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PIZZA ANYONE?

April was a busy month for everyone. We started off the first weekend with the Annual multi-club picnic. The weather was picture perfect or maybe we should have called it picnic perfect.

The Spring Multi-Club picnic was equally sponsored by Paradise and Pacific Model Railroad Club, the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders, and of course Desert Division with the goal to welcome members from all the smaller clubs to



Who's behind those Foster Grants? We think it's Bev Locke giving her healthy salad a nice toss

join us. We met that objective and many new faces joined us, including the newest club at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park the "Z-Guys" a Z Gauge group currently co-sharing some space on the Sun-N-Sand layout and soon to be spun off on their own inside the Model Railroad Building.

From picnic Brats, Burgers and Dogs let's move over for the best meet of the year, the annual Pizza Meet and Auction. Make sure you attend the May meet for an all you can eat **free pizza lunch** followed by a member auction. If you are new to the Division you will not want to miss this meet!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12 - May Division Meet and PIZZA Meet Auction

8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – 11:00 AM FREE Pizza lunch

12:00 noon Auction Preview - 12:30 PM Auction Begins (Auction times approx.)

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - Phoenix, AZ

May 12 - WVRHS Meet

9:00AM – 1:00 PM Glendale Christian Church, Glendale, AZ

June 9 - June Division Meet - 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - Phoenix, AZ

The April General Business Meeting kicked off with free seller's tables to the early arrivals. In fact, a slow start soon changed, as we had to roll out some extra round tables for those that arrived a bit later than usual. Free coffee, soda, water and of course those delightful donuts were on the back table thanks to the hard work of Janet Mattern, who arrived early and setup the coffee club table before she setup her own sales table. Thank you, Janet, we noticed that effort to take care of fellow club members before your own sales table.

President Allen called the Business Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and although the sales table were full the seats were only about half occupied with only about 35 members in attendance. Chris noted that many of the missing faces were already at the Eastern Division York Meet and that he was leaving on Monday to join them.

Secretary Lautazi announced that our current active (paid) membership count was 213 members, that even after giving an extra 30 days "grace period" we still had a significant drop from the previous year. He also introduced two guests of member Jim Caras, John Goodman and Art Warner.

Bob Herman gave the Treasurer's report of 19,805.68 in the Savings Account and \$15,867.26 in Checking. Chris mentioned to the membership that the Checking would have a significant drop next month since the annual storage unit payment was going to be made and that because of strong sales of the Harvey House Car, a second payment was going to be made to the 2019 Convention Committee.

Chris spoke on the recent picnic, already reported here, and then mentioned that the module trailer was in the parking lot and all ready for the work party in the parking lot following the meet. He mentioned that the plan was to move it under the covered parking structure at the church following the meeting so that the work could be done in the shade. It was expected that the overall work should take less than an hour to complete. Chris asked for those that would like to participate in the work party stay after the meet to lend a hand.

Next on the agenda was a general discussion on the membership drop this year. Chris mentioned that besides the about half of the lost membership was due to the fact of members moving out of the area or had passed away but had prepaid their dues in advance. Of those that drifted away from the hobby he wondered out loud how well the members knew each other? He suggested that members that develop friendships outside of the club meeting dates or belong to the various other clubs in town stay more active and we need to harness the same type of energy with our club. Dallas Dixon suggested the return of the "Mystery Greeter", Paul Wassermann thought more train related demos might help and Don Locke would like us to resume after meet visitations again. These are all great ideas that we will begin to develop.

The Educational Segment started with **Chris Allen** and his April Fools Lionel **invisible Mint Car**. He mentioned that the Lionel 6445 Mint Car (among others) was molded clear and with a little "cleaning" you can have a unique clear shell car to add to your collection. **Terry Haas** had his first train; a battery powered Schilling set. His father owned a Hardware store in Jackson Center, Ohio and sold train sets around Christmas. While he had much of the original train Terry recently found the set box. **Chris Allen** had a photograph of his first train, a Lionel set from 1952, but considers the Marx set on display as his first train since the Lionel was setup by the family only at Christmas but his Marx set was played with year-round. This Marx set was a gift from fellow TCA Board members following his year as National TCA President and he considers it priceless.

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order, Hudson Raffle ticket – Mark Thompson, Lionel Conrail Boxcar, Terry Fagan – Lionel Holiday Boxcar – Jim Caras, Weaver Flatcar – Terry Fagan, Lionel CG Boxcar – Beth Stange, Train Book – Christie Wilson, Trestle Set – Paul Jenkins, Menards UP Flatcar – Bill Mahan.

"Wilson" was glad Joe Algozzini did not drive up from Maricopa since his was the first ticket pulled for the Hudson Hundred. Remember you must be present to win. Since GLW was not present, Christie Wilson scored the win in April.



Rolland LaHaie seems to be keeping DeLon on his toes while Bill Richardson is looking for some Flyer parts



John Craft, Steve Bienstock and Scott Russell exchange a few good jokes before the meeting



Bob, Beth and Chris plan for the Pizza lunch while Chet, Henry and John Wiley work out some auction details.



Larry Melvin is giving a real close look at the Lionel 380, one of the auction items on display at the April Meet



Terry Haas and his "My First Train" a Schilling battery powered unit he received in 1948



"Wilson" was the winner of the April Hudson Hundred. Since Gordon couldn't be found, Christie picked up the Franklin.

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – April 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM at the home of Mike and Michelle Dietrich

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Paul Wassermann, and Terry Haas.

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

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 213 members. Many of the dropped members had prepaid dues that expired this year however about a dozen past due members will be dropped for the upcoming year. Chris will send a personal letter encouraging them to renew.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account is \$19,805.68 and Checking is \$15,876.26. Bob distributed the Income & Expense report from February. Chris asked Bob if the storage unit bill had been paid yet. Bob noted that the bill is now due and will be reflected in next month's report.

Old Business:

Reserve Auction Items – The Standard Gauge and pre-war items that the Auction Committee felt would not receive competitive bidding at a live auction was printed in the current edition of the newsletter with their minimum bid. Bids will again be emailed or phoned in to Bob Herman. The highest bid over the minimum will win the lot. Last month's G Gauge items received several bids on various lots. Those items will be delivered to the winning bidders at the April General Meet. Chris reported that the auction Committee has received inquiries about several items and they will be at the April Meet for inspection as well.

Spring Picnic – Attendance was over 70 members but about 30 less than what we had attend last year. It was noted by the three hosting clubs that we had members from five additional clubs join us. This was the goal all three clubs set out to establish was the camaraderie of the toy and scale train hobby in the Valley. The weather was beautiful but the smaller than planned for attendance resulted in quite a few leftovers although the Bratwursts were well received. All three hosting clubs brought a very nice assortment of raffle prizes that

New Business:

Email Scam – A recent email scam that attempted to solicit funds has made us aware that any financial decisions or request for payments will only be made during BOD or General Business meetings.

Division Module Trailer – The trailer will be at the April meeting for the scheduled after meet work party. Two projects are planned: First, the curve sections need to be replaced from the old blade style to the newer pinned track sections and Second, Mark Thompson will modify the top of the trailer to hold the Division banner. Work is expected to take about an hour.

May Pizza Meet -The May Pizza Meet is pretty much set. Chris will contact Beth Stange and ask if she would handle the pizza order again. Chet has about 100 auction lots with space for a few more that will most likely walk in the door at the May meeting. There is a wide variety of items already committed and it should be a fun afternoon auction.

My First Train – Chris related his recent experience at a Rio Grande Chapter meet where members spoke and about their first train. The idea was well received, and he related how each member had a unique story about that first train and how it evolved into a passion or hobby that they still have today. Chris and Terry will bring their first train sets to the meet on Saturday to kick the program off and ask for other members to volunteer and tell their own story in the upcoming months. The BOD's intention is that this will expand the Educational Segment and get more members actively involved in the meetings and share more of their personal stories with each other.

Fred Harvey Car – The decision was reached that a quantity of the cars will be earmarked for use by the 2019 Convention Committee for use at the closing Banquet. The cost of the cars is being billed to the 2019 Convention budget.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on May 9th, 2018 at the home of Terry and Adrienne Haas.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

Presidents Message

Wow, what a busy month I just had. The "My First Train" segment proved to strike a chord with many of you, just as it did me. I've received many comments and phone calls following the meet and the weeks after. In fact, some of you dug out your first train from the closet or unpacked it for the first time in years. What great stories I've heard from so many of you already. If you've talked to me about bringing your train to the May Meet, please do so. If you haven't or are still looking for a picture or where you stored that train I'm still excited to hear your story as well, let me know so I can schedule it for a future meeting. As it stands right now the May meeting is shaping up to be pretty interesting.

Well, besides the My First Train segment, we have the return of the Pizza Meet. We all know the Pizza Meet with its rich history is a long time favorite meet for all our members, and not just for all the free pizza. Going back to our days at the Scottsdale Jaycees Hall, Pizza, toy train auction, and great friends and good-natured joshing, have gone a long way into making this event the long-lasting tradition that it is.

Over the years, as the Division Historian, I've recorded and sometimes reported on how many pizzas have been consumed since we held the first event in 1995. Yes, if you have lost track this is the 23rd Pizza Meet. I did not annual, in fact we skipped a year in 1997, something about our first TCA National Convention happening a few months later had a little something to do with that decision. In fact, the phrase "Pizza Meetza" was coined by a member's son following its return to the calendar in 1998. You know we're all getting old when that youngster, "Mikey" Wassermann will soon be referred to as Dr. Michael Wassermann M.D., but that's another story.

So how many pies and slices have been served by Desert Division? We will break the 900-pie plateau, this month and have already served over 7,000 slices of pie. My oh my, that's a lot of pie and considering we buy twice as many cookies and soda to go along with all that pie... Well, I think you can understand why XL is the shirt size of preference for most Desert Division members.

But hold on their cowboy, we have seen other changes to that day besides just a name or the

fact that we are now buying gluten free pie and we drink more water than soda.

Over the past decade and longer the boxes of old rusty track have given way to a wide assortment of nice items, many of which no longer hold the old standard of the \$5 pizza lot. Recently along with member's lots the Auction Committee has moved many odd lots of parts and various gauge train sets to this auction. If you are looking for odd lots of HO or G gauge to add to you table for the summer months ahead you will find them at the auction in a few weeks. Gone are the days of boxes of rusty track, and while mechanical Marx sets, or some odd lots of American Flyer might not be everyone's cup of tea, it sure brings a nice mixture of items together for a fun afternoon of Peter Atonna trying to spin a tale of the next lot of curiosities laid before him. You know that is worth your time if nothing else.

You might have read earlier in the newsletter that our membership has taken a bit of a hit this year. Running the numbers and looking at how we handled membership this was a near "perfect Storm" of events that tripped us up. We carried many members on our books who prepaid their dues that have either passed or moved out of the area. This was the year that many of those multiyear memberships expired. While we do continue to have a percentage of members who live outside of the Division boundaries part or full time, our local membership was the biggest lost.

The demographics of our "new" member has changed quite over the years. We can no longer expect someone who walks through the door for the first time to stay with us or attend every meeting. We are finding that more and more, new members are part of the club for a checkout period, some find the hobby interesting and jump in while others move on to something else. Of course, how we treat and welcome these new faces has a lot to do with it as well. There is a lot more to this hobby than just the trains themselves. They bring us together, it's our friendship and time with each other that makes this such a great and unique hobby.



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL PICTURES



Greg Palmer's had Hafner and Winner Passenger cars that he found to Antique Stores



Boyd Reasor talked about the Delta Lines article in the current issue of the Quarterly

My Trip to the Very Large Array (VLA)

By Chris Allen HE95-40580

A few months ago, I visited the Rio Grande Chapter and during my visit I headed south of Albuquerque to the city of Socorro. Socorro sits in the beautiful Rio Grande Valley at an elevation of about 4,500' and I picked up US Highway 60 and headed west. Yes, this is the same US 60 that enter Arizona near Springerville up on the rim, heads south from Show Low to Globe, where most of us travel it in the valley as the Superstition Freeway. Those on the west side know it as Grand Ave. as it leaves town heading to Wickenburg. It wanders much the same way, through remote towns and areas of New Mexico.

As I picked up the quiet two-lane highway in Socorro I began to climb up to the city of Magdalena and continued my climb west of town until I crested out onto the Plains of San Agustin at an elevation of over 7,000'. What a sight to see! Yes, I'm a bit of a techno geek, I love southwest history, and I like new experiences, here all three were rolled into one.

The visibility was twenty-five plus miles under near cloudless blue skies and I could immediately begin to see the twenty-seven radio telescopes that stand nearly 100' tall. It becomes very easy to understand where the Very Large moniker comes from when you

see them spread out for over twenty miles in front of you. I pulled into the site and quickly found the Information Visitor Center. I was asked to turn off my cell phone, not just place it into "Airplane Mode", and a short introduction video explained the reason why and gave me a great overview of the site. Unlike the convention tour which will be given by Jon Spargo who still works on the site and can give us behind the scenes access, I headed off on a self-guided tour.

As a techno-geek I could not help but marvel at the massive size of each of the radio telescope antennas. At over 220 tons each, the rail transporters that move the radio telescopes about the site are as unique as you will ever see. The double tracked mainline and transporters is a story for the tour itself. The day of my visit the antennae were in a configuration that didn't photograph well since they were spread out quite a distance from the public view area. You've seen the VLA site in the background movies and TV programs. The 2019 Convention will allow you a behind the scenes tour of a scientific and engineering masterpiece of cutting edge technology.

Look for pictures from my trip elsewhere in this issue.



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA 94-39039



Due to a lot of conflicting Toy Train Events our Meet and Meeting attendance was very light. We did have several tables filled with trains for sale, and the members who came bought several items. Remember in September bring a table and some of your trains or accessories you would like to find a new home to our Meet at 9:00AM. It is a member's only Swap Meet. The Members Only Swap Meet began at 9:00AM. and following that the meeting started as usual with our Show and Tell Educational Segment.

Show and Tell: The Show and Tell Education Segment started out with **Boyd Reasor** drawing our attention to an article on the old Delta Lines which was in this issue of the *TC Quarterly*. He also showed us some of the items he purchased at the Members Only Swap Meet. **Greg Palmer** showed a Winner Corporation Passenger Car, and a Hafner Sunshine Special Passenger Car. The Hafner car was from Las Vegas, New Mexico, and the Winner Car was purchased from an Antique Mall in Santa Fe. Both cars are from the early 1930's. Winner later became Lionel Ives, and then Lionel JR.

Officer's Report:

President's Report: President Greg Palmer called the meeting to order with a plea to get more of our 40-some TCA Chapter members to come to our Meet and Meetings. We need all of you this coming year. With the Pumpkin Meet in October, and the 2019 TCA National Convention coming in a little over 1 year we will need everyone's support.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Everett Hagan, gave his report that the Checking Account Balance of \$4225.57. When you read this, we will have moved our Chapter banking to the Bank of Albuquerque.

Convention Chair: Scott and Elaine passed out the pictures of the 2019 TCA National Convention Cars. They look super. I know what I am going to purchase. Chris Wieclaw put out another request for anyone who wants to show off their collection or layouts.

The Toy Train Study Group: This newly formed group will Meet on May 19th at 1:30. Those of you who signed up for this will get a call from Greg a couple of weeks from the that date to remind you. This group will bring

items they have that might need study in order to determine what they are and how they work.

Old Business:

2018 Pumpkin Meet: The Pumpkin Meet was discussed, and John Trever reported that we will get a discount on our ad since we are a 501c3 organization. This should help us with our advertising budget. We still need prizes to be donated, as well as help running the Pumpkin Meet. It is October 28th at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel. So please plan on helping us run the Show and this Summer place our advertising Cards at various spots in the Albuquerque Metro Area.

New Business:

Membership-Marketing David Nycz, Marketing Chair, organized the crew that was in Belen at the Harvey House Train show on Saturday.

South West Model Railroad Club Belen Harvey House: Both Scott and Elaine Eckstein went down following the meet in the afternoon. On Sunday, Scott organized the day at the Belen Show. The object was to sell Harvey Cars and our Donation Raffle Tickets for the Alien Train Set. The Donation Raffle went well, but we sold no Harvey Cars at the Harvey House. That sounds strange, but it is what happened. We will continue to sell the Harvey Cars at all local events.

After meeting Educational Segment: Our After-Meet Activity was the previously mentioned train meet in Belen on the grounds of the Belen Harvey House. Thank you for all who participated.

Meeting dates for 2018: September 18, - 9:00 AM members only swap meet 10:00 AM meeting. Pumpkin Meet October 28th.

After Meet Activity for September: Enjoy the summer. There will be plenty of events to keep us busy during our summer break. We will report on our after-meet activity in the upcoming months so watch this column and plan to join us in September.

Our next Meet and Meeting will be September 18th at the Los Altos Christian Church-South Education Building 11900 Haines N.E. in Albuquerque. Hope to see all of you there. Remember to come early and browse the table seller or bring something yourself to sell or just bring something to show and tell.

APRIL PICNIC PICTURES



Beautiful weather brought out a large crowd from several of our sister clubs



Angelo Lautazi working the grill getting the Brats and Dogs cooking



Janet Mattern getting her fruit salad side dish ready to share with everyone



Laurel Allen getting the condiments ready for the food line that was anxious to get started



Did someone say, "Come and Get it"? Mike Dietrich flipping burgers as the line reaches him



Sam and Roxanna McElwee enjoying the picnic as did everyone else who attended

Lionel Postwar Engine and Tender Guide Pt. II

Engine	Type	Notes & Markings	Tender	Tender Type
1615	SWITCHER 0-4-0		1615T	Slope-Back
1625	SWITCHER 0-4-0	Made 1958 Only	1625T	Slope-Back
1656	SWITCHER 0-4-0		6403B	Bell Ringer Slope Back
1656	SWITCHER 0-4-0		2403B	Bell Ringer Slope Back
1665	SWITCHER 0-4-0	Made 1946 Only	2403B	Bell Ringer Slope Back
221	Dreyfus 2-6-4	New York Central	221T	Metal "coffin" tender/no whistle
221	Dreyfus 2-6-4		221W	Whistle Metal "coffin" tender
1862	General 4-4-0		1862T	General Type Tender
1872	General 4-4-0		1872T	General Type Tender
1882	General 4-4-0	uncataloged set	1882T	General Type Tender
675	K-4 Pacific 2-6-2		2466W, 2466WX	Early Coal
675	K-4 Pacific 2-6-2		6466WX	Early Coal
2025	K-4 Pacific 2-6-2	also 2-6-4	6466WX	Early Coal
2035	K-4 Pacific 2-6-4		6466W	Early Coal
224	Prarie 2-6-2		2466W, 2466WX	Early Coal
637	Prarie 2-6-4	Lionel Lines	2046W	Streamlined
637	Prarie 2-6-4	Pennsylvania	736W	Streamlined
1666	Prarie 2-6-2		2466W	Early Coal
2016	Prarie 2-6-4		6026W	Square Tender
2018	Prarie 2-6-4		6026T, 6026W	Square Tender
2018	Prarie 2-6-4		1130T	Small Streamline
2026	Prarie 2-6-2		6066T, 6466T	Early Coal
2026	Prarie 2-6-2		6466W, 6466WX	Early Coal
2029	Prarie 2-6-4	Lionel Lines	234T, 234W	Early Coal
2029	Prarie 2-6-4	Lionel Lines	1060T	Small Streamline
2029	Prarie 2-6-4	Pennsylvania	234W	Early Coal
2036	Prarie 2-6-4		6466W	Early Coal
2037	Prarie 2-6-4		6026T, 6026W	Square Tender
2037-500	Prarie 2-6-4	Pink Girls train	1130T-500	Small Streamline

Postwar Tender to Engine Guide

Sheet Metal "Coffin" Tenders

Tender #	Locomotive(s)
221T	221
1001T	1001, 1101, 1100, 1120, 1110
1654T	1654
1654W	1654
6654W	1655

Early Coal Type Tenders

Tender #	Locomotive(s)	Tender #	Locomotive(s)
234T	2029	6066T	1130, 2026, 2034
234W	2029	6466T	2026
2466W	224, 675, 1666	6466W	2026, 2035, 2036,
2466WX	224, 675	6466WX	675, 2025, 2026,
6001T	6110		

Slope-Back

Tender #	Locomotive(s)	Tender #	Locomotive(s)
244T	244, 246	1615T	1615
1050T	235, 236, 1050, 1060	1625T	1625
1061T	237, 242, 1061, 1062	2403B	1656, 1665
1062T	237, 242, 251, 1061, 1062	6403B	1656

Square Tenders

Tender #	Locomotive(s)	Tender #	Locomotive(s)
233W	233	6026T	2016, 2018
234W	237, 238, 239, 241, 243	6026W	2016, 2018, 2037
243W	243		

Small Streamline

Tender #	Locomotive(s)
242T	237, 239, 240, 242, 1061, 1062
247T	247 Baltimore & Ohio Blue Stripe
250T	249, 259 Pennsylvania Orange Stripe
1060T	237, 242, 245, 1060, 1061,
1060T	251, 1062, 2029
1130T	235, 236, 241, 244, 245, 246, 248, 1130, 2018
1130-500T	2037-500

Streamline

Tender #	Locomotive(s)
736W	637
2046W	637

General Type

Tender #	Locomotive(s)
1862T, 1872T, 1882T	1862, 1872, 1882 respectfully

PICTURES FROM THE VLA - Very Large Array



Hard to get an idea of the size, but the antenna in "The Barn" is over 100' tall and 85' wide



One of the two transporters that work on the double tracked "railroad"



Just outside the main entrance is a small observation view point, what a view.



The double tracked system is over 66 miles configured as a "Y". This sectioned is being re-ballast.



Also as part of the tour is the Harvey House Museum in Belen, New Mexico



A view of the westbound four mainline crew change and refueling stop just over the back fence from the Harvey House. BNSF currently occupies the old Belen station

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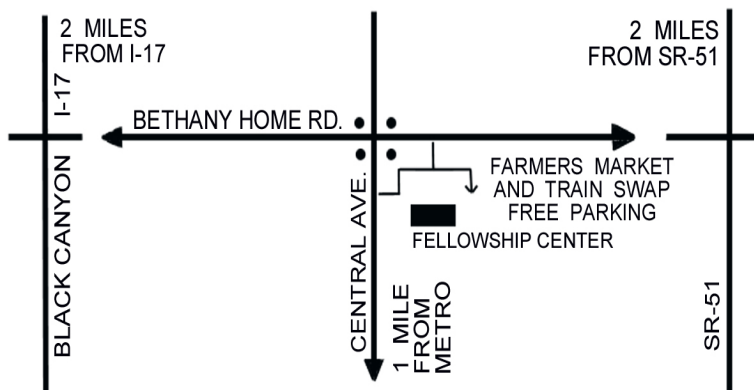
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Signature _____	Date _____
Make check payable to: “Grand Canyon Model Railroaders” Mail to: John Draftz, 1507 W Willow Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029 or Credit cards accepted via PayPal - Visit www.gcmrr.org Email: info@gcmrr.org Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457; Glenn Saber 602-956-6695	

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How many tables? _____

Amount enclosed? \$ _____

Requests? _____

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 Seller? _____ Buyer? _____

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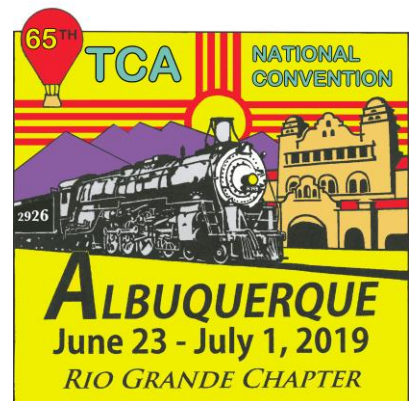
Mark Thompson fabricated and installed brackets on the trailer so the club banner can be displayed



Quite a turnout for the trailer work party. We didn't all just stand around, some of us actually did some work



Looking almost like a 1950's poster for a Sci-fi movie, The Attack of the 50' Woman, Irene Wassermann got a special inside the layout tour of the Sun-N-Sand layout. It also features the newest club in the Model Railroad Building, the "Z-Guys" club section



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