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DECISIONS, DECSIONS,...

So, who has a crystal ball that is working these days? As we are putting this newsletter together Arizona is still operating under a very modified Phase 1 opening. Most of you know the restrictions. I'll try to stay clear of all the political noise and simply state the laws we are currently working with. On July 23, Arizona Governor Ducey extended parts of his Executive Order 2020-43. The portion that affects us the most is the continued ban on mass gatherings larger than 50 people. Our members in New Mexico have been dealing with a mass gathering restriction of no more than 5 people! (New Mexico Governor Grisham extended that order through the end of August while this edition was being assembled.)

This is only one of the factors on why most of the train shows and meetings in the Division area have been cancelled. Obviously, these restrictions are in place for the safety of our members and the public, but some believe there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

What everyone has learned over the past few months is how to mitigate the risks of coming in contact with the virus. In Arizona dining rooms are opening with reduced occupancy and other safety precautions in place. There has been no noticeable increase in positive cases attributed to this open dining option. Traffic patterns are being used in many larger retail and grocery business along with very visible social distancing and mask requirements. Again, there was no noticeable increase attributed to retail stores being opened.

To get an understanding on how our membership feel about not only the monthly meetings but all of the scheduled fall events the Division Board of Directors will conduct an online survey in the upcoming days. This survey will go out electronically to all members who receive this newsletter via email.

Backed with this information, the Division Board of Directors will look at addressing the needs of all our members. Just as one person

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 15 - Beat the Heat Meet - CANCELLED September 12 - September Division Meet - PENDING - READ INSIDE 8:30 AM member only swap - 10:00 AM Business Meeting - Location to be determined September 19 - Rio Grande Chapter Meet & Meeting - PENDING - READ INSIDE 9:00 AM member only swap - 10:00 AM Business Meeting - Albuquerque, NM September 26 - GCMR Mini-Meet" - EVENT IS PENDING - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Our Saviors Lutheran Church 1212 E Glendale Ave. Phoenix

October 3-4 Rail Fair 2020 - EVENT IS PENDING - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale, AZ

might decide to go to the grocery store themselves while another might wish to have their groceries delivered to them. It is about choice, your unique circumstances, and how you might view the following events and the risk involved.

We will try to outline some of the safeguards we are looking at or are required to implement. When you get the survey please take a few minutes to answer the questions honestly based on the information we will outline here in the newsletter with the understanding that this is a moving target and information we have today might and probably will change. Your answers will be recorded anonymously, since we are using the same program that we have used for our online elections.

Currently our new Division meeting place is under the jurisdiction of a church governing body that is not permitting any use of the facility. We have a backup location that we are also waiting to hear if they will allow us to hold a September meeting.

Although it seems we have put the cart before the horse, most places we rent from require deposits and insurance coverage which take time to put in place. Waiting until we hear back from the members on the survey will not give us enough time to plan and advertise for a meeting if we get enough favorable responses.

We are using the assumption that the mass gathering restriction of 50 people will still be in effect, but under the current circumstances and the time of the year this should not be an issue. Also, for everyone's safety we will require that you wear a mask the entire time. Remember that fact when you respond to the survey. This also might be a condition of our rental agreement.

There will be other changes as well. If you have dined out since the reopening, you might have noticed that all the self-service coffee, soda, and other self-service stations have disappeared because people tend to congregate in those areas. We also must avoid the use of common utensils and dispensers (along with you picking out your favorite donut) so we will not be able to

offer coffee or donuts at our meetings for the short term.

The other change is more out of fairness to those making a personal choice to stay home, we will suspend the Hudson drawing for the remainder of the year. We will pickup the Hudson drawing next year, right where we left off and the tickets that were purchased for this year will be in the pot when the drawing starts up again next year. We will not print any new tickets so you will still have a 1 in a 100 chance of winning the top prize.

The Fall Auction is scheduled to take place on November 7th at the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church. We will have catalogs for sale at the September meet if it will be held. The church is charging us an extra cleaning fee as they will clean all the tables prior to our use and after our auction. We will maintain social distancing during the auction and the auction preview. If you wish to have an auction catalog mailed to you, we will have that information in the next newsletter.

Our monthly meets and the auction can legally be held with the current Arizona mass gathering regulations in place. However, the one exception is the November Train Show. Although we have a contract with the Shrine Auditorium, they are prohibited from renting to us if the mass gathering regulation is still in place. In several email exchanges with them they feel the mass gathering order will remain in effect.

After some discussion we believe we have a possible workaround solution that might solve the problem. What is currently allowed in Arizona is an outdoor "Park-'n-Swap" type of gathering. This is nothing new. Most of us have been to these types of meets from everything from community yard sales to the actual Park-n-Swaps. The concept can and is applied to trains and if you have ever been to York week, you've seen these type of open air "Bandit Meets".

The basic concept is to look for a covered parking area that we will be able to rent for the morning and have clean restroom facilities close at hand. Each seller would have two spots, one for their vehicle and one parking spot to setup tables.

Vendors would need to supply their own tables and will only be allowed to fill the parking spot immediately behind their vehicle. This would be a morning only swap meet running from 9:00 AM until noon.





A vendor would be able to set up five 6' tables easily in a space immediately behind a vehicle and still maintain enough space between each other for proper distancing

As you can see in the above photographs, there will be plenty of space for the majority of our vendors. The empty spot between vendors would allow for safe distancing.

The use of a covered parking area has many benefits. Not all vendors have "popups" and their use could present a trip hazard. By not needing pop-ups, setup and teardown should go quickly. Weather in November can be fickle, but typically it should be a dry day with temperatures in the upper 60's.

The idea is to keep people moving and not having them congregate in any one area for extended periods of time. Unfortunately, that means we would not be able to setup the train module; however we should still be able to have the test track on site.

That is the basic concept for the train show. However we need to determine if enough vendors would be interested before we begin looking for locations. Advertising would be through our normal means of electronic medium including the use of Craig's List, Facebook, and Instagram.

The last event is Rail Fair in Scottsdale. This event is out of our hands and the City of Scottsdale still has not decided if it should be held. Using the 20' x 20' square tent we have used in the past, we would "rope off" the perimeter and not allow the public under our "umbrella". Having disposable throw away plastic bags could allow us to have the public use the remotes if we wished, and of course all our volunteers would be required to wear masks throughout the event.



This is a more typical covered parking area that we would use for the November Train Show

The survey we will send out will not go into a lot of detail. We want it to be quick and easy for you to fill out. Just like voting we cannot trace back how you voted to participate in any event. We simply need to understand where our membership is and what if anything we can do as the leadership of the Division. If you have any questions, call or email President Chris and thank you for taking the time to fill it out.

TCA Desert Division BOD Teleconference July 28, 2020

A Desert Division Board of Directors Teleconference was held on July 28, 2020, and was called to order at 6:20 PM MST

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

<u>Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes</u> – Previous minutes were approved as distributed.

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that current Division active (dues paying) membership is 185.

<u>Treasurers Report</u> - Treasurer Mark Thompson reported he was able to close all the Chase accounts successfully. The money has been moved into Desert Federal Credit Union. Balances: Checking \$12,718.04 Savings \$190.00. He also deposited the remaining money into a six-month CD earning a .5% interest. The balance in that CD is \$20,000.23

Old Business:

El Tovar Fundraising Car – Only 25 left, fundraiser now in the black with a profit of \$253

2019 TCA Banquet Cars - under 20 left, project in the black with a profit of \$1,260

<u>Desert Division Anniversary Car</u> – Lionel USA production is ramping up with them beginning to bring the production line back online

<u>Division Incorporation</u> – Division Incorporation has been completed with the state of Arizona. The Board thanked Steve and Chris for their time and effort in working this issue. Chris explained that the next step is to decide if the club should apply for 501c3 status. The benefits of the 501c3 would be a lower PayPal fee, savings on sales tax for club purchases and a more legitimate presence for obtaining donations to the club. A downside would be the need for more detailed recordkeeping for the annual tax report. Discussion followed. **Motion by Steve Bienstock; "I move that Desert Division shall proceed to file with the IRS a 501c3 application. Chris Allen shall have the authority to sign as President".** Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business:

<u>Member Survey</u> – The Board discussed sending out an electronic survey to members receiving the newsletter electronically for their input on the upcoming events on the fall schedule. All agreed that it was a good idea and that the survey would be brief with details expanded and presented to all the members in the newsletter. This feedback will be used to plan the fall events in light of the Covid19 virus.

Hudson 2020 Raffle - After discussion the raffle was suspended for the year and will resume in 2021.

<u>September General Meet</u> – Chris meet with the staff of Aldersgate church and they are still waiting for an update from their Bishop as to when they can reopen.

<u>November Train Auction</u> – The church where this will be held is confident that they will be open by November, however there is currently limit of 50 people for the attendance. We have a contract in place.

<u>Desert Division Train Show 2020</u> – Shriners will follow the Arizona regulation restricting inside mass gatherings to a maximum of 50 persons. There is a possibility the event could be held as a Park n Swap which is legal. The survey results will help us to determine to proceed with this option.

<u>Christmas Party 2020</u> – Chris has been in contact with the DoubleTree. Their dining rooms have been updated to be in compliance with the state of Arizona regarding indoor dining and social distancing. We will wait for survey results before committing.

<u>Division Bylaw changes</u> – With the Club now being incorporated, Steve reworked the Bylaws to reflect the changes. Since we are not meeting in person the Division will submit the changes to TCA national. Upon approval they will be put before the Desert Division members for their approval at the Annual Business Meeting. **Motion by Mike Dietrich:** "I move that the Board accept the changes to Bylaws". Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Board again thanked Steve for his diligence in this matter.

<u>Adjournment</u>: The next meeting will be held by teleconference at a date to be determined. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

Presidents Message

Dear Friends,

A lot has been going on behind the scenes. The Division Board has met via emails and teleconference. We ran into changes with banking regulations with the election of Mark Thompson as the new Treasurer. As has been chronicled in the newsletter, board minutes and the meets, it was decided to incorporate the Division. Director Steve Bienstock took on the task and we became incorporated as a non-profit in Arizona in June. Our Bylaws will need a little language tweak as well to reflect our incorporation language. Steve took on that project as well. They are currently being reviewed by TCA National to insure they are in compliance with TCA National Bylaws. When approved we will place them on the agenda for the next annual business meeting to be approved by you.

Next, I am going to speak from my heart. We are entering month five of a journey that has no resemblance of where we were when we began. Although we are a club, we are also a business, and businesses have been reopening with appropriate safeguards. This is not about politics, although so often it becomes part of the discussion. This is about responsibility.

TCA has always been built around our responsibility, not only how we represent our trains but how we conduct ourselves. If the Division decides to reopen, we must respect the decisions of others. If you are not sure, that is perfectly fine. I do not expect to see some of you until after a vaccine has been found and maybe even months after that.

Those of you who receive the newsletter electronically will get emailed a survey. I ask you to take a few minutes and fill it out so we can plan for the fall and winter train season ahead.

I trust you to make the best decision for you and your family. Everyone's situation is different. We need to hear from as many of you as we can on the upcoming online survey to make solid decisions on the fall events.

This virus is not going away, even after the vaccine it will still be with us, just as so many other diseases we will learn to live with it and minimize our risks.

For the foreseeable future masks will be required by everyone, public or member, at any Desert Division function. We do not care where you stand on the political spectrum. If you walked into a meet without a shirt on or with no shoes on, you know I would be visiting you to find out what is going on and would be escorting you to the exit as we talked.

If you cannot wear a mask, we understand, just do not show up at the meet and expect us to let you in. We will also trust you not to come to the meet if you are sick.

You are responsible for your own actions and for following the rules. All the businesses we are currently under contract with have rules that they must follow and as part of our contract with them, they pass some of those regulations down to us.

Train meets and you, my friends, have always been my sanctuary. It is a place I can get away from the noise of the day and be with people, swapping stories and lies, and just hanging out with kinfolk who share that common joy of collecting and running what we collect.

The Lionel Missile Base

By Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

In April I decided to honor my late father, who was a Cold Warrior. He worked at Los Alamos, and Sandia National Labs.

My father also worked in the aircraft industry in the development of several aircraft including the F4 Phantom, the F15 Eagle, and the DC10 and from 1956-1963 in the Atlas Missile program.

I wanted to make a Lionel Missile base using the Lionel 175 Missile Launching Platform, and a model of the Atlas Missile. I also used the control center for the Helios 21 with a NASA Photo of the Moon. Using the Joy Sticks a kid could have felt he was flying his spacecraft to the

Moon. Something Lionel could have done with surplus Helios 21 Stock. The mat is a desert mat by Woodland Scenics. I also used our Convention Cars, since my Father and Mother worked at Las Alamos. I used parts various from other Lionel Accessories to make the scene look good. The only non Lionel item used is a Marx bubbling Water Tower. The Atlas Missile is a 1/144 scale Missile which shows you the type of compressed scale Lionel used making the 175 Rocket Launcher. So I hope you enjoy the photos of my Pandemic project.



Helios control panel



Bits and Pieces from other Lionel accessories rounded out the diorama



Closeup of the Lionel 175 platform with the model Atlas Missile instead of the Lionel rocket



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

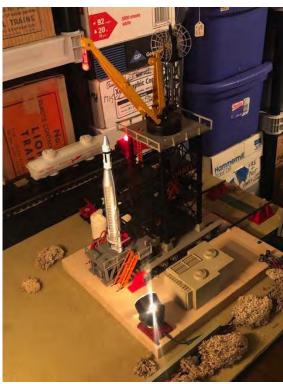
By Gregory Palmer TCA 94-39039



Hope everyone is well and is having a good Summer. As I told you in my July Chapter message we are still in a holding pattern in regards to Meetings. The State of New Mexico is still in a modified Phase 1 which limits organizations to five members at a Meeting.

Phase 2 will be fifty members. We are not in Phase 2 yet, but hopefully we will be by September. This goes for group meetings held outdoors as well. The fine we would be assessed would be \$5000.00. So for now our regular Meetings are on hold. It will also depend on the Los Altos Christian Church, and if they want non Church Members in their Church. I will have Scott check with them, when September comes around. I am working through ideas for other types of non official small group Meetings, if these State of New Mexico Health restrictions continue.

I hope all of you have taken this time to improve your collection and or layouts. If so let Chris know about them, and maybe he will put them in the Newsletter.



Lionel 175 with a few mods never looked better

I have built a Lionel Missile Base Module, to honor my late Father who would have been 101 this month. I have also found a Weeden Dart Live Steam Passenger Train Set from 1895, plus a boxed Marx Santa Fe ABA F3 Freight Set from 1957. So I have tried to stay busy and to have some fun. Without Isotopes Baseball, the Santa Fe Opera, and other Summer and now Fall events I love, I have had to try to find other things to do. I hope all of you have done the same.

I will keep all of you posted as soon as I get the go ahead, for Phase 2 large group meetings. Have a good rest of the Summer and Stay Safe.

Our next scheduled meet and meeting on September 19, 2020 <u>IS ON HOLD.</u> Editor's note: New Mexico Governor Grisham extended the Emergency Public Health Order to August 28, 2020. We do not know if any updated guidelines will be available in a timely manner to be published in the newsletter. Watch your email for the most recent updates from your Chapter officers.



End view of the diorama showing the only non Lionel item, a Marx bubbling water tower

What are you doing these Days?

RAILFANNING Ray Strom TCA 19-73996

I decided to do a little Railfanning. So a few weeks back on a quiet Sunday I drove to the Petrified Forest National Park. (Editor's note: Ray lives in Cottonwood) While I missed some good shots these two may do. Just happened to be near the overpass with the old Santa Fe Railway sign as an eastbound BNSF mostly auto carrier train led by #5045, #7342 and #4291. As it was disappearing the headlight of a westbound BNSF train of empty container gondolas led by #6666 was approaching the bridge over Dead Wash.



That lead #5045 Dash-9 looks proud to be dragging the GEVO ES44DC heading eastbound



Westbound #6666 heading for a crew change in Winslow, just down the line

A Shirley Hunter Memory Ted Turczak

Editor's note: I received an email from Ted after the last issue was distributed.

Hi Chris, my name is Ted Turczak and I used to live in Arizona in the wintertime for 12 years. I got to meet the people of the club many times at shows, meets, auctions during those years.

My Shirley story: I had a train table in Tucson at their November show, and I locked my keys in the car. I was totally depressed as I had no cell phone and did not know a soul. Several nice people tried to open it but failed. My car still bears those scars.

Then along comes the great looking gal and says, "I hear you are in a bit of trouble". She calls and a truck shows up in one minute! He opens my car no charge in seconds. I cannot thank her enough.

She laughs. What a nice person and so very nice to a stranger. Every time we would see each other, after that, we would talk chat whenever we saw each other and laugh.

I am sad she is gone but I believe see is in no pain and may she have eternal rest. I am so sorry for Fred. I hope his family and friends keep him close during this sad time. Thanks, Chris, for letting me tell my Shirley story.

Cleaning, cleaning, cleaning...

Bill Lazenby 12-67925

My garage - During this stay at home phase besides eating I have cleaned and rearranged every closet, cabinets and drawers in my home. I then started on the garage and found these two treasures from my days (1968-74) as a Signal Maintainer on the Jersey Central Railroad.



Bill found this Dressel Railroad lantern with a short red globe while cleaning the garage. It brought back memories (Bill didn't say what kind) of working for the NJC



How many of you can identify this piece of railroadiana?



The lantern is clearly stamped for the Jersey Central but the Dressel Railway Lamp Company was headquartered in Arlington, New Jersey. WIN-WIN!



This is a flashing light that used to hang under the old wooden crossing gates, (I had to ask as well)

TCA DESERT DIVISION, Inc.

On June 16, 2020 Desert Division became incorporated as a non-profit in the state of Arizona. This change was needed to bring the Division into compliance with the current banking laws in Arizona. Division Director Steve Bienstock handled the paperwork and made the process a breeze. Please read in Board of Directors minutes for more information. As part of this process, our Bylaws were updated by Steve to reflect these changes. The Board has submitted these proposed changes to TCA national for review. Once approved they will be available to the membership and presented at our next Annual Business Meeting for a vote.

Working with "J R"

Chris Allen HE95-40580

I received a call from a member asking for some help. He had a friend "JR" that had a small layout that needed help, but because of the covid, he did not feel comfortable visiting him. He asked if I could help, and after a little more discussion I agreed. I called JR and exchanged some information and told them I would see them the next day.

I arrived, toolbox in hand, and was greeted by JR and his wife. After a very quick introduction and a warning from his wife that he was extremely hard of hearing we walked into a small bedroom where his 027 layout was setup. Just a simple loop of track with a passing siding powered by a KW.

Much of the layout was using the original Lionel green solid hookup wire and lucky for me it was above the layout so I just coiled it all up and rewired a couple of fresh lockons to some speaker zip cord I had in the bottom of the toolbox. We had the layout back up and running in little time.

During this time I learned that JR was from Texas and loved postwar oil derricks, of which he owned two. His

JR and his layout. Being from Texas the 455 Oil Derrick(s) are a favorite

trains were nothing special except to him and were well run and loved. JB Weld was everywhere, and I've learned on subsequent visits that JR likes to tweak his layout. If it's not screwed down into the plywood it will be changed out the next time I visit.

JR just celebrated his 98th birthday in June and this simple layout brings him joy either in his efforts to tweak it or just have the trains run. Because he does not have access to "real" train parts he often improvises.

On my last call I learned that one of his 455's wasn't working. Seems my friend had an automobile lamp wired into the derrick and in the process the thermostat got broken and as you can imagine the heat from the auto bulb warmed up more than just the bubble tube.

If you have a trashed 455 base that needs a new home, I have the perfect home for it. I genuinely enjoy working with JR. His mind is sharp and his ability to keep his trains running is unique. I mean a Tabasco bottle to keep the Walker Beam working? Who would have thunk?



This one is a little worse for wear and needs a few parts to get it up and running again. If you have a spare base please contact me

Update from Paul Malek

Paul Malek moved from the westside to Mesa earlier this year. This is the umpteenth time he has built/rebuilt a layout. After he got his repair shop back up he started on his layout that he often refers to as his test track. Here is his layout update since our last issue.



This was what the layout room looked like on March 15th, 2020



Side windows insulated and drywalled closed, train shelves going up on the right



A view from the other end



Foam sheeting getting laid for the future tunnel and mountain



Backdrop getting painted on the wall and sidings are being placed



The beginning to some of the landscaping with trees being added. This is the same view as the first picture.

Today I declared war on boredom! Pat Halpin - President Lone Star Division

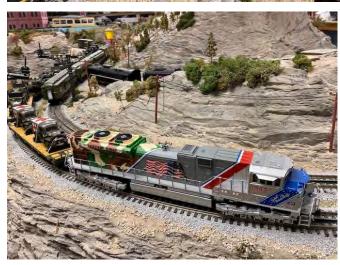
Editors Note: I was on the phone talking to Pat and mentioned I was running a little short on articles for the newsletter. Before I hung up the phone, he sent be about 40 pictures to use. Pat's layout is in a 30' x50' building and his layout measures 18' x 32'. He did all the interior work himself from framing and sheetrock to electrical and plumbing. As Pat wrote in his email, "My Army on Rails has been dispatched! I am finding items that must have been top secret due to the way I hid or misplaced them, but the overall battle continues to be fighting my poor housekeeping. All rolling stock and locomotives are by MTH."















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FOR SALE Lionel 184 Bungalow flower base red roof C-6 \$70 - Fleischmann HO 114112 0-6-6-0 w/2 pass car & obs track and switches C-7 no box \$275 - Marx HO Set 1962 Rock Island Switcher, hopper, box car & caboose C-8 P-10 \$75 - Lionel 157 red Hand Truck C-7 \$30 - Lionel Baggage Truck olive green C-7 \$75 - The General Marker from 1982 Atlanta Convention C-10 \$10 - Lionel Smoke Pellets (40) \$15. Dannie Martin 520-360-0519 dannieaz@cox.net

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

<u>WANTED</u>: 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

<u>WANTED:</u> trashed postwar Lionel 455 oil derrick deck for parts, I need thermostat, lamp housing and pumper base I do not need the bubble tube - Lionel 6-16682 Lionel Stable of Champions Orange Horse Transport car - Chris Allen 480-820-9559 sparkyshome@cox.net

AS YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE A LITTLE SPACE FOR YOUR AD – DEADLINE IS AUGUST 22, 2020

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.

The Back Page - Late news or items that did not fit elsewhere



Irvine, CA June 19 - 28, 2021

DIVISION MEET DATE & LOCATION

We will announce the date and location of the next Division Meeting once we review the results from the member survey

CHRISTMAS PARTY

As I was proofreading this issue, I noticed I did not address Christmas Party information for the survey. We have been in contact with the DoubleTree and they are under same restrictions as other restaurants regarding seating and capacity. They will open the next dining room to increase distance between tables and will only sit four people to a table. The only exception to this will be if members live in the same household. They are following all current safety protocols including having the staff wear facemasks.

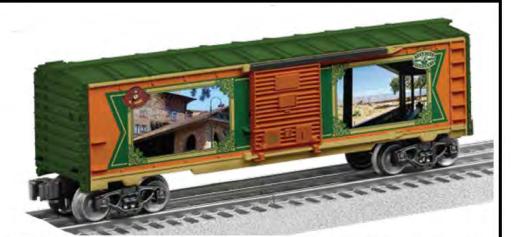


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