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# NO FOOLIN' - WE'RE AT HOME COOLIN' AND SO SHOULD YOU

What a difference a few weeks make. Although things were a bit sketchy, the March meeting was held with a smaller than expected crowd. The virus information was all over the place and with the information we had on hand at the time it appeared we could safely hold the meeting. Things changed in the weeks that followed and there will be **no April Meeting**.

Sitting here at the end of March it is hard to predict where we will be in the next four to six weeks. At the moment the best guess using the information available today is that this will be a six to eight week disruption. The Division BOD will continue to follow the CDC Guidelines and keep you posted. For the time being, all events in May are on hold.

But let's roll back the calendar and find out what did happen at the March Meeting. Since it

was so lightly attended, we feasted on St. Patrick's Day decorated donuts brought in by Janet Mattern. They tasted as good as they looked, and since there was light attendance Janet encouraged us to seconds, which those in attendance happily obliged. Thank you, Janet, for bringing in some festive cheer to the meet.

Secretary Angelo Lautazi reported that we had a substantial drop in membership this year. 

Twenty-six members have decided not to renew their membership this year. While we expected a slight drop from our Chapter because a few members joined to help during the convention, others have simply not responded to personal and email requests we have made and have offered no explanation as to why they have dropped their membership. Angelo reported that our current paid membership is at 180. We will

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

CANCELLED \*\*\* April 4- Division Meet & Annual Pizza Meet Auction \*\*\* CANCELLED

April 27 - Rio Grande Chapter Meeting - BREAKING NEWS MEET CANCELLED

10:00 AM Business Meeting - Albuquerque, NM

May 2 - Multi-Club Spring Picnic
PICNIC IS ON HOLD PENDING THE LATEST VIRUS INFORMATION

10:00 AM-1:30 PM - Food Service Starts at 11:00 AM Aste Ramada - McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale, AZ

ON HOLD - May 9 - May Division Meet - NEW LOCATION

8:30 AM member only swap - 10:00 AM Business Meeting - Aldersgate Methodist Church - Phoenix, AZ

prepare the roster and get it in the mail. – Editor's note: Our print shop is currently closed with the current virus outbreak. We will print and distribute the roster as soon as normal services are returned to normal.

Mark Thompson reported \$19,809.15 in the savings account and \$14,519.71 in checking. He announced he still had one remaining invoice to pay for the El Tovar shipping bill.

Speaking of the El Tovar car, the order form was on the front table and they are available for immediate delivery. Less than forty cars remain in this last of the series Fred Harvey Co. car. You can also order the car from our website.

Kate Elgar reported on Transportation Day here at the church. (Photos were in last months issue.) Chris thanked Katie, Bill Richardson and Janet Mattern for helping with the setup, running trains and teardown. We do not know if we will participate next year when the pre-school moves to its new location.

President Allen next announced that the **November Train Show has been moved to November 21**<sup>st</sup>. The Shriner's have scheduled a charity event for Thanksgiving weekend at the auditorium. We believed that we had left a deposit for the show to reserve the date for this year. It turned out, we left our cleaning deposit on retainer and not the deposit to reserve the date. At the present time we do not know if the Shriner's event will be held every year going forward, or if this will be a one-time event.

Moving our train show early one week has had a domino effect on some of the other fall train shows. Once the dust settles, we will determine when to hold the November train auction.

Next was the announcement about the Pizza Meet. It has been cancelled because of the current virus situation. The Pizza Meet is one of our most popular meets of the year. We had a Pizza Met every year since 1995 and only missed one when it was decided to hold a picnic in Chaparral Park next to the Scottsdale Jaycee Hall where we used to meet. Since it is so popular with our members the Pizza and auction will be rescheduled later this year once al the dust settles and things get back to normal.

The May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at our new location, Aldersgate Methodist Church, 3530 N 32<sup>nd</sup> St. in Phoenix is on a hold. Although that meeting is about six weeks away from this writing, we cannot predict where what the status of our state or country will be in, so just watch your email for the latest updates.

Because of the concern for both the family and our members, the Division Board of Directors asked Angelo and Barbara Lautazi to postpone their open house. Many members have been anxious to see the newly remodeled kitchen and revisit Angelo's train room, but under the circumstances we felt for everyone's safety to postpone the event until later in the year.

The Educational Segment featured Ralph Treichel who brought in an Allis Chalmers Condenser Car. This was an MPC version of the postwar car and Ralph found it to his liking since it was in a different color than the original. Paul Wassermann had some 800 series passenger cars that had printing errors on the boxes. Instead of trashing the boxes, Lionel printed labels and pasted them over the incorrect information. Paul noticed the error when glue from one of the labels loosened up and the label peeled away from the box. He also had a 463W set from 1945. The tender lettering was askew, and the caboose was not lettered on one side. Paul surmised that following WWII Lionel in their haste to get product on the shelves for Christmas might have grabbed items that had been previously rejected for QC issues. Chris Allen had a Lionel 6800 flat with airplane and 6801 flat with boat. He explained that with so many postwar cars coming on the market there are a few easy ways to tell reproduction loads from the real deal as you walk the shows.

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order Chet Henry took the Hudson ticket, Terry Haas -Lionel C&O Boxcar, Janet Mattern - K-Line Gondola, Dana Price – Lionel Boxcar, Bryan Jewell - Lionel Boxcar, Steve Bienstock K-Line Pennsy Hopper, Dave Brown – Albuquerque Convention Clock, Bill Richardson Lionel Lunchbox.

No this is not a typo; Christie Wilson won the Hudson Hundred for the second time in two months.



Yes, DeLon was at the meet and setup for your parts need. We won't see him again until the fall



We had a few members bring in items for sale. These were from Dave Hollister before he headed back home for the summer



Yes, a few members showed up and before social distancing became a thing, we still chatted about the events of the day. I spy Frank Pizzaia in from New York to pick up his auction item.



For many of our members this was their last meeting in town before they headed back home for the summer. Ralph and Sally Treichel is chatting with Jan Fagan before they hit the road.



Jon Zaval seems to be stocking up on some parts while sharing a tale with Dana Price



Christie Wilson won the Hudson Hundred for the second time this year. No, I didn't use last month's picture, she wore a white sweater in February.

#### TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting - March 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Angelo and Barbara Lautazi

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Mark Thompson, Angelo Lautazi, Paul Wassermann, Bob Herman and Steve Bienstock. On teleconference Greg Palmer

<u>Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes</u> – The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

<u>Secretary's Report</u> - Angelo reported that membership stands at 180 members of which 26 owe dues for the upcoming year. The Board decided to go ahead and have the roster printed without waiting any longer to see if any additional members will renew.

<u>Treasurers Report</u> - Treasurer Mark Thompson reported that the current balances in the Savings Account is \$19,809.15 and Checking is \$14,519.71. Mark mentioned he had a few invoices to pay in the upcoming days. He also acknowledged his frustration with the current bank not acknowledging him as the new Division Treasurer.

<u>BOD Annual Dinner</u> – The annual no-host BOD appreciation dinner was changed to a luncheon at Uncle Sal's. A limited selection from their dinner menu will be offered and we will have the restaurant to ourselves for two hours before they open on Sunday evening.

#### **Old Business:**

<u>El Tovar Fundraising Car</u> – Peter received the shipment from Lionel, and he has shipped all preorders. Chris handed out the cars for the local deliveries to the BOD members and already had delivered the others to members at the GCMR train show in February. We are just a few cars away from hitting the breakeven point for the project.

<u>Transportation Day at SOV</u> – The event was very successful and all who participated had a great morning running trains for the children. The school will move to a new location and Chris mentioned that it was unknown if we would participate next year until we view the new location for a suitable location we could set up and run the trains.

#### **New Business:**

<u>Desert Division Train Show 2020</u> – Fred Hunter was contacted by the Shriner's and our date was secured by them to hold a charity event at the Shrine Auditorium. There was a misunderstanding between the club and the Shrine rental office. We believed that we had left money to reserve our date for this year, when we had just left our cleaning deposit instead. Since the date was not secured with a deposit it was lost. The event will be held one week earlier at the Shrine Auditorium on November 21st.

<u>November Train Auction</u> – The date will need to be determined once dates for the November Train Shows have been determined by the other clubs in the area

<u>Pizza Meet</u> –The Pizza Meet is on hold because of the current Corona Virus situation. There was a discussion if the open house at the Lautazi's should be held in light of the information that we currently have. **Motion: Postpone the Open House until a better understanding of what precautions need to be in place. Motion passed.** The open house will be held later this year. The Board thank Angelo and Barb for understanding our concerns.

<u>Christmas Party 2020</u> – Angelo and Bob reported that the Christmas Party Committee has member and spouse gifts identified for this years party.

<u>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Car</u> – No update. Peter is waiting on licensing approval. Steve mentioned he might be able to provide some assistance and will look into it this week.

<u>Lenox Christmas Snowman Ornament</u> – The Christmas Holiday Party Committee will work with members and their spouses to secure this year's Lenox ornament. Members will be able to continue getting the ornament at our cost, but the orders will need to be in no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>. Details will need to be worked out.

<u>Sun City Donation</u> – Because of a slip up, the donation letter for our Sun City donation was not sent. Chris will work with Angelo to ensure it gets acknowledged.

<u>Adjournment</u>: Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on April 1, 2020 at the home of Mark and Linda Thompson.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

## **Presidents Message**

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all staying safe these days and limiting your exposure to the real world. Laurel and I venture out very little and although you'd expect with all this extra time on my hands, I would be getting extra chores done, I often find myself just lost in thoughts and what-ifs.

Pretty much everything in April is shutdown officially. While we want to believe that the worst will be behind us in four to six weeks, we have so little information available now to try and plan for events like the May 4<sup>th</sup> picnic. Even if we do get the all-clear to hold the event how many would attend? What will be the "new normal" for groups and clubs like ours to hold events like train shows, picnics, and auctions?

For sure the next few months as this new normal takes shape we will be challenged to plan like we have never done in the past. All the history for these types of events will be reset as we look to reestablish a new day-to-day routine.

I have been in contact with the other clubs that we co-host events with as we work to plan out the next few months. It will take a lot of coordination as we all work together to try and avoid conflicts. We so many events getting cancelled this spring, it will be a wild few months when things get ramped up again.

Since the April meet has been cancelled the May newsletter will be very sparse. I want to thank all of you who responded to my call for articles for this month, but I definitely need more. April has always been one of my busiest months because of the picnic, the Meet and of course the Eastern Division York Meet. It seemed I was busy the whole month and had so many stories and pictures to fill out the May newsletter with when I returned home.

The May newsletter will take your help to be filled with articles and photos. Send me a note, with or without a picture, about what you will do during the April shutdown. Hopefully you will be keeping yourself busy, indoors and having fun with your trains. The newsletter will be real thin without your input.

Laurel and I had planned a real good spring cleaning this year and I was hoping to make some serious inroads into finally getting a small layout built again. The garage seemed the most logical (and largest) area that I could use.

I actually have two layouts. My old HO layout has been stored in our outside garden shed for the past twenty-five years. Shortly after I joined TCA, I took it down and replaced it with a small 027 layout. But as the kids came along and life took its twists and turns that layout joined my old HO layout in the shed as well. Both haven't had a train run on them for over two decades.

Why don't I just bring out my old 027 layout? Well, that old layout was fine for my early collection of postwar trains that were only five or six cars long, but as I became more active in TCA, I soon learned to love other trains.

I like to run long coal drags, mixed freight, and even a few passenger trains have joined the roster over the years not withstanding a new love for Standard Gauge and of course American Flyer. Part of my fun with running trains on the club's layouts is that I can run all the different trains that I have collected. It has allowed me to stay active running trains when family limitations called for the layout to be stored.

So now with a plan in mind will I take the plunge and finally clear out the garage enough space in the garage put up a medium size layout? Who knows? One thing for sure, I'll have plenty of time so that should not be an excuse!

All the officers of the Division are staying in touch with each other and with the other local clubs. We are still mailing out cars that are being purchased on our website and proceeding with plans for the fall train show, auction, Christmas Holiday Party and even the Desert Division 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year. By the time you read this, I'm sure events will change again. We will communicate through our eBlasts as quickly as information becomes available and I recommend

that you follow state and local authorities as we work through this worldwide problem. Stay Home and Stay Safe!

### **Boyd Reasor is working on American Flyer Couplers**

Hi Chris.

One thing I did during this 'stay-at-home' order was to fix a problem I was having with my S-gauge couplers. Occasionally when a coupler went over a switch, the coupler would spark or trip the track circuit breaker.

Originally this particular rolling stock had 'link' couplers, then later, was converted to 'knuckle' type couplers. Doing this used a small carter pin to keep the knuckle couple attached. It is essential that the pin end was spread in the 'horizontal' direction. But this particular pin was spread in the 'vertical' direction (up and down) thus making contact with the frog of the switch and shorting out. Also, if the pin was not installed perfectly, the knuckle coupler would be loose and not keep alignment with other rolling stock.

To fix this occasional problem, I replace the coupler pin with a small (1/2 inch 4-40) screw and nut. It works great now. See the attached picture.

### Boyd Reasor



Coupler with pin

Coupler detached

Coupler with screw



At the February Meet Art Lites brought in this LionChief RS-3 that was scheduled for the April after Meet Educational Segment



Also at the February Meet, Chris Wieclaw showed how he was constructing a low cost building for his layout made from paperboard



## **TCA Rio Grande Chapter News**

#### By Gregory Palmer TCA 94-39039



We did not have a March Meet and Meeting due to the New Mexico Governor's order to ban large meetings. All Churches closed and thus we were locked out of our Meeting Hall. Now our Governor has issued an order, covered by Law, that no Meetings larger than 5 people can meet until April 10th, with the possibility of making it longer. It will cause us to wait until April 10th to see if our hall will re open and if the 5 member rule at a meeting continue.

Editors Note: As we were going to press the Rio Gtande Chapter cancelled the April meet under the orders of the New Mexico Govenor's Office who issued "Stay-at-Home" orders.

I hope all of you are doing ok. I know I am going crazy because most of my favorite things are now banned. Baseball, good food, and being with my friends.

I still have my toy trains, and toys, plus old TV shows, on Direct TV. I find that the train rooms are a place I can go and lock out the Virus filled world. No Computer Chips, and no Covid-19. Just toy trains, toys, and

memories. I suggest all of you to watch less TV ie. CNN and Fox News, and play with your trains and toys.

Also go outside and breath fresh air and get that abundant sunshine. It is better for the mind to become a kid again, and remember the fun times when the world was not sick, and in trouble. Please stay safe and healthy, and let us hope the hot dessert sun burns the virus to bits.

Meeting dates for 2020: September 21.

#### Other Events:

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad. Make sure you check their website for special events planned all year once they start running again.

Our next scheduled meet and meeting will be September 21, 2020. Remember the Meeting will start at 10:00AM. It will be at the Los Altos Christian Church, South Education Building, 11900 Haines N.E. in Albuquerque, NM.

Chris, My project during the virus lockdown. Detailed Minuteman III missile on 60' flat pulled by USAF 44 ton. Shown in display colors. Stay healthy! Art Lites



## **The Christmas Holiday Party**

The tradition of the Lenox Ornament

As you have read and also heard at the Division meets the Desert Division Board of Directors had to drop gifting the Lenox Ornament to spouses this year because the cost became too prohibitive. We will offer the ornament for our members to purchase at our cost to continue this long tradition. The details are currently being worked out and the offer will be in the May and June issues of the DISPATCH so watch for them. Here's a brief history of how the project came about.

In 1999 Fred Hunter was the Division President. The club was very active after just completing the successful 1997 National Convention. The Division had just purchased bricks at the National Toy Train Museum that had every Division member's name etched in the stone walkway. They were also in the final planning stages to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lionel by attempting to run simultaneously a train from every year Lionel manufactured them, and then some, at Centennial Hall in Mesa.

Fred went to the Board of Directors with an idea. Recognizing that the spouses of our members often worked as hard, if not harder, than our members he said, "We need

to do something special for our spouses for letting us, the collectors, continue pursuing our dreams of the toy train hobby." He presented the Lenox Snowman ornament to the Board as a gift to be given at the annual Christmas Party. "Price is no object, it's the season of giving" and that is how it started. Twenty years later we are still ordering and distributing the ornament and trying to absorb the cost into the overall event.

Things have changed in those twenty years. The cost of the ornament has doubled, while attendance to the annual party has dwindled. In the beginning, the sales of raffle tickets and centerpieces at the party made the ornament an affordable gift, it no longer is.

Recognizing that many of our members, their spouses and families have a collection of these ornaments dating back to the beginning has prompted us to offer them by subscription so these collections can be continued. The orders will need to be in by July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, with the pickup of your ornament in the fall. We can only order a maximum of fifty (50) of these ornament and we will not order any extras.

## What I'm doing during the Stay at Home Orders

Joe Fanara TCA Past President

Hi Chris,

Here is what I've been doing when I am not taking care of mom, I'm restoring a 1935 nickel front Marx Commodore Vanderbilt loco, I bought it on ebay and I neglected to take a before picture, but you can look at it item #124112761430, it was a mess. I have already rebuilt the motor, and now I am preparing the shell for the paint. Stay Safe! - Joe





### A TALE OF THREE TROLLIES

By Peter Atonna TCA 75-7578

First, I admit I like trollies. I don't know why since I am too young to remember ever seeing one as a youth. But I think it is how they thread their way through cities – downtowns, uptown, and even into the country. When I built my first layout here in Paulden, my Douglas, AZ town had to have a trolley. (Yes, Douglas did have a trolley, and as a kid, the rails were still imbedded in one street over from our house. And yes, I rode my bike many times up and down that street in the middle of the tracks!)

So, back to my tale. On my layout, my Douglas town had a trolley leading from a fictional subway stop under the train station and up to the downtown area. At that time a company called Western Hobbycraft had imported a very well done, cast model of a traditional trolley. And that trolley still travels the streets of Douglas.



When it was time to do the current iteration of my layout, Douglas stayed and it was joined by the main theme of the new version, a downtown for a mid-sized city. And of course, it had to have a trolley line. Fortunately, K Line superstreets were still available and provided the route through downtown.

I have always liked the style of the PCC trolley car. It was a modernized design created before WW11 and was much more streamlined than traditional trolleys of the day. Unfortunately, nobody has ever made an O gauge PCC trolley other that a non-operating version by Corgi. At one time, Bowser made a mechanism for the Corgi, but that been many years ago and a month's long search didn't turn up one.

At that time, Bachman was offering a nicely done Peter Witt trolley, so one was bought,

some passengers added and has been running in downtown for five years now. (trolley #1)



But the PCC bug never left. So, earlier this year, I bought a Corgi and had the brilliant idea of powering it by modifying an Industrial Rail trolley. These are inexpensive, Brill styled trollies sold a while ago by Bachman.

The IR trolley mechanism was taken apart, lengthened to fit the Corgi dimensions and worked so it would fit into the Corgi shell. Testing the motor and frame on the trolley tracks, it ran fine all around the downtown loop.

I put the Corgi shell on it and powered up. Would not move. Took the shell off and it



ran fine. Turns out this "thing" was so under powered that it would only run with its lightweight plastic shell. The metal Corgi was too much for it! (trolley #2)



Back on went the Peter Witt. But wait, why not try eBay one more time. Bingo! There was listed a Corgi PCC with the Bowser mechanism. "Buy it Now" was invoked. It arrived promptly and was equally promptly was put onto the tracks. It ran, almost. Turns out the Super Street curves were a little too sharp. So, apart it came. After a full disassembly, I was able to widen the frame where the wheels turned to let it travel the sharper curves. But I figured while I as in there, lets add some lights and every trolley needs a motorman. So in these went.

And now, the happy ending. At last, a sleek PCC trolley winds its way through

downtown. It took three tries, but downtown now has contemporary trolley service (trolley #3)



## Update from John Wiley

Editors Note; I've received several emails from John, this is a compilation of several of them.

Hi Chris, Thought I'd send you a picture of what I'm doing with a small layout. It feels great to have a Train Room again! I don't have all of the boxes unpacked yet. One week before we were locked in I received a Lionel # 2383 Santa Fe train set I bought from a son of one of the residents. It came just in time as we can't leave the building except to see a doctor. I have cleaned and oiled the train. It was bought in 1958 by the grandfather. Darlene and I are still feeling fine. - John Wiley









## Stay at Home? I'm Retired, sort of Paul Malek TCA 13-68671

Chris,

I have included some pictures of what I was up to since the start of this year. Since the beginning of January my wife Ruth and I have sold our home in Buckeye and have relocated to a retirement community in Mesa. So packing, moving, unpacking, and renovating an old storage shed into my new shop. Oh yeah, did I mention ALL of this happened since January 25th.

I still am finding all my tools and train parts to complete my new shop, which I hope will be totally complete by the time you are reading this.

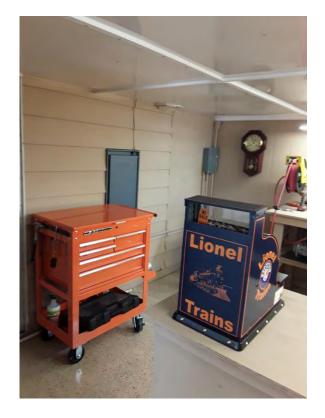
For all of you who know us, this is our 29th move in 43 years, and I know you've heard this before, IT'S OUR LAST!

Paul









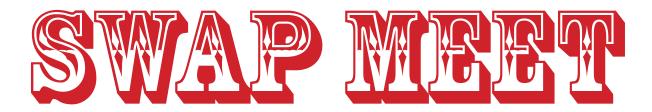


Top Row In the beginning the raw storage shed, then the finished interior with insulated walls and drywall. Bottom row, moving in and ready for business!



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