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# Desert Division

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## IT WAS SOUPER!

What a way to kick off our sixth decade! A busy January meeting was followed up the very next week with one of the more memorable auctions in years.

First, let's report on the Annual Business Meeting. Every year at the January Meeting, we give a "state of the Division" report and President Allen called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Attendance was about forty members. Secretary Angelo Lautazi reported current membership at 216 with membership dues for 2020 due by the end of February.

Mark Thompson reported \$19,809.15 in the savings account and \$14,162.95 in checking. The financials for the year including a breakout of the November Train Show were on the front table for everyone to review. The fundraising car program will continue with the Fred Harvey Company El Tovar car. These cars help keep our finances in the black.

Election Chair Steve Bienstock reported on the just concluded elections. All candidates ran

unopposed and the Bylaws change was approved. The result of the Bylaws change is that all officers will remain in office until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It was reported that the club saved over \$200 in postage alone for switching to the new electronic ballot. There was a 45% return of all ballots, on par with past elections.

Paul Wassermann asked the membership to acknowledge Bob Herman for his twenty years of service as our club's treasurer, which the membership responded by giving a hearty reply of applause. Bob will continue to serve as a Director at Large.

Chris mentioned that the search for a new location has resulted in the disturbing fact that most rentals are coming in at \$100/hr. which is more than three times the amount we currently pay. The board is working with the new figures for the new budget. We also learned that an updated construction schedule for our current location will result in us staying at that location until April. This will allow the Pizza Meet to be the last event we

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

#### February 8 – February Division Meet

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

#### February 8 – Sun City Model RR Club Swap Meet

8:30 AM – 12 Noon - Fairway Recreational Center – Sun City, AZ

#### February 15 - Rio Grande Chapter Meet & Meeting

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

#### February 22 – Grand Canyon Model Railroaders Winter Cactus Meet

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ

will hold at Shepherd of the Valley church. We will stay in Phoenix but move a little south and east to Aldersgate Methodist Church at 32<sup>nd</sup> St. and Osborn for the May meeting.

The President next announced the decision of the Board of Directors to not have a Volunteer of the Year this year but instead honor two members last year. Scott and Elaine Eckstein who co-chaired the 2019 TCA Convention in Albuquerque were selected as recipients of the Member of the Year Award for their years of hard work that made the convention a huge success. Chris said he would present the award to them when he visited the Chapter next month.

There were a few additional questions about the move to the new meeting location in May. Chris had pictures of the new facility he took on his site visit on the front table and welcomed other questions from the members following the meeting. With no other questions the Annual Business Meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM.

Upcoming events were discussed next with the upcoming "Souper Bowl" planned for next weekend. Members were encouraged to sign up or email Chris if they were planning on bringing soup or chili to help with the lunch planning. Over 50 additional lots had been added to the auction and the new addendum sheet would be available at the auction.

Speaking of auctions, both the November and January 2021 auctions are looking for some modern era MTH, Kline, Atlas, or Williams trains. We have several consignments of postwar but would like to diversify the auction and make it appealing to more members. Some of our consigners only put in ten to twenty lots, so don't feel you need a trunk load to participate. See Paul Malek if you have any questions.

The club again will participate in two pre-school Transportation Days, one in Tempe and one in Phoenix. The trailer module will be used if possible, for both events.

The winner of the 2019 Hudson was Terry Fagan. Terry has been working to downsize and while tempted after looking at the beautiful condition the Hudson was in, opted for the \$750 cash option instead. This year's Hudson drawing will begin at the February Meet and those who

buy their tickets early have the best odds of scoring the Hudson Hundred which also starts at the same meet.

Other announcements included the Spring Picnic will be held on May 2 in the Aste Ramada at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. The Aste Ramada is where we held the picnic a few years ago and has great parking. The fall train show will be on Thanksgiving Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup> back again at the Shrine Auditorium. Wrapping up the year the Christmas Holiday Party will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> and will be held again at the DoubleTree Hotel in Phoenix. Unfortunately the cost of the spouse Lenox gift now exceeds our cost for the meal and a different gift will be given next year. Since we've been giving these gifts for two decades, we will make them available by subscription to our members later this year if they are interested.

The Educational Segment featured **Roland LaHaie** brought a Sunset Models Alco PA in Southern Pacific livery. Seems he forgot he ordered it and was surprised when his gift showed up the day after Christmas. **Katie Elgar** found a couple of Lionel cars at Kohl's after Christmas sale including a cute Chip and Dale gondola. **Jonathan Peiffer** brought a 3<sup>rd</sup> Rail E6 AB Santa Fe engine. He explained the detail of the stainless-steel plating used on the sides. He also had a N scale GG1 and mentioned he is considering a N scale home layout. **Chris Allen** had a variety of Lionel 6473 Horse transport cars that he runs on the layout in a wide variety of colors and incarnations. The car is a favorite for younger children who visit the trailer module. **Sam McElwee** displayed a custom-made Lionel Boxcar that he received from his family at Christmas. The car features photos of his family and he was surprised by the gift.

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order Christie Wilson - Lionel Johnson Wax Boxcar, Terry Fagan - K-Line Semi truck/trailer, Chet Henry - Lionel Chessie Boxcar, Mark Thompson - Lionel Wasash Boxcar, Bill Richardson - Coffee Table Railroad Book, Dave Brown - Albuquerque Convention Clock, Mike Dietrich - Streamliner Toy train, and Steve Bienstock - Train pocket watch.



**Buying, admiring, or just talking? Jonathan Peiffer, Phil Monahan and John Craft share some thoughts.**



**New face up front. Mark Thompson, the new Division Treasurer, settling in for the meeting**



**The smile says it all. Roland LaHaie says the best Christmas gifts are surprises when they arrive at your front door**



**Katie Elgar found some unusual items at Kohls when she went post-Christmas bargain hunting**



**Yes, it's a GG1 and Jonathan Peiffer is thinking of building a new railroad empire around it in N scale**



**Sam McElwee agrees with Roland. The best gifts are surprises such as this custom made Lionel boxcar with his family photo on it**

## **TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – January 2, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Chris and Laurel Allen

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

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

**Secretary's Report** - Angelo reported that membership stands at 217 members of which 113 owe dues for the upcoming year. A dues reminder has been sent by email. All dues should be sent to the Division Secretary.

**Treasurers Report** - Treasurer Mark Thompson reported that the Savings Account is \$19,809.14 and Checking is \$12,562.45. The budget for 2018 will be discussed later under New Business.

### **Old Business:**

The year-end financials of the November Train Auction, November Toy Train Show, and Christmas Holiday Party were reviewed. There were a few questions as to where income from fund raising cars was reported. Chris will research the clubs PayPal records.

### **New Business:**

**2020 Budget** - Mark submitted a proposed operating budget for 2020. The switch to the electronic newsletter helped expenses last year. Large unknown for the year will be hall rental going forward. We have the hall until May, which was not known until a few weeks ago when the church had a more updated construction schedule. All facilities are at \$100/hour, with some requiring a minimum 8-hour contract.

**Desert Division Train Show 2020** – It was decided to keep the November Train Show as a one-day event on Thanksgiving weekend Saturday November 28. Admission will remain at \$5 and we hope to work out an early admission benefit for Desert Division members this year.

**Christmas Party 2020** – Comments received about the Christmas Party were discussed. It was decided to continue the event at the Phoenix DoubleTree facility for 2020. The date will be Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> with a few more tweaks as we learn what is available to make the event. Unfortunately the Lenox ornament can no longer be given as a gift. We hope to offer the ornament on a subscription basis for those who wish to continue the series and will be offered at our cost as a member benefit.

**Committee Chairs and Appointments 2020** - Editor of the Newsletter – Chris Allen, Webmaster – Angelo Lautazi , Auction Chairman – Paul Malek, Christmas Party – The Lautazi's along with the Holiday Party Committee. Fred Hunter will again be the club liaison with the Train Show rental facility

**Trailer Module** – The Division will be at two pre-school Transportation Days again this winter/spring.

**Member and Volunteer of the Year** - After discussing various candidates, it was decided to award two Member of the Year awards instead of one Volunteer and one Member. Scott and Elaine Eckstein co-chairs of the 2019 TCA Convention in Albuquerque were unanimously selected as Members of the Year. Chris will present the awards to them when he visits the Rio Grande Chapter next month.

**Annual Raffle** – Chris announced a recent generous donation of several Ready to Run sets. It was decided to use several of these sets for the annual raffle. Last year raffle was very successful with the prize awarded at the November Train Show. The raffle will begin in March.

**Other Division Events** – The Spring Picnic is set for May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Aste Ramada. The Pizza Meet will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> with the earlier April meeting due to Easter weekend being the second weekend in April.

**EI Tovar Fundraising Boxcar** – Pre-order sales have begun with advertising both online and in the National Headquarter News. This will be the final car in the Fred Harvey car suite. Production and delivery will be ahead of Lionel's original schedule, most likely this spring.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Car** – the preliminary design of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary car was discussed, and ideas will be sent to Peter Atonna to consider.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on February 5, 2020 at the home of Paul and Irene Wassermann.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

## Presidents Message

Whew what a month! So many different emotions. First, a big thank you to all who worked so hard for our successful Souper Bowl Auction. The soups and chilis were excellent again this year and I think we could publish an award-winning cookbook with all the favorite recipes we all enjoy year after year. Some are new, some are brought back year after year because of demand but all are crowd pleasers!

For me personally it has been a rough winter. As I was writing this message, I learned of the passing of our friend Marty Wik. When I hear of the loss of one of our members it tears away a piece of my heart.

To paraphrase Lou Redman, It's the trains that bring us together and our friendships that connect us to each other. We know and care for each other on other levels than just that silly black engine we have sitting on our shelf.

As president, I get numerous calls and emails every month from members and non-members families having to deal with estates and trains. What are we to do with all these trains? Sadly for most families, the trains have no sentimental value at all and are just something they have to deal with.

Depending on who I am talking to, I gently try to address the current marketplace and lower the anticipation of an unexpected financial windfall.

For some I use the automobile analogy that while a few cars become classics and increase in value, most are just old cars. If I'm dealing with a younger, relatively speaking, family member I ask if they want Grandma's china or curio cabinet. That often leads them to the understanding that there really isn't a big market for older objects today regardless of what they are. Trains are just another item the next generation has little interest in.

This is not always easy and sometimes it is met with a little disbelief because they know what the item cost. Hopefully, you have had some meaningful conversations with your families to let them know the current state of

affairs in our hobby and that the market is not what it was even as little as a few years ago.

We have a very dedicated Auction team and we have all been working together for years. It still amazes me when we know more about a complete strangers habits and hiding spots than the family members do. But this isn't about where you hide your trains but planning for that inevitable day.

I recently returned from El Cajon California where a long time Desert Division member donated his entire estate of trains to the TCA Toy Train Museum. Rather than just sell the trains, which was an option according to the will, TCA sent a member of the museum staff to view the collection and it was decided to ship the entire collection back to Strasburg. There, individual items could be compared with museum inventory and the TCA collection improved. Laurel and I helped TCA staff carefully pack this collection and send it on its way.

The well written estate plan of this member made the process easy for everyone to follow and insured that this members wishes were fulfilled. Laurel and I spent the trip home talking about our own plan. We discussed that while she knows what to do and who to call, our kids don't have a clue, more importantly they have never been inside our storage unit, which is certain to give them nightmares for weeks. We need to change that sooner than later. Update our plan that is and not scare the Hell out of them when they open that storage unit door.

The best plan of course is the one you select and put in place. If you don't have an estate plan in place, please consider getting one shortly. If we have enough interest on the subject, we can bring an estate planner to the meeting and have them go over options available to you.

At the minimum, if you have nothing planned, have your family contact us at the Division. We have a long history of helping the families of our members in the past and we will continue to offer help in the future.





## RIO GRANDE CHAPTER JANUARY EDUCATIONAL PICTURES



Everett Hagan displayed his Menards flatcar with school bus load



Scott Eckstein talks about his latest restoration, this beautiful Ives Passenger Car



Ross Jordan and his three foot Lionel bridge inspired from the 1952 Lionel catalog cover



Boyd Reasor and his appropriately named BR Railroad hat



Greg Palmer had this classic Marx freight set. That's a prewar semi scale boxcar behind it for a size comparison



Art Lites brought this factory error tank car from his set that was only painted on one side, this side is blank



## TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA 94-39039



A typically cold morning greeted us for the first Meet and Business Meeting of the year on January 19<sup>th</sup>. I guess folks stayed home under their blankets since our turnout was a little lower than expected, but those that came to the meet had a great time. Hopefully a few more can come to the February Meet since Division President Chris Allen will make his usual February trip to visit the Chapter.

Show and Tell: Scott Eckstein displayed a restored Ives Standard Gauge Passenger Car. Scott does terrific work and it was a wonderful restoration. Ross Jordan brought a handmade three-foot-long truss bridge inspired by the 1952 Lionel Catalog front cover art. It is very impressive and super looking. Everett Hagan showed off his new Menards Flatcar with a working School Bus. Art Lites spoke about his rare 1956 Lionel Set #1545 from the American Furniture Store here in Albuquerque. The original cost at the time was \$12.50. It consisted of a Northern Pacific 628 44T Switcher and 4 cars. The Tank car was a factory error and only had printing on one side. Boyd Reasor showed his custom made "B R" Railroad Hat. Greg Palmer displayed a Marx Steam freight set, Engine, tender, and three cars from 1946/47. Also a Lionel Prewar semi-scale 2954 Boxcar made of Bakelite and a Lionel booklet MPC era 1970 of Lionel Display and Track Plans. A big thank you goes to everyone who shared information and items.

The Business Meeting was called to order.

**President's Report:** Greg Palmer thanked Scott and Elaine Eckstein for their work on last year's TCA Convention and presented them with a gift on behalf of the Chapter.

**Secretary's Report:** There are 44 members in the Rio Grande Chapter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Everett Hagan reported that we have a balance of \$6,890.25 in checking and \$15,000 in the Money Market Savings Account.

Old Business:

Pumpkin Meet - The 2019 Pumpkin Meet figures indicated a loss of \$388.81. This was in part due to a mistake of using the table seller

forms from 4 years ago. We will go back to the table price of \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members this year.

New Business:

Election of Officers - All current officers will return for another two-year term. The motion to elect by acclamation was unanimous.

2020 Budget - The 2020 Budget was discussed, and it was decided to have Everett go back and revise the budget due to the fact the Chapter voted to not accept the dues monies this year from the Division.

Pumpkin Meet 2020 - Contract has been signed. The cost of the 3800 Sq. Foot room has gone up from \$600.00 to \$1200.00. Everything else including the 20 free tables will stay the same. We will really need to work on getting the 200 to 300 public through like we had 6 to 8 years ago. We also formed a Committee to investigate future halls to hold the Pumpkin Meet. The Hall space and rental costs have gone way up on all Halls and Hotels in the past 5 years. It reflects the growth of the City, and lack of meeting spaces in the 3000 Sq. Ft area.

After meeting Educational Segment:

The after meeting educational segment was cancelled due to the low member turnout and will be rescheduled for another date

Meeting dates for 2020: February 16, March 16, And April 27, September 21- 9:00 AM members only swap meet 10:00 AM meeting.

Other Events:

February 22 - TTOS Swap Meet Netherwood Church - Albuquerque, NM

March 7-8 - Rocky Mountain Train Show Denver Mart - Denver, CO

Our next meet and meeting will be February 16, 2019. Members only swap Meet begins at 9:00AM the Meeting starts at 10:00AM. It will be at the Los Altos Christian Church, South Education Building, 11900 Haines N.E. in Albuquerque, NM.



## Memoriam Marty Wik

By Chris Allen

Marty had many passions in life and American Flyer trains were only a small part of what made him tick. Marty loved classic cars and street rods. He also loved railroadiana of all types. Most importantly he enjoyed being with club members and just hanging out as much as he did collecting trains and restoring cars.



I can't remember when I first met Marty, seems he was always there, and I always considered him a friend. He always seemed excited with a new find he could share with people or talk about a new adventure he just had.

He could talk me into trying something new or helping plan an escapade just to see what would happen. Back in 2012 I wanted to try and expand our November Meet to the west side and maybe mix it with a car show. I mentioned it to Marty and boom, he made it happen. We held the swap meet out in Goodyear at the Goodyear Ballpark, spring training home of the Cleveland Indians and

Cincinnati Reds. Marty arranged so that his "other" club, the Pebble Creek Car Club, would co-host the event with us. It was a great time and proved to many that we needed to begin looking at the westside to hold train shows.

Many of you might remember Marty as being a jack of all trades for the 2009 convention. He was just that and more. He worked to put together the Banquet Car, our "Copper Hopper" with Nick Ladd of K-Line. I still consider the copper plated hopper one of the prettiest Banquet Cars that has ever been offered. But we had a small problem. We had to order 300 of them. To make them somewhat collectable we needed to do something with the extra 150+ cars left over.

Marty again came to the rescue. On a Saturday morning a group met at Marty's storeroom, trashed the load, peeled the label from the box that said Banquet Car, and removed the markings from the underside of the car. Problem solved, and the remaining cars were later repurposed into the "Ruby Hopper" for the Division's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Another little-known story typifies his easy nature when under fire. Marty was the Convention Tour Chairman in Scottsdale and I was working as the Registration Chair. We had a few miscues during the week, but he had them all covered, and the guests had little idea of the turmoil going on behind the scenes because of his demeanor and gentle behavior. I ran into him early on Friday morning and he mentioned that one of the tour docents did not show up for a tour. I started to get concerned, but he said he had it covered. "I found Katie Wassermann (then only 15) and asked her if she wanted to be the docent and she agreed." Wow, that's great I replied. "Yeah," said Marty, "Now I have to find Paul and tell him what I did. It's easier to ask for forgiveness than permission" and away he went smiling.

I can't wait until we meet again my friend to find out what else you've been up to.



## Hudson Raffle 2020

### Postwar 773 or \$750.00?

Maybe we should call this the annual \$750 raffle with an option to take home a postwar Hudson 773?

We recognize that not all of our members collect trains these days and those that do might not collect postwar Lionel so it has not come as a big surprise that the past two years our Hudson winners have opted for the cash rather than the Hudson. The cash option allows you to either buy or put a pretty good down payment on the locomotive of your dreams

Tickets for this year's Hudson drawing will go on sale at the February Division Meet,

and you know what that means. Starting in February and at every monthly Meet through October we will pull a ticket from those purchased for a crisp \$100 Bill. Remember you **MUST** be present to win that Benjamin so we will keep pulling tickets at every meet until someone in attendance goes home with the Hudson Hundred in their pocket. The raffle will end December 5th, 2020 at the Christmas Party.

You do not need to be present at the Christmas Party to win. But if you are the superstitious type the past four winners were. **I'm just sayin'...**



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### LAST CALL \* DUES ARE DUE \* LAST CALL

We hate chasing people down. So if your dues are due, please make our job easier and mail them in or drop them off at the February Meet. Better yet, why not pay for a few years ahead and not worry about this every January when the calendar rolls around?

The membership form is included in this newsletter and available on our website. **Please ensure that we have all your personal**

**information including phone numbers and email address correct.**

Mail forms and checks to Angelo Lautazi, Division Secretary, at 6109 E. Sonoran Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85266 We are even giving you and extra day this year so don't be late. **The deadline for dues this year is February 29, 2020.** You may also save yourself postage if you wish to bring it to the February Meet.

## SILENT AUCTION – FOR SALE – MEMBERS FIRST

As part of the Bill Mack estate consignment we have all the Railroadania items from his backyard. This large lot of items will be offered to Desert Division members first and if no takers by February 29<sup>th</sup> the items will be placed on Craigs list for sale. You get everything in the photos. The crossing signal is four headed, has been converted to 12 volts and comes with the power supply and the solid-state flasher control. There are four sections of crossing gates, three semaphore flags, one signal head, one manual switch point, and various signage. Also included is a full-size fire hydrant. (not shown but photo available by request) All items are currently in our club storage locker in Mesa, near the 60/101 and ready for pickup. THIS IS ONE LOT, YOU GET IT ALL! Price is \$1,500 for everything. (Credit Cards accepted) Contact Chris Allen or Paul Malek if you are interested.

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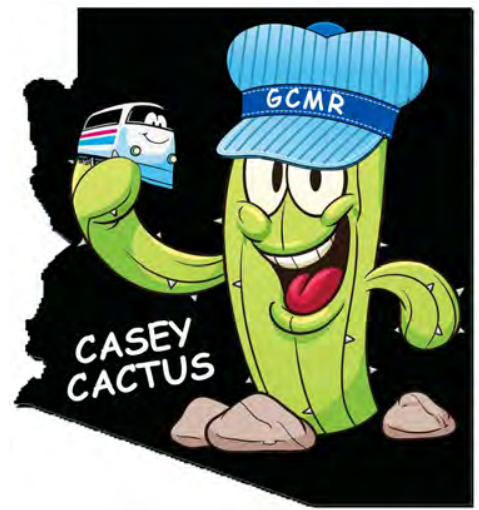


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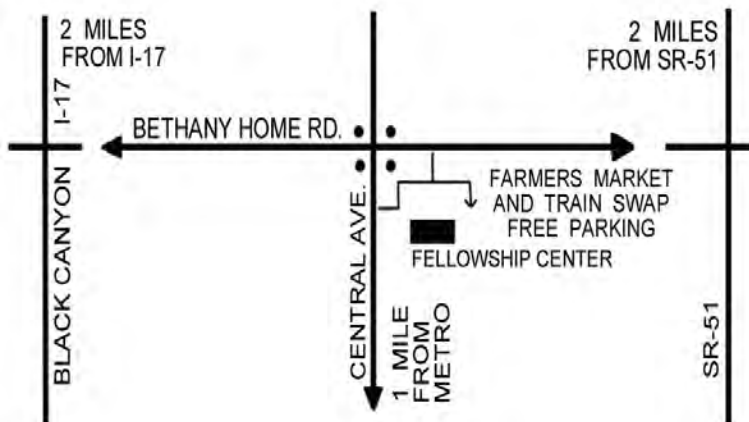
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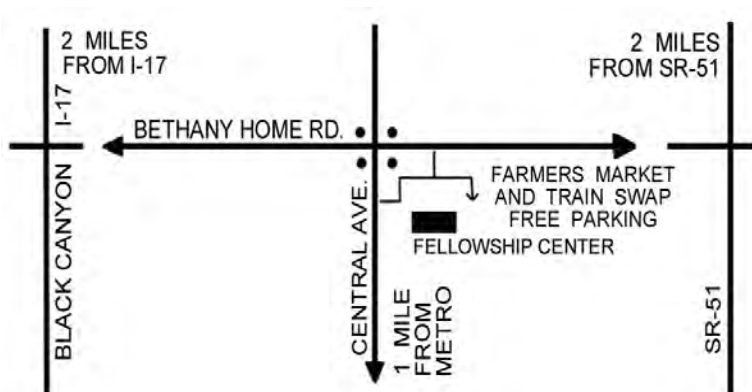
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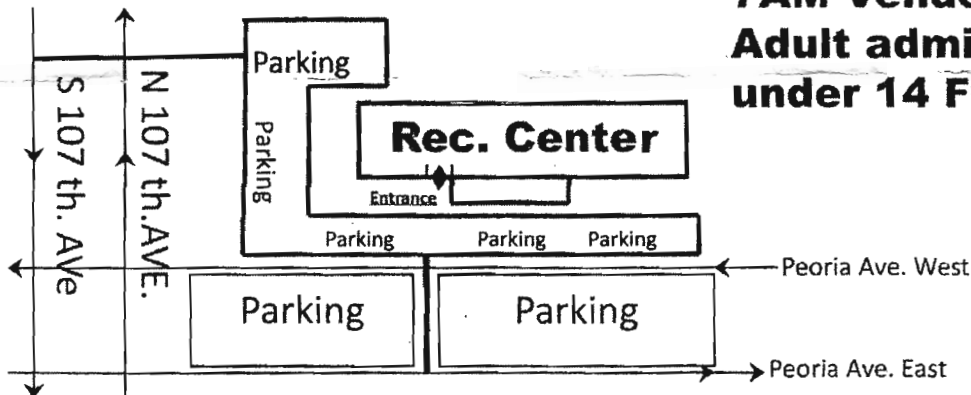
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