Lionel 6-58238 uncataloged classic. The Palisades Park Trolley was produced in extremely limited numbers and is now completely sold out. How popular was it? It is selling for a premium on the secondary markets today. Now is your chance to own and operate this colorful trolley on your layout.



Tickets on sale now. Drawing will be held November 18<sup>th</sup> at the November Train Show. You do not need to be present to win! Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25



# Tucson Arizona-Toy Train Show

Gadsden-Pacific Summer Meet **November 10-11, 2017**

[www.gpdtoytrainmuseum.com](http://www.gpdtoytrainmuseum.com)

**Pre-Registration Tables:** \$35.00 each if payment is received in advance.

Buy three tables and get fourth table free (for pre-registration tables only if available)

-When filling out Event Table Registration Form use the name you like to be called and fill in the name of your helper.

**Location:** Tucson, AZ-Tucson Expo Center South Hall, 3750 E. Irvington Road. Just off I-10 @ exit 264 (Irvington and Palo Verde)

**Set-Up Time:** Set up Friday from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm or Saturday from 8:00 am-9:00 am.

We encourage you to plan on having your table set up for the entire show if possible.

Two Day Show: Doors open for the public:

Friday from 1pm -6pm

Saturday from 9am-2 pm

Eight Foot tables: Yes, we have 8' tables!

Electricity available= \$5.00 for pre-registration tables only. Put X in the box below.

Clean facilities, good lighting and reasonably priced snack bar. Nearby restaurants and motels (email for special rate information).

*Please contact Jeff Swanson @ 520-310-1392 with any questions.*

Make Checks Payable to **GPD TTOM**

P.O. BOX 85425

TUCSON, AZ 85754-5425

Email: [trainshow@gpdtoytrainmuseum.com](mailto:trainshow@gpdtoytrainmuseum.com)

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**TCA DESERT DIVISION ANNUAL  
TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2017  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Formerly known as the Turkey Meet**



**EL ZARIBAH SHRINERS AUDITORIUM  
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Signed X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**\*\*DEADLINE FOR AD's – THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH \*\***

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FOR THINGS THAT DIDN'T FIT ELSEWHERE or BREAKING NEWS



While returning home from his summer vacation road trip, Phil Todd came across these Arizona Eastern Railway GP-8 doing yard duty in Miami, AZ



Beth Stange brought in a large collection of old Rail Fair and Turkey Meet buttons free for the taking, Janet is looking to back fill her collection



Jonathan talking about his recent Sakai HO purchase. It was a complete set with the requisite Hudson Pacific tender



This trio of characters were found in Prescott Valley at the Beat the Heat Meet. Rumor is, one might be back and bidding up the Division President at auctions soon...



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