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# Desert Division

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## HAPPY NEW DECADE!

Desert Division closed out the year with three consecutive weekend of events starting with the November Toy Train Auction. Paul Malek, incoming Auction Committee Chair and crew setup and completed the auction in near record time. The Division long preeminent auctioneer, Peter Atonna, ran the auction like clockwork. This fall auction classic was a little lighter than most due to a last minute backing out of one of the consignors. No matter what size auction we have, the fun was everywhere, and treasures found new homes and new memories to be made.

The November Toy Train show was held on the following Saturday after the auction. This was the second consecutive year we held the Train Meet back on our historic after Thanksgiving Saturday. It's here to stay. The Train Show dynamics have changed over the years with new players and a tight window for all the shows that try to capture the magical fall window when trains seem to be on everyone's minds. Coordinating these shows from Phoenix and Tucson has all the

local groups agreeing to staying put on a particular weekend. We've had this weekend historically and will keep it going forward.

Rounding out the year was the annual Christmas Holiday Party. We returned to the Sheraton DoubleTree in Phoenix and had a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. The plated meal service was quick and efficient compared to the old buffet line. There was no first served or more importantly, folks done with dinner and heading to the dessert table while others still waited for their table to be called.

Paul Wassermann handled the hotel and meal planning and the Christmas Holiday Party Committee of Angelo and Barbara Lautazi, Fred and Shirley Hunter, John and Eva Upshur and Kay Vokac all worked hard so everyone would have an enjoyable time. This might be the last year for the spouse Lenox gift. The cost of this gift has doubled since we first started offering it twenty years ago. Come to the January meeting and let us hear your views about it.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **January 11 - Desert Division Meet and Annual Business Meeting**

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

#### **January 18 - Rio Grande Chapter Annual Business Meeting**

9:00 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Albuquerque, NM

#### **January 18 - Desert Division SOUPER BOWL VI – Toy Train Auction**

Auction Preview 8 AM – 9 AM – Auction starts 9 AM - Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church – Phoenix, AZ

#### **February 8 – February Division Meet**

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

## PICTURES FROM THE TRAIN SHOW



The Shriners Hall filled up quickly and stayed busy throughout the morning



Peter and Mary Jane Atonna had a busy show despite what this photo indicates



Mark Thompson center left talks to a customer while John Craft and Jon Hinderer center right discuss Standard Gauge woes at the show



Nice row of shoppers checking out everything from LGB to HO with a nice table of Lionel in between. The show had a little bit of everything



In from New York to visit family, Frank Pizzaia easily won the "Who traveled farthest" to come to the show



Bob Herman, Laurel Allen and Barbara Lautazi shared the front end and a few laughs



**Christie Wilson was caught working on a crossword puzzle in between sales**



**View looking to the front of the Shrine Auditorium found full aisles of shoppers**



**There's Barbara. She was out of sight in an earlier picture here we find her counting tickets to keep track of attendance**



**Janet Mattern cheerfully sold raffle tickets for the entire show and the raffle was a big success for the club. Thank you Janet!**



**Looks like Jonathan Peiffer found something that caught his eye**



**A last-minute addition will be back next year. We had a small children's area filled with coloring sheets, free crayons, the Brio table and even a ride on train**

## TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting

There are no scheduled Division BOD meetings in November or December. The next scheduled meeting is set for 7:00 PM on January 8th at the home of Chris and Laurel Allen. Members are welcome to attend but please call in advance, so we can insure enough seating for everyone. If you wish to make a comment or suggestion about any of the events that closed out the year, we would love to hear your input. Bring them to the Annual Business Meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> or contact any newly elected Division Officer or Director.

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### SOME CHRISTMAS PARTY HIGHLIGHTS



**With these three smiling faces greeting you at the door we knew we were all set for a fun evening.  
Kay Vokac, Eva and John Upshur**



**One view of the room as the guests arrived for the Christmas Holiday Party. Since it was a plated dinner there were no “jinxed” tables.**



**As we waited for the last of the guests to arrive many members mingled with friends and shared stories of the past few weeks. With three clubs sharing the evening, nobody was a stranger**



**Guess who won the Hudson for 2019? Terry Fagan couldn't believe his ticket was pulled! Now, will he take the Hudson or \$750? Come to the January meeting where he will decide.**

## Presidents Message

What a decade! Ten years ago we welcomed the new decade after hosting the 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention at the JW Marriott Resort at Desert Ridge. This year we welcome the new decade after the Rio Grande Chapter just hosted the 65<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Albuquerque. Anybody on board for 2029? You might laugh, but it will be a big one and it will take a lot of planning for TCA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I doubt TCA National will let the little Division that could (and does) host such a prestigious event, but it we can dream.

A lot has gone on in the past ten years. Both TCA and the Division have undergone many changes. A big change coming up will be our new meeting location this year. The Division has been meeting at our current location for the past decade and that is about to change. While the search continues, **we will remain at our present location through the April Pizza Meet and Auction.**

It's kind of fitting to end our stay with a party and I'm glad we could work it out with the church that way. I talked with the scheduling office at the church and found that they now have a better timetable on when the demolition work will begin. Because the work will start a bit later, we can stay a bit longer. This also caused a little scheduling bump because Easter falls on the second Saturday in April and obviously the hall was not available on Easter weekend for us.

**The April Meeting and Pizza Auction will be the first Saturday in April** and we will have more news about that as the time gets closer.

Over the past decade we have lost quite a few friends but have added many new faces that join us each month. The changing of the guard is never easy. Our roster is down almost a hundred names from just ten years ago. Ken Burling passing reminded me of how few of the Scottsdale Jaycees Hall are still with us, let alone those of us who used to meet at Ray Korte Chevrolet before that,

It's not a bad thing, we all have our own timetable and make friends along the way. New

members bring about new opportunities to help them enjoy the hobby, expand their knowledge and maybe even expand our own.

The club has shifted from being hardcore postwar and Standard Gauge collectors to operators who happen to collect. Sometimes they wake up one day and look at all the rolling stock and engines they run, and it hits them square between the eyes. They might not consider themselves collectors, but they sure have a collection of trains they operate.

Standard Gauge train collectors here in the Division are down to a precious few of us, and I am a Johnny come lately to that group myself. I joined the ranks after catching the bug from fellow past national president Clem Clement. While Clem gets the credit for moving me off the dime, past Division member Bill Schulte is the one that woke me up to how popular old tin could be. That came about at a module run we had at the old ChrisTown mall one year in the late 90's. I've told that story many times in the past and won't repeat it again here, but quiet mentoring made me understand the joy of those old rattling, thrashing pieces of metal.

Why is that important? Because as we look forward to arguably one of the most challenging decades for us locally and nationally, that quiet mentoring will be a large part of our success or failure. I certainly came into the hobby as an operator myself and have slowly evolved into a modest collector. My knowledge of Marx and American Flyer has grown exponentially since I joined TCA. The friendships I've made are priceless to me and I'm very optimistic about the future.

I believe we all should be. Just two decades ago there continued to be some animosity between clubs. Just the basic differences between operating and collecting seemed to bring out the worst in our members. Today, cooperation between all the clubs not only in town but Division wide has never been stronger. Our short term future is the fellowship and mentoring from new members that share our joy, just in a different gauge. - *Chris*

## Helping Out with a Christmas Party

Last month the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders asked if they could borrow our module trailer to help at a Christmas Party. Yes, they have their own module trailer, but it was setup and running at Adobe Mountain for the Starlight Christmas event during the first three weekends in December. We agreed and Mark Thompson delivered the trailer early Saturday morning and the crew from GCMR took over. Looking at the pictures I'm sure you recognize many familiar faces. Many Division members who run trains on the Division layout are also members of the GCMR so they felt right at home. In fact, Bill Richardson did some emergency repair on the S Gauge Fastrack right before the running began. If the church hall looks familiar you are right again. We held the Souper Bowl auction there in 2017 and we might be holding our auctions there again as we look for a new meeting location this year.



**Hard to see Dana Price, Mark Thompson and Howard Swartz getting the building setup**



**Watch your head Mark! Here's a better picture of the trio of landscapers**



**Dave Brown working the throttles while Dana works the broom**



**All setup and waiting for the party to begin with some of the other church volunteers looking on**



## TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA 94-39039



I hope everybody had a great Holiday Season. Our first Meet and Meeting will be on Saturday January 18th at Los Altos Christian Church South Education Building at 11900 Haines N.E. in Albuquerque, NM. The members only meet begins at 9:00AM, so plan to bring something to sell, and our meeting begins at 10:00AM. It is our Annual Meeting and our Bi-Annual Elections. All our current BOD officers are running for 2020-2022. If you would like to run for any office, the more the better.

Besides the election, we will also go over the results from the 2019 Pumpkin Meet and begin planning the 2020 Pumpkin Meet.

But before all that we will have our show and tell. Did you get anything new over the holidays? Bring something in and share it your fellow members, it is always fun to see what everyone collects or found interesting that's hobby related.

Our after-meet activity will be a lesson on the various Toy Train Factories. Lionel Post War,

modern, Marx, and American Flyer Factories will be shown via videos, and Pete Garity will talk and answer questions about his experience at the Lionel Factory.

The February after Meet activity will be a discussion and seminar on modern technology available. Art Lites will conduct that Seminar. I think it is important to learn about all aspects of the Hobby, from collecting Pre-War, Post War, Modern Era, as well as the new technology. It is all part of the Train Collectors Association education principles.

March will be a video seminar on the collection of Lionel Pre War, Post War, and Modern Era boxes, discussion will follow. We will have snacks during each after meet activity.

So please plan on attending the next Meet and Meeting on January 18th at 9:00AM. at the Los Altos Christian Church South Education Building 11900 Haines N.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hope to see you all there.

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### **MORE Division CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY PICS**



**No, Peter is not auctioning off Bob Herman, he just happens to be standing next to the Tin Soldier from the Nutcracker Suite**



**Barbara Lautazi is holding up another auction items. This was the larger of a beautiful two piece Holiday Lantern set**

## DUES ARE DUE

Yes, it is that time of the year and your annual Desert Division dues are due no later than February 29<sup>th</sup>. Yes, you get an extra day this year but please pay them earlier than the deadline! Dues are \$15 per year and you can pay up to five years in advance. Since we have gone to an electronic format with the newsletter you will receive an email from Angelo if your dues are due.

**Please insure that we have all your current personal information including phone numbers and email address correct.** Many of you have moved, changed your email or phone number and our roster has out of date

information for us to contact you about upcoming events. The current registration form is in this newsletter.

The registration form can also be downloaded from the Desert Division website. Visit TCADD.ORG and click on the "How to Join" button on the left, at the bottom of that page is the link for the current Registration Form. Mail forms and checks to Angelo Lautazi, Division Secretary, at 6109 E. Sonoran Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85266 on or before February 29, 2020. You may also save yourself postage if you wish to bring it to the January Meet or the Souper Bowl Auction.

## SOUPER BOWL VI

What started out as a brainstorming idea has turned into a crowd favorite. It's hard to believe this will be the sixth annual Souper Bowl. Who else but the Desert Division would combine a cooking contest and a train auction? Well, it's not a true cooking contest but we have been treated to some wonderful soups and chili's over the past five years.

We will rely on you culinary skills and ask that you bring in a small crockpot full of soup or chili to share at our lunchtime break. Maybe you have a secret family or favorite recipe you'd like to bring in and share with us. There are no prizes except for the bragging right that the members loved your creation so much you're taking home

an empty pot! Help us keep things organized by signing up at the January meet or by dropping Chris an email telling us what you are planning to bring.

The Division will provide all the utensils, bowls, crackers and plenty of napkins along with a pot of certified gluten free chili, so plan to cook up a batch of your favorite soup or chili and join us for some auction fun and good eats.

We will have the auction catalogs available at the January Meet. You can preview the catalog on our website <http://tcadd.org/auctions.html> but don't forget to stop by for the best tasting auction in TCA. No Buyers Premium, Peter Atonna's humor and a great homemade lunch.

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## Election Results

Desert Division recently conducted the bi-annual election for Officers and Directors of the Division. This was the first time the Division conducted the election electronically as approved by the Division members in November 2017. The election process went pretty smooth according to Election Chair Steve Bienstock.

Approximately 190 ballots were emailed to Division members who receive their newsletter electronically. Another 23 ballots were mailed to those members with no emails or internet access. One member had issues voting electronically and was mailed a ballot.

Response was on par with past years and about 48% of eligible members voted in the election. However the cost savings were significant. Postage costs alone would have been over \$125 and that does not count the costs for the two different sizes of envelopes and the printing. The projected cost of the election was \$250 this year and the actual cost came in at \$40.

This year also had a Bylaws change that synchronized the Division election with that of TCA Nationals.

All Officers and Directors were running unopposed and elected. The Division Bylaw change was approved by a 91 yeas to 3 nay vote.

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## Memoriam Ken Burling

Ken was part of our Jaycee Hall "Old Guard". Although he stopped coming to our meets when we moved to Phoenix, and doing shows when we moved from Mesa, he was a faithful Division member to the end. Ken always supported the Division fundraising causes and could always be counted on for a donation whenever we needed something special.

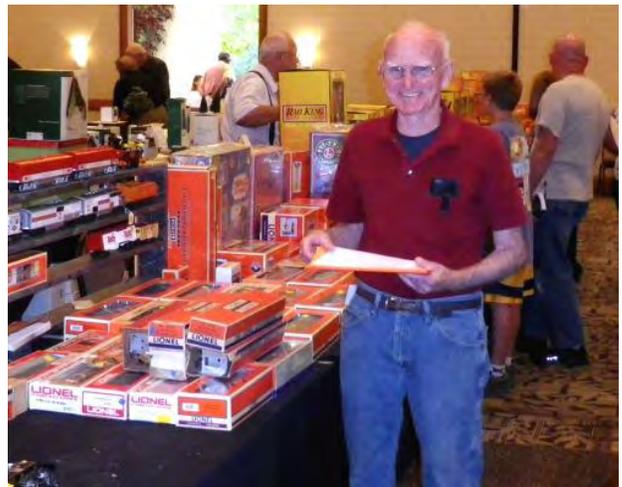
Ken Burling, aka Fountain Hills "The Train Man" passed away at home on December 18th, 2019.

Ken was born in Queens, New York on April 24th, 1935. He lived in New York until 1975 where he owned and operated Great Neck Glass Works in Great Neck, Long Island, New York.

Between 1978-1991 he lived in Florida and worked at Magic Mirror. He moved to Fountain Hills, Arizona in 1991 and opened Designer Mirror, and then later Custom Mirror which has been in business in Fountain Hills for over 25 years.

In 1997 Ken started Burling's Tons of Trains in Fountain Hills and was known as "The Train Man" by residents who flocked to the community center each holiday season to view the running train display.

Ken will be remembered by all of us who will never forget his smile and soft-spoken manners. However, as Roland LaHaie reminded us at his memorial service, the old guard will remember Ken's unending supply of cookies at his sales table.



## Winner, Winner, We Have Lots of Winners!

You may have seen his smiling face earlier in this newsletter. **Terry Fagan** could not believe his ears when his name was pulled out at the Christmas Holiday Party as the winner for this year's annual Hudson drawing.

Terry will make his decision to either keep the beautiful 1965 Hudson or take the \$750 cash option at the January Meeting. It seems that someone (Mr. President) forgot to bring said Hudson to the party that day. Terry will give 'ole 773 a good looksee and make his decision.

For all of you who waited and bought your Hudson ticket at the party hoping that lighting would strike three times in a row, well, better luck next year.

But that is not all the drawings we had this year. Our yearly raffle had three sets. Featured this year was a new modern era Lionel Dinosaur Junction set equipped with Lion Chief. Next, one of the largest MPC era

sets, the huge eight car Cross Country Express set. Finally we wrapped up with a boxed postwar Lionel 1464W set made in 1953 only.

That drawing was held at the November Train Show. Division member **Bill Richardson won the Lionel 6-1072 Cross Country Express** set from 1980. **Mike Landry of Scottsdale**, who bought a ticket at the show, **won the Ready-to-Run Dinosaur Diesel set**. He gladly drove back to the show to claim his prize. Grand Canyon Model Railroad Treasurer **Glenn Saber was the lucky winner of the Lionel postwar 1464W set**. Glenn told me he only bought one ticket for the drawing so the old saying must be true, you can't win if you don't play and you only need one ticket to win the prize.

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you all for supporting TCA Desert Division and our fundraising activities.

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## MORE LOTS ADDED TO SOUPER BOWL AUCTION

The January auction catalog is put together in October so that it can be printed and go one sale at the November Auction. We did not have a complete inventory of one of our consignors trains finished in time for the printing, so it ended up a little on the light side. We completed that inventory in early November.

The month of December brought two very generous donations to the Desert Division. One donation consisted of **14 different Ready to Run** sets along with numerous boxes of rolling stock. The other donation was from a nearly completed layout and had trains as well as buildings, including a modest selection of **various Department 56 buildings**.

Rather than add more lots of postwar to the auction, the Auction Committee and

Division Board of Directors decided to sell the Department 56 items, five incomplete Ready to Run sets, and to clear out all the odd lots of track and switches that have been donated over the years in the upcoming January "Souper Bowl VI" auction.

The sets are complete but were purchased as set breakups where the track and transformer had been removed. We plan to keep the remaining complete sets for raffle prizes or to donate for special causes.

As with all our auctions, the items are sold as-is, where-is, so inspect the lots carefully. We will note obvious issues that we are aware of.

The addendum to the auction is attached to the electronic newsletter. You can also download it and the auction catalog from the Division website. See you at the auction!

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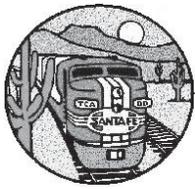
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**FOR SALE:** 2 each Lionel 6-16360 N&W Maxi Stack \$50/ea. or \$90/pr. - Lionel 6-16912 CN Maxi Stack rough box but complete \$50 - Lionel 6-16322 Sea Land TTUX \$45 - Lionel 6-26908 Apple Computer TTUX \$45 - Lionel 9578 & 9580 Burlington Zephyr Passenger & Observation \$70/pr. - The Standard Catalog of American Flyer Trains by David Doyle \$45 - Plasticville Sets & Price Guide 1989 edition \$20, Chris Allen 480-820-9559 [sparkyshome@cox.net](mailto:sparkyshome@cox.net)

**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)

**WANTED:** Lionel 6-9280, 6-7900, 6-16682, 6-26712 or other "Bobbing Head" 6473 style Horse transport car in any color other than yellow - Chris Allen 480-820-9559 [sparkyshome@cox.net](mailto:sparkyshome@cox.net)

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

## More Pictures from the November Train Show



We didn't get a panoramic view of the entire hall this year but you can see it opened up with nice crowd



A different view of the hall. This photo is taken from the main entrance just past the admission table



Trains still walk in the door. Chris is looking over a footlocker full of "Grandpa's Trains". The couple shopped the box and sold it to one of the table sellers at the show



With the front end closed, a small crowd gathers to preview the items for the table top auction at the end of the show.



Registration is now open at <http://tcaconvention.org/> Make plans to attend the TCA convention in Jacksonville, Florida. It is sure to be one of the most unique conventions ever as we join with Department 56 collectors for a fun week!

### DIVISION MEET LOCATION

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
1500 W. Maryland Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85015



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Table 1

<b>Lot</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
268	636W	City of Denver 636 passenger cars, 2ea; 638 observation; vestibules, 3ea, Green/Dark Green
269	6464-400	B&O boxcar
270	6464-225	Southern Pacific boxcar; 6427 Caboose
271	6464-900	NYC boxcar
272	56.54942	D56 Fire Station #3
273	56.55342	D56 Pillsbury Doughboy Bake Shop
274	56.59221	D56 Coca Cola Soda Fountain; 56.59428 D56 Vintage Coca Cola Truck
275	56.5502	D56 Abner's Implement Co.
276	56.54941	D56 Uptown Motors Ford; 56.54950 D56 1955 Ford Fairline
277	56.5834	D56 Big Ben; 56.58304 D56 Crooked Fence Cottage
278	56.55314	Department 56 Wright Bike Shop
279	30-4140-1	MTH Virginia & Truckee 4-6-0 steam set breakup - trains only no track/power - Proto2
280	30-4016-0	MTH Chessie construction set F3 w/Loco Sound -trains only, no track/power; MTH 30-2119 F3 B unit non-power; 6-16620 Chessie Track Maintenance Car
281	33-6238A	33-6238B, 33-6238C, 33-6238D MTH Pennsy 4 car Madison car expansion set
282	20-90475	MTH Conrail 3 car double stack, one flat car missing trucks; MTH 20-90474B Conrail two car double stack
283	30-9157	MTH operating Fire House OB; MTH 30-90425 Pennsy two stall engine shed
284	0	Footlocker w. GarGraves track, misc lengths
285	6-8960	6-8961 U36C Souther Pacific power & dummy
286	2404	SF Passenger, 2405 SF Vista Dome, 2406 SF Observation
287	3530	GM Generator car black tank w/pole & light no box; 2472 caboose
288	6464-450	Great Northern boxcar; 6464-525 M&StL boxcar
289	6464-25	New Haven boxcar; 2472 Caboose
290	6464-100	Western Pacific Yellow Feather boxcar; 6464-125 NYC Pacemaker boxcar
291	456	coal ramp; 455 oil derrick both incomplete
292	0	King American Lionel 700E Hudson desk lamp w/sounds
293	0	Village Square (Meryvn's) Fiber Optic Victorian House & Heartland Valley Village (5) piece misc Porcelain Lighted Buildings
294	6-43008	K-Line by Lionel Firehouse; misc. Lemax figures & accessories
295	56.5892	D56 Wigley Field
296	56.54948	D56 Harley Davidson Manufacturing
297	56.5535	D56 Dick Clark American Bandstand
298	56.55305	D56 Rocks 56 Filling Station; 56.55018 D56 railroad signs
299	56.5664	D56 Farmers Market; 56.52818 D56 Village Accessories (3 trees) boxed; (2) D56 Village Pequot Pines no box
300	0	Danbury Mint - Tyler The Lionel Collector Doll - original box and paperwork
301	3530	GM Generator Car blue tank, no pole or light

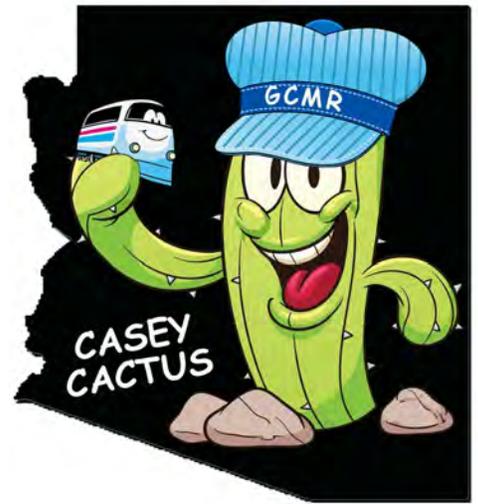
<b>Lot</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>302</b>	726RR	Berkshire w/2046W Tender
<b>303</b>	2031	Rock Island A-A diesel
<b>304</b>	637	2-6-4 steamer w/2046W Tender; 2457 Caboose
<b>305</b>	3530	Generator Car black tank w/pole & light; 2457 Caboose
<b>306</b>	2046	Hudson 4-6-4 w/2046W tender
<b>307</b>	6-30156	NYC Flyer Freight set, trains only, no T or T
<b>308</b>	30-42080-0	MTH Pennsy 4-6-0 Freight set breakup - trains only, no track/power - Loco-Sound
<b>309</b>	30-42280	MTH UP 2-8-0 Freight set breakup - trains only, no track/power - Loco-sound
<b>310</b>	0	MTH Rail Trax large box of 072, 042 curve, half curves and various lengths of straight
<b>311</b>	0	MTH Rail Trax switches 072 RH, 3ea; 072 LH; 054 LH 3ea; 054 RH
<b>312</b>	0	MTH 40-1003 lockons, 4ea; 1008 operating track section; 1011 adapter to Lionel, 1029 insulated straight, 2ea, New, OB
<b>313</b>	0	MTH 30" straight Rail Trax, 14ea, used
<b>314</b>	0	Lionel 30" straight tubular, 12ea, new: other various lengths, used
<b>315</b>	0	GarGraves 30" straight - new and used - 2 boxes

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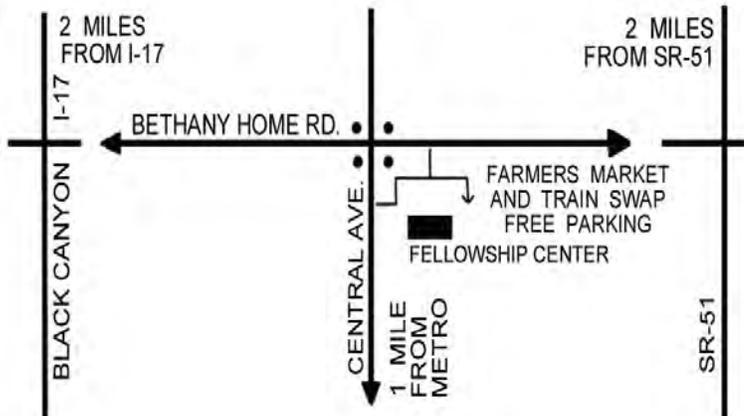
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**Join Our Fun Friday Pre-meet Denny's Dinner !**

Saturday set-up opens at 6:00 AM

**NOTE:** unclaimed tables will be released at 8:00 AM



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Security:** I will abide with badge identification entrance requirements.  
**Buying, selling, ethics and behavior:** In case of dispute, the Meet Chairperson and/or impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairperson shall arbitrate the dispute and render a timely decision and I hereby agree to be bound by such decision. **I will not pack until 1:00 PM.** Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: [info@gcmrr.org](mailto:info@gcmrr.org)

Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457; Glenn Saber 602-956-6695

**\$25 per 8' banquet table**

(Bring a table cover, if desired)

How many tables? \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Request? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you participate in the auction? \_\_\_\_\_

Seller? \_\_\_\_\_ Buyer? \_\_\_\_\_

**Admission Name Badges**

**1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.**

First and last name please

Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**More badges available at \$5.00 each**

Name Badges **REQUIRED** for your security

**GROUPS, CLUBS: PLEASE CALL**

# 2020 Spring Nor-Cal Train Show

# Saturday March 7

# Nor-Cal Train Show

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr, Walnut Creek, CA

Free parking on site

Food service provided

Friday March 6,

Table set up by reservation 5 pm to 9 pm

Saturday March 7,

8 am Vendor set up

10am Nor-Cal TCA club members only open for trading.

11am General admission to the public begins

3 pm show closes

Name \_\_\_\_\_ TCA# \_ \_ - \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Nor-Cal member admission is free when wearing your Nor-Cal membership card.  
General admission is \$6, payable at the door with a hand stamp.

Number of table helpers @ \$6/ person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ 6-foot tables @ \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$6 admission fee for non-Nor-Cal member = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity against a wall \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if planning on setting up Friday night 5pm to 9 pm

(Make check payable to Nor-Cal Division of TCA) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Cal Stewart Meet**  
**c/o Richard Goslee, Nor-Cal Treasurer**  
**5600 GOLDEN GATE AVE**  
**Oakland, CA 94618-2133**

For questions phone Richard Goslee 510-653-2237 or eMail: [rdgoslee@aol.com](mailto:rdgoslee@aol.com)

**Table holders must complete tax information on the next page**

# CA Resale Information

All table vendors must complete, sign and mail this form with their table reservation.

Please print legibly. **Mail before February 15<sup>th</sup> and No refunds after March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If requesting tables, you must complete one of the following sections:

1. **Regular Sellers:** If you are a regular seller, you are required to have a California Seller's permit. Please enter the permit number below and submit a photocopy of the permit with this form.

Resale Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

2. **Occasional Sellers:** Occasional sellers are individuals who are **not required** to hold a California Seller's Permit because you will not be making a series of qualified sales. For example, a person who is selling used trains *accumulated for their own use* and who sells *only* those items will usually qualify as an occasional seller, providing you make sales no more than twice in a 12-month period. You must provide Nor-Cal with your driver's license number:

Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**You will NOT be given a table assignment without supplying the above information.**

I agree to comply with all the rules and regulations of TCA, all TCA Committees and any actions and rulings of said TCA Committees. I further agree that all items I sell at the Cal-Stewart meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacture's original condition unless I have caused any such item to be marked as a restoration or reproduction. I further certify that I will have obtained the required National TCA Certificate of Compliance regarding the sale of reproduction items and will display the certificate at the meet. I hereby certify the above information is true and correct. For questions contact Richard Goslee 510-653-2237

**Signed:** x \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_