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# Desert Division

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## SUMMER VACATION IS OVER

Welcome Back! What did you do this past summer? Can't wait to share your new finds? Well, the wait is just about over.

This is always a fun newsletter to put together because there was no meeting news to report and most of the convention news was covered in the summer edition. We will still have some extra highlights from the great time we had in Albuquerque in June. Seven years of planning is over in a week, hope you had a chance to attend.

Many of you might have stayed in town and went to the the local shows. While the GPD-TTOM meet was in May, it kicked off the summer of train shows that we attended. In fact if you count the trading pits at the convention, we've had a train show every month this summer.

The Grand Canyon Model Railroaders show in late July showed just how many train lovers will come out on a 100° day to shop for trains 6 months before Christmas. The show was pretty busy all day long and Desert Division had a few tables full of auction consignments that either

did not meet auction minimums or we thought might have very little love from our normal auction bidders.

Those of you who came by the table saw tables full of HO trains that found new homes by the end of the show. This was a special situation that we do not normally offer most consignors. This had been a very large consignment and varied in gauges that we do not normally sell at auction. Instead of backing up our regular auctions we decided to sell at the three local meets instead. Auction Chair Chet Henry was able to work with the consignor and they agreed to pay extra consignment fees and expenses to have us handle the scale gauge trains in this fashion. It was a Win-Win for everyone as we were able to get the trains into appreciative hands.

What started out in May down in Tucson finished up in Prescott a about eight weeks later. Or should we say Prescott Valley? The CAMRRC Beat the Heat Meet continues to be an interesting show with wide and varied tastes.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September 14 – September Division Meet

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

#### September 21 - Rio Grande Chapter Meeting

9:00 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting  
Los Altos Christian Church - Albuquerque, NM

#### September 28 - GCMR Mini-Meet

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church – Phoenix, AZ

Many of you sell your trains from time to time, so you know the drill. You might carry the same item around for a year with no one paying attention to it and then just when you thought, "what was I thinking when I bought this thing?", someone shows up and grabs it off your table exclaiming I've been looking for this train for years!

We've had a few Standard Gauge items that were passed at auction for not making minimums, advertising them in this very newsletter more than once, and at the CAMRRC Beat the Heat Meet they all disappeared off the sales table within the first 30 minutes! In fact I was all sold out of Standard Gauge and G Gauge so fast I had a hard time accounting for all the items and which consignor got what.

It was a busy summer, but the Fall Train Season is here along with all our local shows and Meets. Both the Division and Chapter will have small general meets in September and October, but the bigger fall Train Meets will kick off with the Pumpkin Meet held by the Rio Grande Chapter.

**The Pumpkin Meet in Albuquerque is Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> and the November Train Show at the Shrine Auditorium, is Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>.** Now is the time to mark your calendar and get your table reservations in for both shows. We will have registration forms for both shows at the September Meet, online, or in in this edition of the newsletter. Get them in early!

Besides the two train shows we also have the annual **November Train Auction** on tap for **Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Catalogs for that 300+ lot auction will be available at the September Meet. As usual we will have the online version available on our website in mid-October.

The second Saturday in October is **Rail Fair 2019 held Saturday and Sunday October 12 & 13**. Since the June Meet we have mentioned several times already and will mention it again next month. **The October General Meeting has been moved to the FIRST Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>** to avoid the

conflict with Rail Fair. I bet one or two will still show up at the church hall and wonder where everyone is.

September and October General Meets will be very busy with a lot of information and discussions going on, and we will need your input on how to proceed.

This is election year and the first time you will be able to vote electronically in the election. To save costs you will be required to vote electronically unless you opt in to receive a paper ballot. This is the opposite on how TCA national works. Only those members who receive the paper newsletter will get a paper ballot. If you receive the newsletter online you will automatically be registered to vote electronically UNLESS you contact Angelo and request a paper ballot. As in the past you will be required to pay postage to return your ballot to be counted.

The election itself will have a few surprises. Some long-time officers have decided it is time to step down, which means it will be time for some of you to step up. We have counted on some key people for many years but know it is time for them to step aside and take a breather.

In addition there will be a measure on the ballot to change our election cycle to match TCA National's election cycle. There is a separate article outlining the reason behind that change elsewhere in this issue. It's not really complicated but needs some thoughtful input from all of our membership.

And if that was not enough, the plans for the annual Christmas Holiday Party is in its final stages. Contracts have been signed for the Doubletree Suites again and the Holiday Party Committee has been busy at work for months. The spouse gift has been secured and delivered, centerpieces are set and all we will need is you to make that day as festive as always.

Yes, fall train season is here. We have the busiest months of the Division ahead of us. Parties, Train Shows and Meets, Auctions. What more do you need?

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This section of the convention Kids Club area was setup with two "Mighty Casey" riding trains. When the doors opened to the public this area was **BUSY!**



If you look really close you can see Janet Mattern setting up the Coors Light Special on the Division module trailer



If you visited Ken Miles collection and layout you were probably dumbstruck by the size. This is the smaller postwar side



Convention Chair Scott Eckstein had his open house earlier in the week before things got "too busy"



Can you build a layout on a Ping Pong table? Greg Palmer did just that with this all American Flyer layout on display for the layout tours



Frank Dean's layout had a wonderful mix of postwar and modern era trains blended in well and a very packed layout



## **TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting**

Editor's Note: The Desert Division Board of Directors does not meet during the summer. The next scheduled meeting is September 11, 2019. The minutes from the September BOD meeting will be published next month.

### **More Layout Pictures from the 65<sup>th</sup> TCA Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico**



**TTOS New Mexico Division had their module up and running**



**NMRA Kids Club was running trains as this young man was doing running DCS**



**It almost seems to be mandatory to have a LEGO layout at conventions anymore. Here we see a MOC (My Own Creation) of a passenger car getting built**



**Jon Spargo's layout is always popular with everyone, especially the kids. Jon was the Kid's Club Chair for the convention and had a young gun help run the trains**



**Panoramic view of the trading pits**

## President's Message

Well, here we go! Fall train season is in the air, you can just about smell it. I am looking forward to greeting all of you at the September Meet or the upcoming fall and winter meets. I will be making my annual trip to Albuquerque at the end of October for the Pumpkin Meet. It will be quite a change from heading over to Duke City for all the convention prep work that happened earlier this year. I'll just sit behind my table, chat with friends and if the price is right, sell a few trains. That, and of course have another Green Chili Breakfast Burrito at Blakes.

Speaking of Meets, the table sellers form for both the Pumpkin Meet and the November Train Show will be available in the electronic version of the newsletter and online. We also will have a few hard copies available on the front table at the September and October Meets. There appears to be a lot of early interest in tables this year, in fact Beth is already getting some forms turned in that were handed out at the Beat the Heat Meet. A word to the wise, you might want to get your table reservations in early. All the other train shows have sold out early, ours most likely will be the same.

And that brings up an interesting point. When you are at the next train show, how many faces do you recognize? Sure most table sellers go from show to show, but how many are members of TCA or Desert Division? Next, what about all those people we call the public? How many of them do you see show after show walking through the aisles buying here and there? How many of them do you see at the monthly meets?

It's no small secret that our membership is down. TCA national is at levels we haven't seen in three decades. Desert Division is down to levels we haven't seen since the '97 convention in downtown Phoenix. We've talked about it at meets and in this newsletter, yet the last membership drive hosted by

TCA National only two members from Desert Division recruited members. If the hobby is going down the toilet it's really because many of us are waiting for the other guy to recruit a member or friend. How's that working out?

Some folks want to blame their apathy about recruiting on the generation that's coming up behind us being more interested in electronics than the hobby. From my point of view the problem is more multi-faceted than that. I see many Gen X members in the association. They were primarily exposed to Lionel MPC trains, the same trains that most seasoned members have bad mouthed.

Both the Gen X'ers and the Millennials have one thing in common, lack of even the most common use of hand and power tools. That blank look you get from them when you mention putting down a loop of track to start building a layout is real. They do not have a clue where to begin let alone what would be involved.

As I mentioned before, I got back into trains via a small HO layout that I built from scratch. At the time Roy's Trains in Mesa would have clinics teaching landscape basics to anyone who wanted to attend. Sure they sold the products, but I did learn landscaping basics and added to my simple 4x8 layout as I went along.

One Saturday after a clinic some TCA guys were setting up to talk about the value of postwar trains. I hung around to listen, one thing leads to another and I followed up on the invitation from Tom Stange and Gordon Wilson to come to a meet. The rest the say is history. I was recruited into TCA by two guys who shared the joy and more importantly the friendship the club has to offer. I'll never stop recruiting because that's how I became a member. What about you?





## PICTURES FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE LUNCHEON



**El Pinto's back private backroom filled up quickly**



**While some grabbed a seat, Elaine Eckstein was busy taking pictures**



**Jim Trever, Ross Jordan, Module and Displays Chair Art Lites, & Kids Club Chair Jon Spargo**



**Laurel Allen peeking at the edge of the photo, Convention Treasurer John and Karen Trever, Chapter President Greg Palmer**



**No clue to who these folks are – HELP!**



**Here's a toast from Chris Wieclaw Tour Chair and George Domeny**





## TCA Rio Grande Chapter News



The regular Chapter Meet will be September 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM with a members only Swap, and a 10:00 AM Meeting at the Los Altos Christian Church South Education Building, 11900 Haines N.E. in Albuquerque. We will wrap up the Convention details and go over the upcoming Pumpkin Meet. We will need help with advertising ideas and member help at the Show. Please plan on attending the Meet and Meeting on September 21st. The Pumpkin Meet is set for October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel.

Last month the Convention Committee hosted a buffet lunch as a thank you to all the volunteers, workers and spouses of members who helped us host the just completed 65<sup>th</sup> TCA National Convention. The event was held at El

Pinto restaurant in Albuquerque and everyone who attended had a great time recalling the week that we survived. All kidding aside, everyone agreed that the great memories and new friendships we made helped to make the week go by fast. That and all the positive comments we heard throughout the week made it an experience we will not soon forget.

### **A correction to last month's newsletter.**

On the back page we erroneously reported that the postwar over under layout was built by John Trever. **The layout was designed by Dale Schafer and was built by him and Tom Lawler.** Dale reports it is popular when they take it to retirement homes as the residents can't keep their eyes off it waiting for the trains to crash!



**Hart Guenther, Banquet Chair Ron Bahm (Anne was on Jury Duty and missed the luncheon!) Bill Lubert, Dottie Guenther and Pete Gerity**



**No need to rush there was plenty of great food and desert as well. Some of us were seen going back for seconds...**

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## I DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS THIS

By Peter Atonna

I hope you have been reading the TCA National's occasional eblasts with goings on at Headquarters and other special activities. I got thinking of this when the recent one came in offering a special run of a Legacy Lionel diesel, this year with unique lettering for the Union Pacific. This is a TCA Member exclusive. This limited production locomotive with these makings and engine numbers will not be released to the public! I thought that timing was perfect, given all the good publicity the UP has received for their restoration of the Big Boy and its follow-up tours.



This project is done to support the Kids Club activities around our Divisions. Stu Rankin, our Convention Car Committee, chair (and this year's Vice President) has worked with Lionel to get these special locomotives in very small runs for us. Last year, we offered a Santa Fe diesel which is due to be shipped this month.



The reason I am writing this is Stu tells me the orders have come in slowly this year and we will probably order only the minimum number and which is due now. What he will do is to take new orders until that minimum is sold. So, here is a heads up. If you would like to have one of these Lionel Legacy diesel's, go to the eblast of August 16 and follow the link. You don't receive TCA eBlasts? Well you should! But you can still order this TCA member exclusive from the TCA website; <https://traincollectors.org/store/ViewProduct.aspx?ID=14479530>



## **OCTOBER GENERAL MEET DATE HAS MOVED TO OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>** **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Do not be caught by surprise! The **October General Meet has been moved to the first Saturday in October** to avoid a conflict with Rail Fair 2019.

The location is the same, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Phoenix. Table sellers

can begin setting up at 8:30 AM, General membership meeting will begin at 10:00 with the last Hudson Hundred drawing for the year scheduled around 11:00. This will be the final General Meet for the year.

## **SEPTEMBER EDUCATIONAL SEGMENT ANNOUNCED**

There have been several months of train meets all over the state and several National Conventions held by other train clubs besides TCA. Maybe you travelled to and from the conventions by car or visited a tourist railroad during the summer. If so, bring your new finds, souvenirs, and stories to the September Meet. You may think of this as our annual "What I did during my summer vacation" Educational

Segment. It's been a unusually long and hot summer this year, so hopefully you escaped the heat and have some nice memories or new treasure to share with all of us. As always you do not need to stick with our suggested theme. If September is your wedding anniversary you can bring along the train your wife bought you as an anniversary gift...

## **ELECTION TIME**

Hard to believe that it has been two years since our last election. The Election Committee will be announced at the September meeting. They will have one month to solicit candidates for the various offices. At the October General Meet they will announce the candidates and take nominations from the floor. Elections will take place in November with the results announced at the annual Christmas Holiday Party.

The Board of Directors meets the Wednesday before every Division meet at

various Board members home throughout the valley. These Board meetings typically last about one hour with a little socializing and informal chat before and after each meeting. Board members serve for a two-year term in office.

If you would like information about any office, the responsibilities or time commitments please feel free to email or call any of the officers directly about their job.

## **RAIL FAIR 2019 NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

The trailer has been in storage since the convention and wants to stretch its legs, well maybe see some daylight again. **RAIL FAIR 2019** is the annual event held up at the Scottsdale Railroad Park. It runs **Saturday and Sunday October 12th & 13th from 10 AM until 5 PM each day.**

The trailer setup and initial running will be early **Saturday morning around 7:30 AM.** That is our most crucial time to get the trailer setup, debugged and running for the event. We will need to staff the trailer both days.

The module works best with two or more operators greeting the public and answering questions. We have plenty of trains for you to run if you do not have trains of your own, but we need your help to keep them running! You do not need to sign up for the full day. Both ASU and the Cardinals will be playing home games, so we do understand your hometown loyalty. But, if you can help for even a few hours contact Mike Dietrich at 623-572-3538 to volunteer.

## HERE'S THE REST OF THE STORY

by Peter Atonna TCA 75-7578

You may have seen this photo in the Summer issue of the Dispatch: It really is the beginning to the well-used phrase, "the rest of the story".

I had only a small part in helping to put the Albuquerque convention together. **(Editors Note:** Peter almost single handed raised all the seed money needed for the convention by designing, working out the contract with Lionel, and mailing ALL three of the fundraising cars. His work generated almost \$13,000 seed money for the convention. That's not "a small part" in anyone's book)

My main contribution was to help Scott and Elaine inventory and then lot the many, many donations that we received for both the Welcome Party and the Banquet Auction. I selected those with the best potential sale value for the banquet auction. Then I sequenced them in that auction to match my hidden formula for getting the maximum value for each lot.

As I was going through the donation inventory, there were several sets of K Line full scale 20" Santa Fe aluminum passenger cars. Most were the El Capitan bi-levels and the rest were regular Super Chief single levels. If you are a passenger car fan, as I am, those old scale passenger cars by K Line are impossible to find and have never been redone since the demise of K Line (other than an even more rare and higher priced set by 3rd Rail). And I immediately really wanted the El Capitan cars.

But there were so many cars that I needed to put them into three lots, two for the El Capitan cars and one for the Super Chief cars. Now, one of my secrets is to put one or two less expensive lots early in the auction to help get bidding going. So I put a smaller number of the K Line cars in an early lot.

At the banquet, my strategy was to bid on the first lot as the second had not only two more cars, but the hard to find "transition car"



**A small portion of the crowd at the closing banquet. Thanks to auctioneer Greg Stout, the live auction went quite well, just ask Peter the next time you see him**

that was unique to the El Capitan train. If I only won one lot, at least I would have an El Capitan train. So, when Greg Stout opened that lot, there were several of us bidding. All but one beside me had dropped out once we went beyond the "bargain" price, and I prevailed!

Closer to the end, the second, larger and more desirable, lot went up. But this time, there was only me and the other bidder from the first lot. And we went back and forth, higher and higher.

Now, one reason I rarely get to be a winner in auctions is that I do set a maximum price and usually can hold to that. We got closer and closer to my maximum, and I mentally decided I was glad to have won the first lot. I bid \$20 per car less than my maximum bid (did I mention, these cars do not go cheap!). He did not respond! I had won both sets!

Now they are home and displayed on my train shelves. But I also have another problem and here is the remainder of the "Rest of the Story".

Nobody really does a good job on interiors of passenger cars. Yes, they have a few "passengers" and of course molded seats.

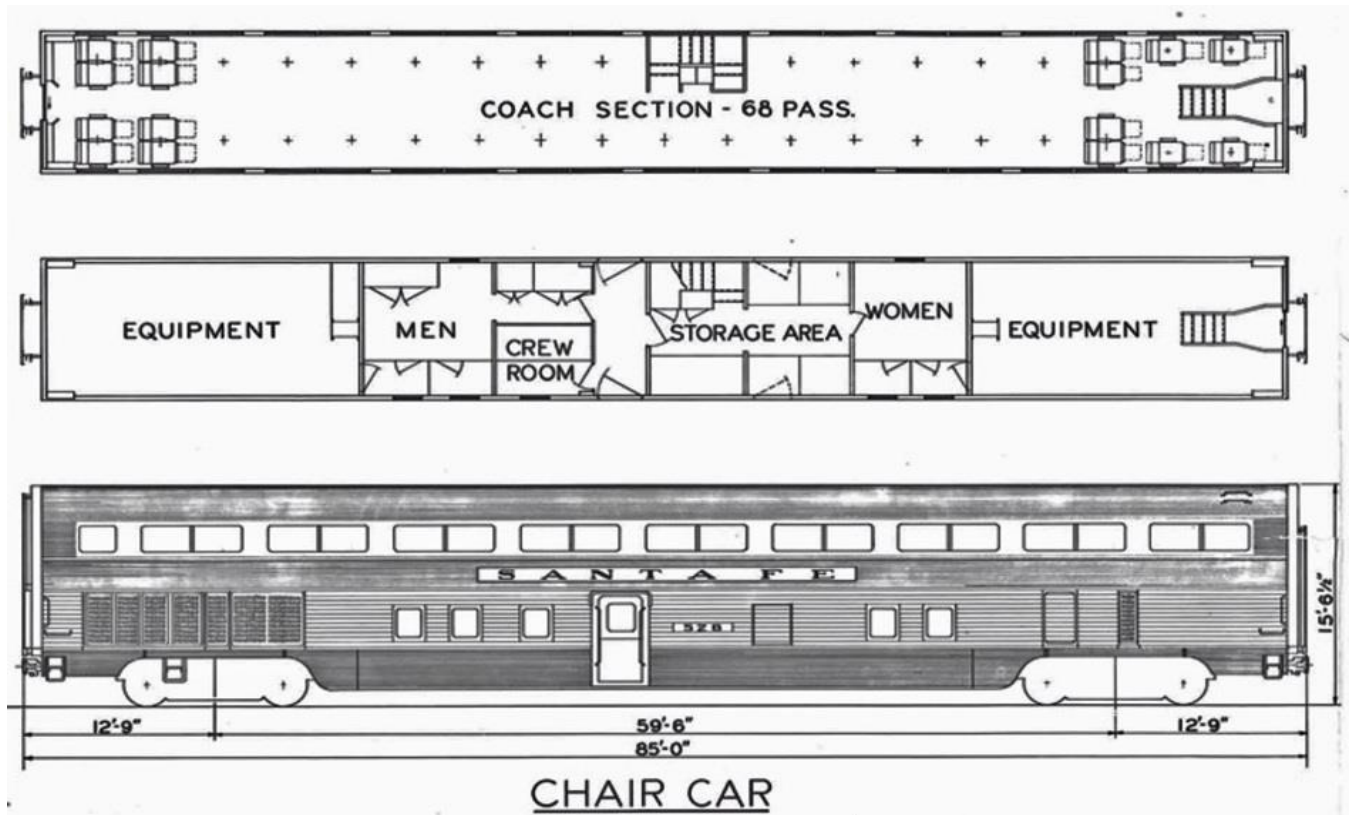


At the time these were made, K Line was not really good at interiors. So, I redo them all, paint the seats add a lot more figures. At least as they pass by, there is some color and enough patrons in the cars.

Starting with one coach, I disassembled it and took out the plain white castings with the seats and painted them so some color would show looking through the

windows. Showing them off to Mary Jane at our daily "teatime" in the train room, she took one look at them and said, "they are terrible, it looks like that is the interior of a bus!"

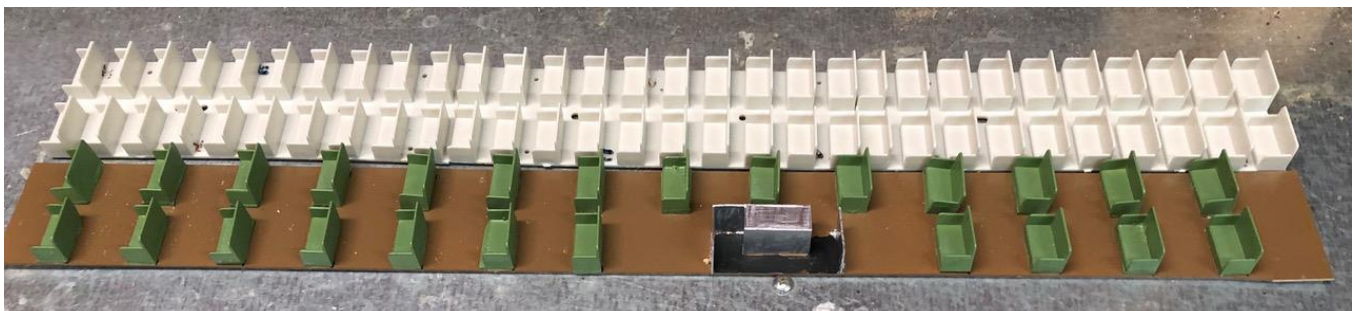
Of course, K Line could not have made a mistake. So I went to the web and found a diagram of a the original El Capitan cars. K Line was so wrong! Mary Jane was so correct!



**Seating Chart showing the proper arrangement of seats in the Bi-Level El Capitan car**

And Instead of the 33 seats in both levels that the El Capitan had, K Line had 60 seats in their castings. Now I had to cut apart each of those castings to free the seats, paint them individually and make a new floor to glue them onto, in order to match the proper

spacing of the El Capitan interior. And that is for each of the four coaches in my train. But it is done, lots of new little people occupy the cars so they can now enjoy the leg room that a first-class train offers. And that is the final end of the "Rest of the Story!"



**K Line original seating on top (it does look like a bus doesn't it?) and my proper seating on the bottom just waiting to get populated with all the new happy passengers traveling First Class**

# DESERT DIVISION BYLAWS CHANGE

Editorial by Chris Allen HE-95-40580

From time to time our local Division Bylaws are asked to be brought into compliance with those of TCA National. Hopefully you joined because TCA has meaningful rules regarding the standards and representation of toy trains that still have a unique value among collectors. We have many members who have experience to help you look at those rare pieces and decide if it is 100% genuine or maybe not. The rest of the time we just like to get together and operate trains and in general share the fellowship that this hobby has with other likeminded people.

However, you didn't join TCA for a bunch of seemingly meaningless rules. I try to keep the membership out of the politics of the organization. Currently TCA has over sixty pages of Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, not counting several other manuals, handbooks and guidelines that were culled from the Rules and Regulations because "they were getting too big".

At the just completed convention in Albuquerque, it was "revealed" that Desert Division elects its Board of Directors on the calendar year and not TCA National's fiscal year as most other TCA Divisions currently do. Technically we have been out of compliance since 2009 when TCA changed its Bylaws and made the new fiscal year July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. The main reason TCA changed was simply to have the fiscal year better coincide with the National Convention.

Why didn't we change back then? I was serving as a national TCA officer at the time and had no real connection with the Division BOD, but most likely it was easier to keep things as they were. So why is this an issue now?

Every June at the National Convention the twenty Division President's elect three Presidents to represent them on the Executive Committee which meets in their place in-between BOD meetings. It has been my privilege to be elected by my peers to represent them in this role. The letter of the law states that the term of a National Director coincides with their term as a Division President. Technically, my term ends December 31<sup>st</sup> and I would not be able

to serve on the Executive Committee if I was not re-elected as Division President. It makes perfect sense; you can't represent your peers if you are not one of them. So why would I try to represent them if my term expired?

If you read the Division BOD minutes from March 2019 and May 2017 you will see that prior to going into the June National Conventions I would discuss election plans with the Division BOD and tell them of my intent to run for re-election as Division President. While that is not a 100% iron clad guarantee that I would be re-elected, it's the next closest thing. The point is, I was following the intent of the law but not the letter of the law.

In the past this was good enough for my peers because in the day to day life of each Division we all know how hard it is to find volunteers let alone members who are willing to step up and take office.

This year someone decided to take exception to that rule and pressed the National BOD on the issue. This came up in the closing minutes of the convention week late Saturday afternoon. To allow everyone the freedom to speak about the issue I left the meeting.

My fellow Division Presidents had my back and my election to the Executive Committee was reaffirmed with the knowledge that I intended to run for Division President for another term this year. However many of them asked that we change our Division Bylaws so that our election cycle now matches TCA's and most of the other TCA Divisions. I agreed to present that change to both the Division Board of Directors and to you, the Division members to vote on.

An open discussion on how this will affect the Division is planned for the September General Meeting with the follow-up in October so that it can be placed on the ballot this year for your consideration.

If you have any questions about how this will impact the Division, please bring them up at the meeting or email me with your concerns so they can be discussed with others.



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**FOR SALE: LIKE AN ACELA?** Need to make room on my shelves for my Convention purchases, so it is time to find a new home for my Lionel Acela. Full set, w 3 car add on and boxes. Runs fine, typical minor Acela glitches. Here is the deal, if you are interested, you TELL ME how much it is worth to you! Peter Atonna [mjatonna@gmail.com](mailto:mjatonna@gmail.com) 928-308-3559

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**WANTED:** for my collection. Lionel prewar and postwar engines in master cartons, scarce separate sale items such as Lionel scrapers, bulldozers, boxed autos, Lionel 6464-700 Santa Fe, -900 New York Central, -250 Western Pacific, -450 Great Northern boxcars in Type III body molds, mint freight cars in high grade original boxes, 6414 Autoloaders with autos in yellow, brown, or kelly green with grey bumpers, following cars in separate sale boxes: 6352 Culvert car, 6352-1 PFE icing car, 3460-25 Piggyback car, any rare Lionel items. Bill Sivley 281-804-3629 or [mrwls911@yahoo.com](mailto:mrwls911@yahoo.com)

This page is provided as a service to our members for trading among themselves on a space available basis. Contact them directly for items listed above. Contact Editor when your item sells so space can be made available to other members.

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

## THE BACK PAGE



Here is a view of Peter Atonna's finished Bi-level El Capitan car. We didn't have room to fit it into his article. Enlarge the photo to see the finished detail inside the car



If you visited Ken Miles layout in Albuquerque, you know Peter isn't the only person obsessed with detailing passenger car interiors. This is Ken's work bench where the magic happens



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Here is the floor plan and a completed interior of the Great Northern Observation car.



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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
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**TCA DESERT DIVISION ANNUAL  
TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2019  
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Formerly known as the Turkey Meet**



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**Saturday, November 30, 2019**

**9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Admission \$5**

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

**VENDOR SETUP 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

**TABLE REGISTRTRTION – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TCA# \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email for table confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the TCA & the Desert Division Train Meet in regards to buying, selling, ethics, and behavior. I further agree that in the case of a dispute, the meet chairman, or an impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairman shall arbitrate the matter and render a binding decision. I shall upon the direction of the Meet Chairman, in the case of a disputed sale, refund a buyer's money.

Signed X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Desert Division TCA

Mail Table Registration to: Beth Stange, 8619 E. Chaparral Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85250  
More info: Chris Allen 480-820-9550

**\$25 per 8' table**

(Bring table cover if desired)

Tables @ \$25 each \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Helper Name \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Table Helper Badges are \$5 each  
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**NO MAIL REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 18, 2019**



# TOY TRAIN SHOW

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Trains for Sale

**2019 PUMPKIN MEET - SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH**



10:00AM TO 4:00PM  
SHERATON UPTOWN HOTEL

2600 LOUISIANA BLVD. NE  
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IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

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CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE WITH ADULT  
TCA MEMBERS FREE WITH TCA CARD

Dealer setup from 7:30am – 9:30am (TCA Rules Will Apply)

For Information Call: Bill Spofford at 505-821-4051 or Greg Palmer at 505-259-3357.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TCA# \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

TCA Member Table # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 ea \_\_\_\_\_

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Send a check payable to: TCA-Rio Grande Chapter

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