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LETS END THE YEAR WITH A PARTY

EDITORS NOTE: Friends, no you did not miss the October issue, there wasn't one sent. This has been an extremely busy time for me, and I have over committed my time, and something had to give, which was the newsletter. Coming in January, I need to turn over some of these duties back to the club will need to decide if to keep them or cancel them if no other volunteers step forward. This issue will be a combination of the uncompleted October and the November newsletter.

Division President Mike Dietrich was out of town for a business meeting, Vice President John Craft was in charge of the Meet.

Vice President John Craft called the October general meeting to order promptly at 10:00 AM. Attendance was surprisingly light and some might have already left for York week, the attendance was about 30.

Secretary Angelo Lautazi reported our membership as 158 dues paying members, an increase of two, but there were no guests or new members in attendance today.

Treasurer Mark Thompson reported the following balances: Checking \$11,811.34, Savings \$1,496.84 PayPal \$1,883.00, the combined total in the three CD accounts is \$22,303.14.

John Craft reported that the club participated in Rail Fair 2023 last weekend, and it was a success. He was there on Saturday running trains himself and asked other members who volunteered to speak as well. **Janet Mattern** was only able to run trains on Saturday because of a family obligation on Sunday, noted the windy weather and high temperature that day seemed to keep the attendance lower than in the past. **Chris Allen** reported that when he arrived on Sunday

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9 TTOS New Mexico Division Christmas Potluck

TCA Rio Grande members invited – Netherwood Park Church of Christ Albuquerque, NM

December 10 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY – We got your Beef!

4:00PM – 5:00 PM Meet & Greet No Host Bar - 5:00 PM Dinner is served

Reservation Deadline is December 4, 2023 – form in this newsletter

Elk's Lodge 14424 N 32 St Phoenix, AZ 85032

January 13 – Happy New Year! - First Division Meet 2024

EDUCATIONAL THEME: I had a dream...

8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting - Room H-1 (the small room)
Paradise Valley United Methodist Church (PVUMC) 4455 E Lincoln Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

January 20 - Rio Grande Chapter Meet

9:30 AM - Wheels Museum - 1110 2nd SW, Albuquerque, NM

afternoon the day was cloudy and the temperature was quite cooler, and accordingly the crowds were back. We had quite a few derailments caused by overactive children and inattentive parents, but that is part of a public show where the layout is down at "kid level" so they can enjoy them. He mentioned he ran with President Mike and that Mike reported it had been busy before the park even opened at 10 AM.

John next asked Chris for an update on the November Train Show. He reported that 93 of the 108 tables have been sold and some advertising has been in place including over 300 flyers that were handed out at Rail Fair. He reported that Mike was able to secure an early load in on Friday afternoon from 1 until 3 PM but that we needed to vacate the building promptly for a Shrine event that evening.

Mark Thompson spoke about setting up the trailer and running trains at the Pacifica Senior Living Center. He, Bill Lazenby, and Chris Allen ran various trains for the residents outdoors in the facilities parking lot. This was a memory care center so small groups of residents came out, rather than the whole facility at once. This made for a relaxed operating session, and we were able to speak with many of them and relive memories they had with toy trains they had seen in the past or in some cases them riding on trains earlier in their life. We even hooked a young attendant who was looking for a hobby.

Under New Business **Terry Haas** mentioned he had flyers for his open house in December on Saturday and Sunday December 9th and 10th and the following weekend December 16th and 17th.

Chris Allen reported that Auction Chair Paul Malek relocated to Florida to be close to family. He will fill in for Paul through the end of the year and be happy to train and work with the new chair. With various train shows and events that weekend we will be short-handed. Help is needed Friday afternoon at the church and on Saturday during the auction. Auction volunteers

and helpers are still permitted to bid on the auction lots.

The Christmas Holiday Party is all set for December 10th. Mark Thompson, who routinely cooks Prime Rib monthly for the Elks, has secured both the lodge and the kitchen. Since Mark regularly cooks for 125 members, he believes that our party will be well taken care of. Returning with his great Mediterranean chicken and baked salmon from last year's party, Chief Amin will also be providing the sides along with his impeccable service. The goal is to have a true Christmas Party. There will be no member or spouse gifts at the door, no raffles and no tabletop auction at the end. There will be several door prizes and of course the winner of this year's Hudson will be drawn. You do not need to be present to win the Hudson, but for the past five years the winner was in attendance at the party, so, just sayin'. **Reservations must be in by December 4th** so do not delay. Meet and Greet with a cash bar at 4:00 PM with dinner service beginning at 5:00 PM.

The Educational Segment for October was Halloween or fall. It seems folks have lost their imagination. In years past the Educational Table would have been full of Illinois Central brown and orange, BNSF "pumpkins", Beer Reefers and the like. **Paul Wassermann** saved the day with a Bing prewar tinplate Pabst Blue Ribbon Box Car. This car is quite rare as Paul explained since it was produced during the Prohibition era for sale in America so the words "The Beer of Quality" are blacked out. Paul also had a Marx tunnel from the Army set. Although the tunnel is supposed to be camouflaged, the paint scheme reminds him of fall.

Raffle winners: Hudson Ticket-Bill Lazenby, MTH Club Car-Paul Wassermann, Menards Hardware Store-Angelo Lautazi, Lionel Gondola-Mark Thompson, Weaver Pennsy Hopper-Guy Ferranti, Lionel Pennsy Ore Car-Peter Zwerin, MTH Canfur Box Car-Chet Henry. Winner of the A-1 Beer Reefer Raffle Terry Haas. Winner of the last Hudson \$100 for 2023, Bill Harris. **See you at the Christmas Party for the Hudson drawing!**

NOVEMBER TRAIN SHOW PHOTOS



Laurel Allen and Barbara Lautazi working the front end at the door.



Paul Wassermann took this, and all the photos. Here's one from the stage at the front of the Hall.



We can't figure out if VP John Craft is looking something up or proving a point.



Looks like Keith Olmani and Terry Gibbs have a good prospect looking at Standard Gauge.



John Upshur has Bill Harris' undivided attention for sure. Did John offer Bill the "locals" discount?



Bill Chamberlain was still setup when the table seller ticket was pulled and scored the Benjamin.

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – October 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM at the Phoenix Elks Lodge

In Attendance; Mike Dietrich, John Craft, Angelo Lautazi, Mark Thompson, Paul Wassermann, John Zaval.
Guests in attendance Chris Allen Holiday Party Co-Chair

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes – The minutes from the October and December meeting will be approved at the January Board Meeting.

Secretary's & Treasurer's Reports – Will be given at the January Board Meeting.

Old Business: Tabled until the January Board Meeting

New Business:

Nominations for National Office: Motion by Paul Wassermann: I move to nominate Katie Elgar for the office of TCA National Secretary. Motion seconded. Passed unanimously.

Christmas Holiday Party: Chris reported that 60 members registered but two had to cancel so we plan to have 58 members and guests in attendance this evening, the caterer has contacted him and is on the way. A fun evening is planned for all with several door prizes for each table.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on Wednesday January 10, 2024

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Angelo Lautazi

Editors Note: These minutes are condensed for publication – See the Division Secretary for the official minutes if you have any questions.

PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE SPRIKLED THROUGHOUT THIS EDITION



Dan and Lynne Martin drove all the way up from Green Valley to be at the party and connect with old friends.



Laurel Allen getting Dave “no name” Brown his name tag and meal ticket. All he needed was the red suit to complete his ensemble.

Dear Friends,

Happy 2024! I trust you had a fantastic holiday season with the many celebrations over the past month. Regardless of your faith, the time from late November to the start of the New Year is a time for reflection on the past year, celebration of your faith and family, and a time to look ahead with the optimism of the New Year. As I write this, I just returned from a pilgrimage to the Mouse in Florida and a few weeks off to enjoy family time. I hope you had the time to reconnect with loved ones and look ahead to a fantastic 2024.

Reflection and Celebration

The holiday season was busy for the Desert Division as we hosted our annual November train show and it was another success. I want to thank the hard working team that makes this awesome show run so smoothly. Chris Allen and his team did another amazing job setting up the day for success. A thank you would not be complete without the smiling faces of our welcome team: Laurel Allen and Barbara Lautazi and our coffee/donut host Janet Mattern!

We also hosted our annual Christmas Party at the Elk's Lodge. Attendance was a bit more than 2023 as the combination of chef Smurf's prime rib, Amin's other mains and sides, and a fixed price for the event helped end the year in style. Thanks for this celebration go out to Laural and Chris for delivering another lovely event. The evening ended with a new Hudson winner!

Looking Ahead

The New Year sees several key events for the Division. We start with our annual business meeting on January 13th at the regular location (H-1 at the Paradise Valley UMC). Other meetings this winter/spring include February 10th and March 9th.

The first weekend in February brings our wildly popular "Souper Bowl Auction". The event will be Saturday, February 3rd in the Fellowship Center of the PVUMC.

Keep Saturday, April 13th open on your calendar for the annual tri-club picnic at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad park. This will be held during our regular meeting time, so there is no meeting at PVUMCC. More details will be in the newsletter and website as the event approaches.

I hope to welcome you to one of our events or meetings over the next few months and I'd like to add two more "C's" to the Chamber of Commerce slogan: Collecting and Camaraderie, as the latter is what keeps us going!



January Theme in honor of the Holiday....

"I Have a Dream" - What train have you always dreamed of owning? (if fulfilled bring the train, if not just bring your story). Of course, you can also bring in your "What I got for Christmas" train, or wish list for 2024. Yes, Santa is already listening

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RAILS OVER THE RIO GRANDE MEET PHOTOS





TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Art Lites TCA 97-44623



As we start the new year, we welcome several new members. This year has been an active one. We have added at least 10 new members although the count is still out as we are waiting for some to get their TCA paperwork into national.

Recounting the year we had a great experience with our field trip to the Belen yard, an enjoyable meet running trains at the Domingo Baca center, a great picnic, a memorable Pumpkin Meet and raised money for the S gauge addition to Wheels. Speaking of The Polar Express raffle we presented Wheels with a check for \$500 to get the S gauge going. You can congratulate yourselves on a successful 2023.

Although we did not have any meetings or get-togethers the past few months, we were very active in the Rails Across the Rio Grande train show. This show, held over two days each November, usually draws several thousand train enthusiasts. We had a table with **Jon Spargo's** portable train layout to sell Polar Express raffle tickets. We were also promoting membership and we got several good prospects. Jon's exhibit always draws a crowd. As you can see, it is a 027 layout with a Christmas theme (see pictures) and it is at kid level. Jon operates the display with good old Cab-1 TMCC. Helping with our table were **Jim Workman** his wife **TeriLee** and their **foreign exchange students**. Also helping were **George Domeny**, **Everett Hagan**, **Chris Wieclaw** and **Bob Galler**. **Norm Wolstien** was at the show as President of the Kids Model Railroad club.

So much for 2023, let me tell you what is in line for 2024. Our January meeting will be our two-year election meeting. However, we will still be asking members to bring their unusual or new items to show, run or both. February will be at the Wheels and maybe we will have a surprise, stay tuned. March, we will meet at the Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center and will be operating Standard, O and S gauge for the public. Last year, this was a big hit with members as well as the spectators. Other activities planned are, an outing to an old lumber railroad in Bernalillo, NM, a picnic, a show in Socorro, NM, the Pumpkin Meet, a meet in December and a potluck. If you are interested in other local shows, **February 24th** will be a **TTOS swap meet** at the Netherwood church. To sum it up, the year ahead has many fun activities.

Speaking of fun, our objectives this year will be to promote the train hobby and have fun doing it. Supporting the hobby means growing the membership. We have grown significantly this year and in order to keep the fun going we need volunteers. Among those are, construction of the S gauge at Wheels, membership, publicity, assisting with the raffle, and running trains for the public. We will need help and you are the key to that happening. Happy New Year and keep the wheels on the track.

- Art



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OH, NO. LOOK WHAT THEY DID!

by Peter Atonna

Lionel's 2020 catalog featured Southern Pacific locos and trains. They offered every style of SP Northern from the GS-1, in brass, to the GS-6. In addition, Daylight came in the recently introduced 21" cars. Finally, their "Legacy" set was a freight set headed by a postwar styled GS-4.



Wow, growing up on the SP, for me this was great. I wanted one of each! So, when reality set in, I started looking at that freight set. What impressed me was that it was pulled by their only postwar scheme of the GS series, where SP pulled the daylight paneling and colors. It was now a basic steam loco with the SP silvered boiler face and retained the Daylight solid pilot. This was the engine I remembered during my many youthful trips to the Douglas depot and yards.



But wait, what was that caboose on the end of the freight set? I could not believe it. Lionel had used a "wooden" NYC style caboose and re-lettered it SP!



As we all remember, one of the most iconic postwar cars was the SP caboose. In various add-ons for the price point of the set, it must have been made literally in the millions. So, I thought that with the SP catalog theme, here was a great chance for Lionel to do a scale version of the caboose. After all, several other scale sized cabooses were in the line by then.

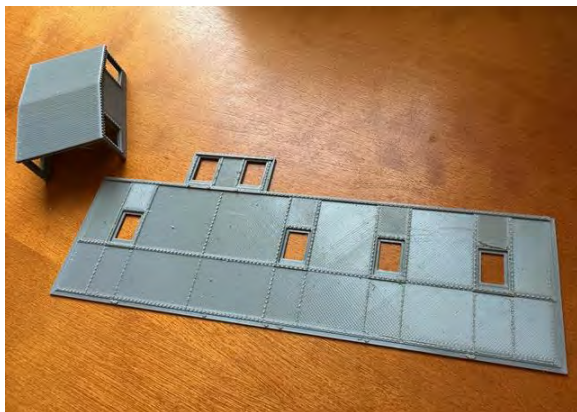


I immediately wrote Lionel, hoping there was still plenty of time between the catalog graphic and actual production to do a scale SP caboose. No answer, and a scale SP caboose never showed or does to this day.

Skip a year and at meetings of our local train club, a friend started bringing 3D printed items he was learning how to do. A couple of months later, he brought a beautifully detailed O scale water tank. An idea formed. I asked Chuck Coggins if he could do an O scale SP caboose. "of course, I could". Just get me the plans.

Next, another friend, Don Pease helps. We are both members of the SP historical society, and they publish a series of books focusing on specific SP cars. He has the book on cabooses and found the exact prototype for the Lionel one. And that was a postwar piece of which I had photos from that time.

Chuck went to work. An item this complex cannot be formed one in one piece. So, as each piece or groups of pieces were done, he bought them over for me to review.



Finally, they were done (I ordered two so one could be painted as when the SP repainted cabooses with an orange rear end and more modern script)

Step three, the third person. I wanted a professional paint scheme and lettering which are far beyond my skill level. So, Anthony Piscitelli agreed to take on the painting and lettering. He is another highly skilled person who does this and many other HO projects for folks around the country.

So, after a while he brought to me the first one, with the traditional lettering. Spectacular!

Now it was my part of the project. I had to install glass for the windows, marker lights, interior lighting and trucks/ couplers.

I had found the scale freight trucks you can buy on Lionel's website as well as scale wheel sets. (I didn't want the large tinplate flanges to interfere with the look of the car. And with Gar Graves track, I can use scale size flanges). Since the caboose would be on the end of a train, used a plain truck there and installed a Kadee O scale coupler on the rear. A constant lighting circuit board and strip LED lights along with marker light kits, let me complete the car.



So, it is done and now I can run, what Lionel should have done on my SP freights.



PS: Lionel didn't do poorly with me; I did buy the Daylight passenger set with its GS-4



DIVISION DUES ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 29

February 29? Yes, we are giving you an extra day this year to get your Desert Division and Chapter dues in on time.

The Division holds eight monthly meetings each year. We have switched to a smaller meeting room to reduce our expenses without giving up meeting in a nice secure location with clean restroom facilities. But, like everything else in our lives, that rent went up again last year.

Desert Division and Chapter dues are \$15 per year and you may pay up to five years in advance if you desire. Members who owe dues and receive this newsletter electronically have already received a dues reminder. If you get your newsletter via snail mail look at your label. These labels get updated monthly from the secretary.

HAVE YOU MOVED, CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER, OR HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS? Please ensure that the Secretaries have all your personal information including phone numbers and email address correct.

Rio Grande Chapter members mail your dues to Chapter Treasurer Everett Hagan; 421 Longwood Dr. Rio Rancho, NM 87124 or pay at the Chapter Meet. **Division members in Arizona** may mail your dues to Angelo Lautazi, Division Secretary, at 6109 E. Sonoran Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85266 on or before February 29, 2024 or you can bring it to the January Meet or the Souper Bowl Auction.

All dues need to be paid in full by February 29, 2024.

SOUPER BOWL X AUCTION – SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

Halftime Entertainment Provided by You

Chris Allen - Auction Chair Pro Tem

Welcome to the return of the member hosted “SOUPER BOWL X” Toy Train Auction. Hard to believe this is our tenth year. Thanks to Barbara Lautazi who came up with the idea, this auction has a halftime twist. Where else in this hobby can you buy trains at auction and enjoy homemade soups and chili? Bragging rights go to the members who go home with empty crockpots.

With the unexpected departure of our former Auction Chair Paul Malek, we were left with a big crockpot to fill. For those of you who loved the secret Malek family Turkey Chili recipe, and there were a lot of you because Paul always had an empty pot, fear not. Through some secret behind the scenes negotiations Laurel was sworn to secrecy and given this perennial crowd-pleasing recipe. So, although we won't hear the “Yuuup!” from the grandstands, your halftime noshing will include a healthy bowl of this auction lunchtime favorite.

Seriously, while we will make a pot of the Malek specialty, we are still going to be one pot short this year. We are making Paul's in place of one of the two we bring. **Please email or call me with what you plan to bring** so we can better plan for the day. The day is set, and our tastebuds are waiting to see what you have in store for us.

The Division will provide certified gluten free chili and all the utensils, bowls, crackers, rolls, and plenty of napkins. But that's it. It's up to you to bring in your own delicious crockpot to share.

Auction catalogs will be available at the January Meet. You can also preview the catalog on our website <http://tcadd.org/auctions.html> but don't forget to come to the auction on Saturday February 3 for the best tasting auction in TCA.

No Buyers Premium, over 300 auction lots, Peter Atonna's humor and storytelling and a great homemade lunch. What more do you need to kick off 2024 Desert Division style?



Past TCA National President's Dan Martin and Gordon Wilson along with Past National Secretary Christie Wilson. We did not realize it in time but missed the photo op of a lifetime. Also in attendance at the party was past TCA National President's Paul Wassermann, Chris Allen, Katie Elgar and Peter Atonna. Six past TCA National President's at the party. Not many Division's can match that feat.



Division Treasurer Mark Thompson did all the Prime Rib by himself. He purchased it, prepped it, cooked it, sliced and served it. Chef Amin from DeVito's is in the background and gave us his usual over the top service. Amin usually prepares over 500 meals for the Arizona National Guard so our little party was almost a day off for him.



Desert Division Membership Form



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____ TCA No. _____

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Dues are \$15.00 per year. (Members may pay up to 5 years in advance). No of Years: X \$15.00 =

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FOR SALE: Lionel Model Builder magazine, complete run #1 thru #80 (1937-1949) plus the pre-release Sample Copy of Lionel Model Engineering. All with covers, no cut-outs; \$495 + S/H, or I'll bring to DD meet. Tim Halchuck, Fountain Hills, AZ. Cell 213-700-5455 or email tim@sound-sources.com

FOR SALE: MTH Premier 20-20340-1 DC-3 w/PS3 \$300, MTH RailKing 30-2518-1 New Haven Rectifer w/PS2 and BCR \$200, MTH MT-6019 UP Four Car aluminum passenger set \$100, MTH 20-6538 Five car ABS passenger set \$150 -- PayPal & credit cards - Chris Allen 480-820-9559 sparkyshome@cox.net

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

THE BACK PAGE – MORE CHRISTMAS PARTY



Scott Russell, Chris Allen, Katie Elgar, Lynne and Dan Martin all socializing before the main event



Peter and Mary Jane Atonna made the drive from Paulden to attend



Just a few of the over twenty door prizes we gave away at the party



A view from the back of the room of just some of the guest in attendance during the social hour



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NEXT DIVISION MEET

January 13, 2024 8:30 - 11:00 AM
Paradise Valley United Methodist Church
Room H-1 (the small room)
4455 E Lincoln Dr. Paradise Valley, AZ 85253



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SATURDAY, FEB. 17TH, 2024

SWAP FROM 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



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BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP CENTER**

5757 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

Due to Saturday Farmers Market restrictions:

Friday vendor unloading East-side 4 – 6 PM

Saturday vendor unloading East-side 6 – 9 AM

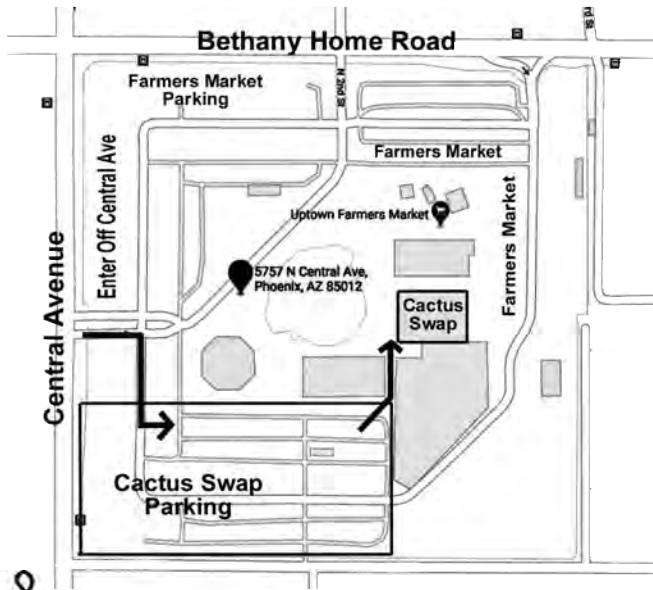
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Table-top auction at 12:00 PM

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 12:00 PM.** Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

Signature _____ Date _____

Make check payable to: **“Grand Canyon Model Railroaders”**

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Credit cards accepted via PayPal - visit www.gcmrr.org

Email: info@gcmrr.org

Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457

\$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

Name Badges **REQUIRED** for your security

1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.

First and last name please

Your Badge _____

Helper Badge _____

3 or more tables = 4 badges max.

Helper Badge _____

Helper Badge _____

4 BADGES MAXIMUM