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MY FIRST TRAIN CONTINUES

We never knew how much fun and nostalgia would be brought up when we started this series, but it continues to be a big hit. In fact, it was so much so we hardly had time for a Business Meeting in May, because so many members brought in stories to share.

You didn't just miss out on pizza and the auction you missed out on some great stories of first trains and family memories of how these



Ivan English and his story about retirement bringing about his first train and new hobby to enjoy



Don Locke still has his well loved first train

trains brought members back into the hobby. This has been a very fun series and if you you're your first train or just the story about your first train contact me and we will get you on the schedule to share your story.

The May meeting started a little late at 10:05 with a head count of 45 members in the Hall. By Pizza Meet standards that's pretty light. Although Janet Mattern was missing, (some excuse about an Anniversary cruise to Hawaii) we

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9 - June Division Meet - 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - Phoenix, AZ

June 23 – July 1 - TCA 64th National Convention
Warwick, RI – still time to register and attend!

July – No Meet – Plan to Beat the Heat, maybe take the bus?

August 18 – Beat the Heat Meet

9 AM – 1 PM Liberty Traditional School – Prescott Valley, AZ

September 8 - September Division Meet – Welcome back from Summer!

we had the free coffee and donuts ready for everyone to enjoy.

President Allen called the Business Meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Secretary Angelo Lautazi announced our current paid membership at 217. John Wiley had his daughter Dawn as a guest and granddaughter Charlotte Coon helped Grandma Allen with coffee club duties and donut quality assurance. Treasurer Bob Herman gave the financial report of Savings Account balance \$19,805.84 and Checking Account balance of \$7,541.06. Chris noted that the reduction in the checking account was the yearly payment for the trailer module storage and a \$4,000 transfer of funds to the 2019 Convention Committee based on very strong car sales last month. **In fact, less than 30 Fred Harvey Trading Co. cars remain.**

The only Old Business to discuss was the search for a new Christmas Holiday Party venue continues. Both members and the committee felt a change in venue was overdue because of several incidents during last years event. This year the final selection has been narrowed to the central Phoenix area.

New Business, the current year's roster had been mailed out and Chris asked for a reaction to the new laminated membership card. The overall response was positive and because the cost was minimal it will be continued again next year. Chris also mentioned that the club is investigating its own fund-raising program using the Lionel Made in USA cars. Several ideas have already been discussed with the first car a smaller run featuring the La Posada Hotel in Williams. We are already in discussion with them and hope to have an announcement over the summer.

With all the business out of the way the meeting was turned over to the Educational segment early so that we could end on time for the Pizza arrival scheduled at 11:00. **Jerry Sienkewicz** started things off with several unique prototypes. Jerry is a long time Marx collector and has traveled far and wide to add to his collection. The first was a copper plated engine that came from an antique toy show in Illinois more than 25 years ago while the second, a 1953 crossing gate that was never produced crossing gate from a York meet so far back he couldn't remember. **Tim Halchuck** related that he has seen a lot of articles about Delta Line products in TCA publications recently and decided to bring in his examples. His were made from plans

found in a 1943 Lionel Builder Magazine. Tim had reproductions of the articles and everyone agreed they were very vague and his finished buildings were spot on. **Roland LaHaie** had his footlocker of trains. He explained that when he was seven years old his father was going to be deployed overseas, so the family had Christmas in August. His gift was a 1955 736 Lionel work train and the footlocker were where the trains were stored. Fast forward to 1980 and a call from his father reunited him with the same footlocker. He never looked back as his interest in the hobby was rekindled. **Ivan English** had a bit more unusual story, although he liked looking at Lionel catalogs the "bug" never bit. That is until his retirement at the age of 57. Wandering around he found a storefront layout in Tucson and soon after met past Desert Division members, Johnny Ourso and Jerry Calkins. They introduced him to the Gadsen Pacific Museum and then the bug really bit. Ivan's first train was the beautiful Lionel Southern Pacific Daylight. **Paul Wassermann's** first train was a Lionel #111 Scout set and was given to him by his Polish Grandmother in 1948 when he was 5 years old. He played with the set, rather hard by his own admission, and sold it when he was 15. Paul has told us many times that meeting Dr. Don Fraley during his internship was the "sparkplug" that got him back into the hobby and it took him 30 years of searching to find another set to replace that original. **Don Locke's** father worked as a contractor for the railroad and bought him his first set a Lionel 1947 freight set when he was 10 years old. Don not only has that same set but also the same 1947 Lionel catalog that he "wished" over. Don recalled many fond memories of tagging along with his father and experiencing railroad life first hand.

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order, Hudson Raffle ticket – Gordon Wilson, Lionel Flatcar, Jack Eaton – Lionel Southern Boxcar – Ralph Treichel, Lionel SF Flatcar – Terry Haas, Weaver Flatcar Terry Fagan, Menards UP Flatcar – Katie Elgar, Lionel Train Books – Mike Dietrich, Train Book – Chris Allen.

We had a wild ride giving away the Hudson Hundred. Granddaughter Charlotte did not pull out Grandpa Chris' name but **Janet Mattern's** cruise got in the way of her collecting the hundo. We don't know where **Larry Teresi** was, but he missed out as well. For the second time in two months **Joe Algozzini** missed out as did **Mark Thompson**. On the fifth try **Terry Haas** said thank you, I'm here, and had some extra spending money for the Pizza Auction.



Tim Halchuck has been reading a lot about Delta Lines and built these years ago and brought them in to display



Jerry Sienkiewicz had several MARX prototypes on display from his collection, one was never manufactured



Roland LaHaie and the "footlocker of trains". The set has been kept in it since he first received it that way



Paul Wassermann and Lionel Scout set that took him 30 years to find after he sold his original set when he was 15



Oh yes, did we mention it was the Pizza Meet? Beth Stange replenishing the pies after the initial crush of hungry members went through



The fifth time was the charm, Terry Haas was there, the four names called before him were not

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TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – May 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:56 PM at the home of Terry and Adrienne Haas

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Paul Wassermann, Terry Haas, Jonathan Peiffer, on the phone Greg Palmer.

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

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 217 members. We picked up two late member renewals after the roster was printed.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account is \$19,805.84 and Checking is \$7,541.06.26. Bob distributed the Income & Expense report from February. Bob noted that the checking account decline reflects several large payments including payment of the two storage lockers for the club module trailer and auction storage along with check of \$4,000 sent to the Rio Grande Chapter Convention fund from car sales. No other comments on the Income/Expense report.

Old Business:

Reserve Auction Items – Bob reported that he received qualified (above the reserve minimum) bids on about 1/3 of the lots from the Standard Gauge and Pre-War Reserve Auction that was printed April newsletter. The remaining lots will be placed in a future auction this fall or winter.

2019 Division Roster – The roster was recently mailed to the membership and Chris asked the BOD about the new laminated membership card. The cost to do the lamination was minimal but he wondered if we needed a membership card at all? The Board was split so Chris will bring the matter up with the members at the meeting on Saturday for a consensus.

May Pizza Meet - Beth is in charge of ordering the pizzas. Janet Mattern will not be able to bring sodas because she will be away on an Anniversary Cruise. Laurel will help set the coffee in the morning and insure enough soda and water for lunch. Angelo will ask Barbara to assist. The auction lot will be over 100 pieces.

New Business:

Email Scam – Bob received another request for money so to avoid any more email scams, we have shut down the treasurer's email account on the website.

Hudson Raffle – Chris authorized Gordon Wilson to purchase a Hudson for the Division's 2019 raffle while they were at York. Gordon also found a boxed 1964 Hudson that could be used for the 2019 Convention. Chris authorized that purchase as well. If the 2019 Convention decides not to use the Hudson we will sell the boxes and use the Hudson for the 2020 raffle.

2019 Banquet Car – Chris signed the 2019 Banquet car contract from Lionel for a limited 150 piece run.

Christmas Holiday Party – The Christmas party location needs to be decided on within the next month. Chris has compiled a list of possible locations from hotels that had meeting rooms large enough for our train shows. Paul agreed to go through the list and begin contacting them as a possible venue. While at York Chris stopped by the Barclay booth and found several figures that might work as a member gift. The Christmas Party Committee will decide to use the member gift in lieu of the grab bag gifts we did last year.

Division Fund Raising - Chris opened up the discussion mentioning that several other Division presidents have mentioned that fund raising club cars seem to be the way many are going. Peter Atonna is working on a Harvey House car that would celebrate the La Posada hotel in Winslow. Several other projects are also being developed. With minimum runs of 100 units available from Lionel, a relatively fast turnaround, and a made in America product, it makes it more feasible to produce a car that will be sold out and not burden the club with unsold inventory. The club will try to produce at least one car a year.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on June 9th, 2018 starting at 8:30 AM at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Angelo will be out of town and a Secretary pro tem will be appointed for the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

Presidents Message

I'm writing this month message just a few weeks ahead of the National Convention in Warwick, Rhode Island. With the June meeting the last Meet until September the message will be a bit jerky because there is a lot on my mind and so little space to write about it.

It has been a very busy month since national TCA wraps up their fiscal year June 30 I have all the "end of the year" reports for the various committees I serve on, along with our own Division Annual Report. I will have a hard copy available on the front table at the June Meet and if you can't attend drop me a line and I will email you a copy of it. These Division, Committee, and Officer reports are also available for you to view on the national TCA website whenever you wish. Because they all must be approved at the convention, do not look for this years reports to be posted until mid-July.

Hard to believe that with all the heat records in town, we're focused on the Christmas Holiday Party. We have reviewed several new locations for the event this year and plan to have the final selection shortly. For years the party moved around each year until we settled in at the Mesa Marriott, where had been for over a decade. This year the event will be moved to a more central location. Who knows, maybe we will move about the town each year again. Besides a new location we are also looking at changing things up a bit. Stay tuned, it should be a unique party this year with some nice improvements in store for everyone.

A big **thank you** to **Chet Henry and Beth Stange** for putting together another successful Pizza Meet. Because of several scheduling conflicts the meet attendance was a little light, but those who did attend not only had a great time and all the free pizza they could eat but also pitched in and at the end of the show and helped us clear the hall in record time. Most of the volunteers had a long day and it was a nice surprise when so many members stayed a little longer and helped put the hall back in order. Thank you everyone and look for a new date and a few new rules for the 2019 version of the Pizza Meet. Remember, the only constant thing in life, is change.

And speaking of fun meets, with the onset of summer you know the "Beat the Heat Meet" is right

around the corner. This meet, with all the great afternoon layout tours afterwards, is a valley trainiac's favorite. Peter Atonna has written all about it and included a little rundown of the layouts and what each one features. It's only a "dry heat" for part of the summer, so the fact that the new location is air conditioned, means we won't have to deal with monsoon humidity is also a big plus. Peter reports that the tables have been sold out for quite some time so with train bargains in the morning and layout tours in the afternoon it looks like a fun weekend up in the Prescott area is in store for all.

Our friends over at the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders also have their usual bus trip planned, so it looks like a fun time to head up country to Prescott Valley. The bus trip is a fun way to leave the driving to someone else and enjoy the trip, chat with friends and visit many of the layout stops following the meet. Contact Dave Brown if you are interested and he can give you the inside scoop for the bus trip.

Because I'm running all the flyers for the Beat the Heat this month, the final installment of the **postwar tender guide** is going to be postponed until the **Summer edition of the *DISPATCH***. I've gone through my collection and have gathered versions of the various tenders described in the series and having the photographs along with the guide added too many pages to the newsletter. So, to save some space and keep our printing cost low, I'll run the final guide in the next issue.

Speaking of money and keeping costs under control remember there will be **no July mini-Meet** this year. The attendance has always been hard to predict and after the last rent increase, we had to abandon this meet from our schedule. You will receive the Summer edition of the newsletter in late July just in time to remind you about the Beat the Heat Meet. Until then don't forget the folks over at the Paradise & Pacific have that beautiful layout in the air-conditioned building. Many of our members belong to both clubs, and while they will be operating on summer hours, they will be open, so plan a visit to the McCormick-Stillman Railroad park and visit the model railroad building.



2019 Convention Tour – Sandia Peak Tramway

By Chris Allen HE95-40580

If you have ever visited Albuquerque, or even travelled through this beautiful city on I-40 you have seen the picturesque Sandia Mountains on the eastern side of the city. There are two popular versions of how this mountain range may have gotten their name. In Spanish, sandia means watermelon, so perhaps the mountains were called that by the early explorers because of the ranges reddish hues during the late afternoons and sunsets. The more plausible answer appears to be when these same explorers encountered the pueblo of the native people in the area they referred to them as the Sandia's because of the squash gourds they were growing in the fertile Rio Grande Valley closely resembled watermelons. The name of the native people in the area soon transferred over to the nearby mountains. However they were given their name, they are one of the most colorful ranges in such a close proximity to any city TCA has ever visited for a convention.

Albuquerque is over a mile high in elevation pretty much wherever you go in the city. At the base of the tramway you gain some additional elevation and are at 6,559' before you even begin your ascent. The view from here is pretty spectacular already. There is a small gift shop and Sandiango's, a fine dining restaurant, known for breathtaking sunset and nighttime views.

The trip, or flight as it is called by the operators of the tramway, takes about 15 minutes to get to the top observation deck. It is located at an elevation of 10,378'. If you fly into Albuquerque you might recall the pilot telling you that the aircraft has reached 10,000' and you can turn

your electronic devices on in airplane mode. Well, imagine looking down at an aircraft from your view on the deck.

Although you are not really at "the" Sandia Peak, you have an astounding 11,000 square mile view of the Rio Grande Valley and the Land of Enchantment from the Observation Deck. That's an area larger than eight U.S. states, or Rhode Island, Delaware, and Connecticut combined.

The tramway itself is quite an engineering marvel and is the longest aerial tramway in the United States and the third longest in the world. At the time of our visit last year, the restaurant at the top was being remodeled. We have two tours scheduled for the tramway, an evening tour which will include a flight to the top observation deck to view the sunset and then dinner at one of the restaurants or a day trip which would include the Nuclear Science Museum and a lunch stop.

The tramway, tramcars, and the top observation deck are fully ADA and wheelchair accessible. We made the trip with Convention Chairs Scott and Elaine Eckstein and had a spectacular time checking out the views, snow, and slopes since it was still ski season and the deck is also the base for the wintertime Sandia Peak Ski Area. Although Laurel is afraid of heights, she braved the trip in the tramcar by staying in the center of the car for the journey and not really looking around until she got to the top. Once there, we all were rewarded with a spectacular view. In the summertime it is possible to see anything from mountain bikers to hang gliders enjoying the elevation and view of a lifetime.





TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA 94-39039



Even though we have no Meets or Meetings scheduled after our April Meet the Chapter decided to have two Toy Train Study Group Meetings. One in May and one in June. We had our first meeting on Saturday May 19th. The sign up for the Study Group was at the March Meeting. The nine members who signed up came to the meeting at the home of Greg Palmer. The Group studied various unusual and different items. One item was from John Trever. He brought the very scarce Lionel 6446-60 covered Hopper Car, which was only made for one set. We discovered that there is a difference opinion from one book to the TCA Standards Committee Reproduction Handbook Guide. One says that the cover is painted, the other book says it is unpainted plastic. So, more research is under way. The group looked over a Marx 3/16 Scale Set, a Lionel S Scale Polar Express Set, O Scale 2 rail

Street Cars, Ives Standard Gauge Trucks for a Gondola, and the Variations of the Lionel Standard Gauge Blue Comet and State Sets. The final part of the Meeting was a look at Greg Palmers' 3 car Green State Set, the Olympian. Greg just received the Set with the large 381E.

Our next regular Meet and Meeting is September 15th. At that Meeting please bring ideas for the Pumpkin Meet on October 28th. We need donations for prizes, and we need you to purchase tables and sell your trains. We will also be less that a year from the 2019 Convention. So please plan on coming to our September 15th Meeting at 9:00AM Members Only Swap, 10:00AM Meeting, at the Los Altos Christian Church 11900 Haines N.E. in Albuquerque, New Mexico. See all of you there, it is very important for all Members to attend the Meets and Meetings.

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Somerset County 4-H Trainmasters WIU Addition

By: Ricky Sepe, SC4H 7th Year, Secretary

Since 2011, my first year in the Trainmasters club, I have noticed that MTH DCS's signal was not as reliable as Lionel TMCC's signal. Being that I had, and still do, mostly MTH locomotives, it was a shame for me not to bring my engines to the club shows. In 2014, MTH Electric Trains released new technology that allowed the operator to control his / her trains from a smart device. The main component of this new technology was the Wi-Fi Interface Unit (WIU). This device allows operators to control trains from any smart device (phone or tablet) running IOS or Android. When I got my own WIU, I noticed how much better it was than the DCS remote. The screen was in full color, I was able to use more features, it was easier to use, and the signal was much stronger. The idea never really occurred to me to get the WIUs for our club until late spring 2017.



Before I explain the process of how our club got the WIUs I would like to explain how the WIU works. The app on your device “talks” with the WIU. For example, if you want your engine to go 10 SMPH, the WIU translates the message from your device to the TIU (Track Interface Unit) with a USB cable. The command is then sent to the locomotive with the two wires connected to each track. The smart app is not limited to running trains. With this app, one can run conventional engines, any MTH engine, operate accessories, throw switches, diagnose wiring, check the track signal and even run Lionel TMCC and Legacy engines! To summarize, the app performs all

the functions of the DCS remote while being intuitive.

Once you have downloaded the app, open the app and tap “run my trains”. When wanting to select an engine, tap the arrow at the top right corner. Scroll to “Add engine”, then “Add MTH engine” The TIU will now start reading the track for any engines. When an engine has been found, tap on it, and then press “Run this engine” Once you have added the engine, tap “Startup” to start running trains! In order to add a Lionel engine, follow a similar process but it requires a few extra steps to program.

I first made the pitch to our club leader, Jim Wood at the end of June 2016. He was skeptical at first, but after a few minutes, I was able to convince him to allow the club to take a vote. For our July business meeting, I prepared notes and a short presentation about the WIU and then told the club. The club voted to get the WIUs, which was \$620 in total. We were not only going to need the WIUs, but new TIUs to replace our outdated ones. After the club voted, Mr. Kevin Quinn, President of the Metropolitan Division of TCA, suggested that I make a presentation to the METCA board about financial assistance.

At the annual Somerset County 4-H Fair in August, I made a presentation to METCA asking for their financial assistance in purchasing the WIUs. During the presentation, I explained how the WIUs worked, why we needed them, and how they would



SC4H Trainmasters receive TIUs and WIUs at the December METCA Business Meeting.

Pictured left-right: METCA President Kevin Quinn, SC4H Trainmasters President Greg Veneziale, SC4H Trainmasters Secretary Ricky Sepe, METCA Director Douglas Schembs Jr.

make running trains on our layout easier and a more enjoyable experience. METCA agreed, and they generously gifted us \$620 to pay for the WIUs.

After the fair, I realized that implementing this new technology would not be easy. We would need to figure out how to program, update, and install these devices within a few months. I turned to the OGR Forum, where many people helped answer my questions. I also read selected parts of the full DCS Wi-Fi Companion book for more information. We needed to have the mainline WIU and yard WIU act as one and be able to use Lionel Legacy with our system. After a few weeks of researching, the WIUs were ready to be installed.

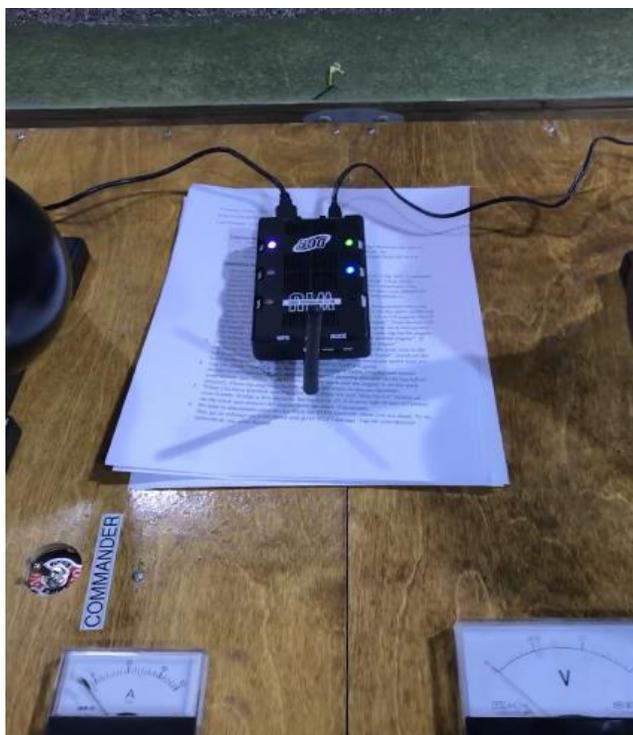
Before the January show, I hosted a meeting at my house to show to the senior members and leaders of our club how the WIU worked. Each member and leader had the opportunity to use the new technology themselves. I showed them how to

install the app, program engines, and run trains so we would be able to assist other members at the show. Everyone thought that it worked very well and that it would be a big improvement to our other system.

The January show came quickly. We were



An MTH Long Island Railroad B-6 Switcher passes by a module at the show

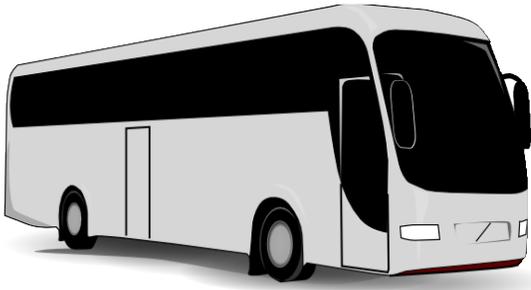


The WIU is set up on the control module accepting commands from our devices

going to be installing two WIUs and two new TIUs from METCA. In addition, we were installing Lionel Legacy instead of TMCC for the first time. The setup process went very smoothly. After setup, I took an MTH engine and put it on the layout for the maiden voyage. The WIU performed extremely well. Throughout the weekend, I brought my MTH Trains that had never been to the layout. I did not run a single Lionel engine throughout the entire weekend.

I would like to thank Jim Wood and METCA for all of their support for without them this whole project would never have happened. I would also like to thank all the club members for their continued support and believing that there would be a new way to run MTH trains on our layout.

Editor's Note; This article is reprinted by permission of Metropolitan Division TCA, who have sponsored the Somerset County (NJ) 4-H Club since the 2015 TCA National Convention. Attending that convention, I was very impressed on the quality of work this group of young adults has put into their own modules and have featured many photos of their work on the Desert Division facebook page and in this newsletter. A tip of our hat to METCA, the METCA BOD and the entire group of the Somerset County 4-H club. 4-H has sure come a long way since I was a member in the 1960's!



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IT'S BEAT THE HEAT TIME!

by Peter Atonna

Again this year, our Central Arizona Model Railroad Club members are tempting all Desert Division members to plan a trip north this August. Yes, it is still 20 degrees cooler in the Prescott area than in the low deserts. Yes, this is the largest train swap meet in Northern Arizona. Yes, this gives you a perfect excuse to plan a long weekend taking all the other activities in our area.

So, now is the time to mark August 18th on your calendar. Remember, we are no longer at the old Prescott Activity center, but now at the Air Conditioned, ground level hall of the Liberty Traditional School in Prescott Valley. It is right off SR69 in the heart of town. If you have been to the PV Event Center, the school is right to the east of it. There will be signs on RT 69 directing you right to the school.

Sales tables are sold out, so we know you will have a great selection of trains. Admission is \$5 with kids under 12 free with an adult. The show starts at 9am and runs to 1pm. If you have a sales table, the dealer setup is 7 - 9am. If you have questions, call Dick Gage at 802-272-1352 or email to: vtoaz@cablone.net. The CAMRC fellows will try to make sure your experience at the meet is a great one.

Even though the meet itself is in Prescott Valley, you still have a tremendous variety of activities if you would like to spend a weekend in the Prescott areas. Here are some of the weekend's activities around the Prescott area.

Shopping - Downtown Prescott has one of the finest antique and arts districts in the state. The district lines Cortez and Marina Streets.

Museums - Next to the old Activity Center is the Smoki Museum of Indian art, while downtown is Sharlott Hall Museum of local and Arizona history and just north of town is the Phippen Art Museum, one of the finest Western Art museums in the country.

Train Rides - Both the Grand Canyon Railway and the Verde Canyon Railroad are less than two hours from Prescott for a great Sunday day trip activity.

Outdoor activities - The Prescott area is a jumping off point for camping and fishing in the Bradshaw Mountains, bike riding on many of the area trails and hiking in Thumb Butte, Granite Mountain or the

Peavine Rails to Trails. Lynx and Watson Lakes are great picnic locations.

Mortimer's Farm - Mortimer Nursery Farms located at the intersection of SR69 and SR169, will have a crop of corn and other goodies ready for you.

Open Houses - The Prescott area is home to a number of home layouts and we are happy to share some of the best with our visitors. For this year, we have seven CAMRC members who have generously opened their layouts and collections for your enjoyment. Time for visiting starts at 2pm, after the meet. There will be maps available at the meet registration table. Be sure to pick one up on your way in.

Marlin Benson - Three rooms filled with O gauge trains and displays. His high rail layout occupies two rooms. A Large Scale loop lines the walls and a Christmas themed layout are included in one train room.

Richie Scanapico - An outdoor Large Scale layout surrounding two sides of his house with trains running in a setting offering spectacular views. In addition there is a display of large scale military trains in his garage.

Anthony Piscitelli - A HO gauge layout with an Arizona copper mining theme. The layout is operational and scenery begun. Anthony has a sound system to knock your socks off!

Paul Janowski: A tinsplate layout featuring Lionel and American Flyer trains with eight operating simultaneously

Peter Atonna - A large high rail layout rebuilt to an urban theme. Trains are running and scenery is almost done. If you are overnighing on Friday and would like to visit, please let me know.

Donn Pease - A HO gauge layout based on the Southern Pacific in southeastern Arizona. Much scenery is completed and has a artist painted backdrop.

Steve Hatch - An Sn3 layout still under construction, but operating with some spectacular scenery completed.



Prescott Area

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Model Trains & Old Boys' Toys

SWAP MEET

Saturday, August 18, 2018, 9 AM - 1 PM

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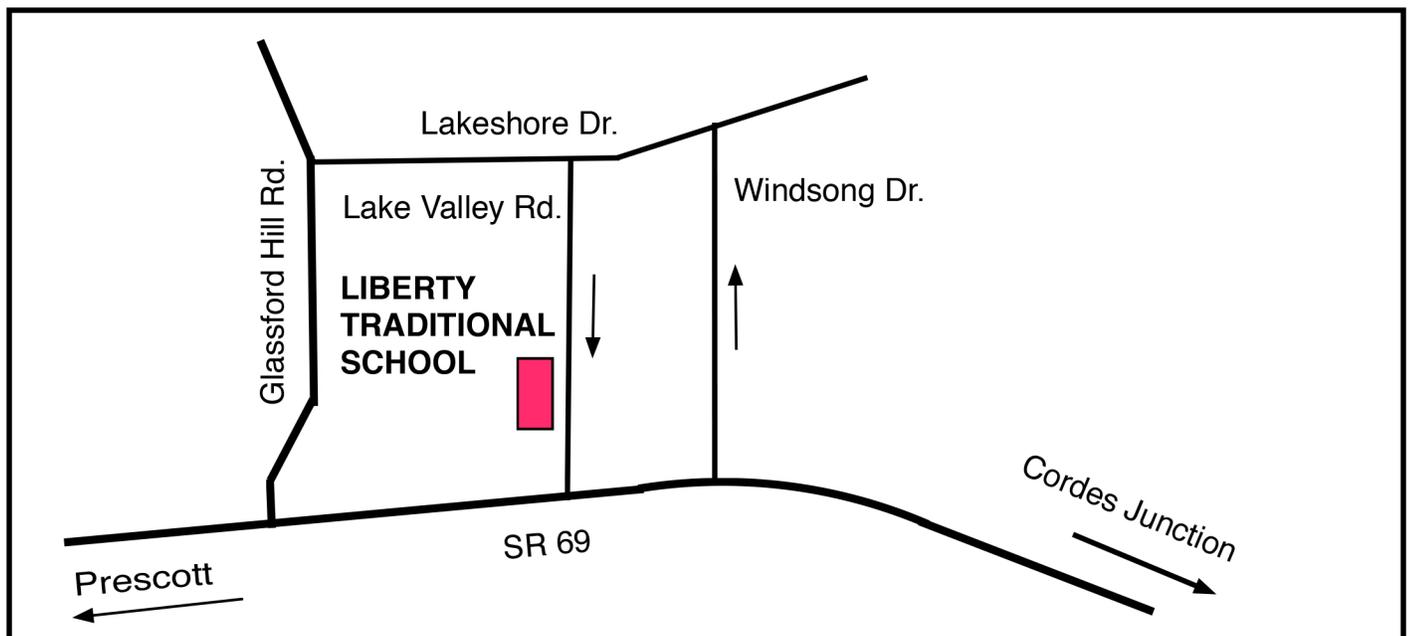
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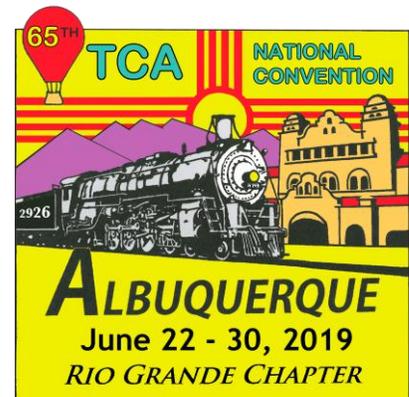
Inside peek into Roland LaHaie's footlocker, he had more of the trains on the table above



Pizza is served, but if we eat quick we can take a peek into the auction lots before



My ohhh my, look at all those pies! Beth Stange, Laurel Allen, and Barbara Lautazi getting things organized before the lunch whistle blows



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Yes, it was a very busy meet, sorry if you missed it



Paul Wassermann's first train set the Lionel 1111 made only in 1948



A nice closeup view of Don Locke's 1947 Lionel 2123 Freight Set. Don played with it carefully as there its looks great



Jerry Sienkiewicz had numerous prototypes including this Marx Canadian Pacific with a copper boiler



One of the many Delta Line buildings that Tim Halchuck brought in along with the original "instructions"



Thank you, Bill Richardson and Jack Eaton, for buying raffle tickets. Better luck next month Bill, but Jack was a winner



John Wiley and daughter Dawn trying to figure out what the heck is at the bottom of that box...