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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!**

OCTOBER DIVISION MEET PHOTOS



Peter Zwerin thinking if he should buy a Hudson ticket while Chris Allen and Bill Harris share a laugh



Guy Ferranti and Terry Haas working out a deal?



VP John Craft ran the October Meeting while President Mike was away



One of our newer members, Russ Howry, sharing his collecting interests



Paul Wassermann brought in a Bing Box Car that was made in Germany during Prohibition,



Bill Harris won the last Hudson Hundred for the year. The drawing for the Hudson will be at the Christmas Party. Will you be there?

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – October 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Paul and Irene Wassermann

In Attendance; Mike Dietrich, John Craft, Angelo Lautazi, Mark Thompson, Terry Haas, Paul Wassermann, John Zaval. On teleconference Art Lites, Guests in attendance Chris Allen Train Meet Chair

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

Secretary's Report – Angelo reported that membership now stands at 158 paid members. Two new members moved into the area and joined the Division over the summer.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Mark Thompson reported the following: Savings Account is \$1,496.84 and Checking is \$11,811.34, CD Accounts total \$22,303.14 and PayPal with \$1,883.19.

Old Business:

Rio Grande Chapter report: – Art updated the Board on the status of the Chapter. The Pumpkin Meet's table sales are sold out for October 28th. They have enlisted six new members this past month. Art sadly reported that Director Ross Jordan has passed away. Ross was a very active member of the Chapter and will be missed.

Rail Fair 2023 Recap: Chris reported that Saturday setup went well with the help of Jon Hinderer and grandson. Attendance was a bit slow with the heat and winds that kept park attendance lower than normal. Mike reported that Sunday was cooler and cloudy and was a very busy day at the park. He had the help of new member Russell Howry.

Trailer Layout at Pacifica Senior Living Center: Chris, Mark and Bill Lazenby took the module trailer to the Center and ran trains for the residents for several hours. Mark reported that the residents enjoyed the visit and he is looking for a train set the center can run under their Christmas tree later this year.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Fall Train Show: Chris reported that 85 tables have been sold as of today. Mike has secured a set up time on Friday but it will be limited to 1pm thru 3pm. The hall should be open at 6am on Saturday.

November Train Auction: Load in happening on Friday afternoon at 2:30 PM. Chris will contact DiVitos for the same type of sub lunches we had last year. Chris also reported that Peter has a seller who has backed out of the Jan. auction but that we have a commitment from the P&P for auction lots that will fill in these missing lots.

Christmas Holiday Party: The date for the Party is December 10th at the Elks Lodge. Chairs Mark Thompson and Chris Allen have worked out the menu with three entrée's Prime Rib carved on the spot done by the Elks Lodge, Mediterranean Chicken and Salmon provided by DiVitos that was a big hit returning from last year. The cost for this great meal will be \$25. To help with the lower cost there will be no member gifts at the door and no tabletop auction at the end. Each member at the table will have a chance to win the centerpiece and a few extra door prizes will be drawn. Of course, the Hudson Raffle winner will be drawn.

Spring Picnic 2024 – Easter Sunday falls early on March 31 so the multi-club picnic was set for Saturday April 13, 2024. There is a park event already on the schedule for the first weekend in April. The picnic will include a very short business meeting in lieu of meeting at the PVUMC hall including the Hudson Hundred drawing.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Angelo Lautazi

Dear Friends,

Happy, Merry.... Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali, Festivus, Boxing Day, Zarathosht Diso (yes, it's a thing, thank you google), and of course. New Year's!

I hope you are having a fantastic holiday season with the many celebrations over November and December. The above listed celebrations are ways people come together worldwide to celebrate friends, family, the greater good, or a higher power. In the spirit of coming together we are celebrating the Desert Division's Annual Holiday Party. This party is a perfect way to welcome Christmas and New Year's with family and friends. To help limit the impact of the ever-increasing costs for events, we've capped the price of the dinner at \$25 per person but have not cut back on the quality. We've added prime rib to the list of choices this year (thank you Smurf)! Please see the details for the event below and later in the newsletter. The deadline to secure your spot is December 4th.

TCA Desert Division Annual Holiday Party
Sunday, December 10, 2023
4pm arrivals, Dinner 5pm
Elk's Lodge, 14424 N 32nd St.
Phoenix, AZ

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 optimism for the New Year. We had a great year in the Division, and we are looking forward to an awesome 2024.

Reflection and Celebration

The kickoff to the holiday season was busy for the Desert Division as we hosted our annual train show. It was another success and I want to thank the hard-working team that made 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! With the departure of our Auction Chair Paul Malek to Florida, Chirs Allen had double duty in November as he picked up the auction without missing a beat. The auction had a few pleasant surprises and bidding was active. The Division and the consignors walked away happy as the items found new homes.

Looking Ahead

The New Year sees several key events for the Division. We start our meeting on January 13th at the regular location (H-1 at the Paradise Valley UMC). This will be our annual business meeting so please try to attend. 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. More details will be in the newsletter and website as the event approaches. **This will be in lieu of our regular meeting.**

I hope to welcome you to one of our events or meetings over the next few months and hope to see you December 10th at the Christmas party!



January Theme in honor of the Holiday....

"I Have a Dream" - What train have you always dreamed of owning? (if fulfilled bring the train or the story, if not just bring your story).

DESERT DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2024

President:	Mike Dietrich	623-572-3538	Directors:	Art Lites	505-463-1951
Vice-President:	John Craft	480-7852432		Terry Haas	480-827-8604
Secretary:	Angelo Lautazi	480-575-7006		Paul Wassermann	480-949-1620
Treasurer:	Mark Thompson	307-631-4474		John Zaval	602-843-4909

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER PHOTOS – PUMPKIN MEET 2023



Jim Trevor working on a potential sale. Part of Chris Wieclaw's Might Casey layout on the far left



Part of the church hall looking towards the kids area and the TTOS module layout



Some of the vendors dressed up for Halloween which was only days away



The TTOS layout had many colorful trains running as you can see here



Jim Workman hustling the Polar Express raffle ticket sales to benefit the S gauge layout for the Wheels Museum



Jon Spargo's O gauge layout is always a hit with the public and today was no exception



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Art Lites TCA 97-44623



October is our busiest month. Before I get into our activities of the month, I have some sad news to report. Ross Jordan, one of our board members, passed away this month. For those of you who did not know Ross, he was a chapter board member who had made a significant contribution to this club. He was a master modeler who was able take a rusted dented train which seemed beyond repair and end up with a train that looked as if it had just left the factory. His ability to match paint colors and decoration was superb. His collection stretched from prewar to modern and from HO to G gauge. His contribution to the hobby will be missed.

This month's meeting started with some interesting and unusual items. **Pete Garity** brought an early MTH kit Lionel 9-E which he put together and used it in an article for his magazine. Your humble author brought a 6220 NW-2 bell ringer and recounted my personal history with this engine. **Everett Hagan** (hat man) recounted his cruise/rail tour through Alaska and the Yukon. He was able to ride three different trains and purchase three hats. **Chris Wieclaw** created a one of a kind "Flylionel" using a Lionie 250 cab, an AF 1270 frame and an MPC motor along with prewar Flyer and Lionel rolling stock all nicely repainted. Everett ran his C&O Lionel Diesel consist on the Wheels layout. The meeting concluded with guest Bill Cotton demonstrating an inexpensive camera mounted on rolling stock to record video of the layout. The images are sent by blue tooth to your smart phone. I think he lost us with compiler language, but **Tony Porzio** Nuclear/Electrical engineer is on the case.

We have two activities which have taken priority this month. The first is the Pumpkin Meet which has been traditionally held the last weekend of October. This year was no exception. The vendors and layout was handled by **Scott Eckstien** with help from **Chris Wieclaw**. Scott

was able to sell 50 tables, which I believe was a record for this venue and exceeded the tables available to us. Chris to the rescue with additional tables. Our publicity committee of **Jim Workman**, **Terri Lee Huff** and **Renee Schornack** worked on getting the word out. We used some new avenues including public service announcements by two radio stations. A new addition was a food truck which was appreciated by both visitors and vendors. I wish to thank all those who helped set up on Friday and tear down on Saturday as well as the front door and raffle help. I also wish to thank **Eliane Eckstien**, **Michael Jackson** and others who donated prizes for the raffle.

The Pumpkin Meet also featured **Chris Wieclaw's Mighty Casey**, a battery powered train from the late 1960's capable of carrying young children that he has restored and upgraded. Additionally, a Children's model train group displayed their pizza sized layouts, and the TTOS module group and **Jon Spargo** ran 0 gauge trains for the crowd. We signed up several new members and toy train excitement was abundant.

The last project is the Polar Express raffle, proceeds will be used to add an S gauge display at the Wheels Museum. We've been selling tickets all year and have one more opportunity to raise money at the Rails Across the Rio Grande. The show will be held November 11th and 12th at the Pilot Pavilion in Balloon Fiesta Park. We will accompany the Jon Spargo running display during this two-day event. Thanks to those who signed up to help. Let's push this over the top and make this S gauge display spectacular.

We will not have a regular meeting in either November or December however I am hoping that we can come up with an informal get together in December to run trains. I am thinking of the last week of December. Stay tuned for further details. Keep the gears lubricated and the engines running.

Art

The October Newsletter That Wasn't

The October newsletter was started, but never completed. Rather than reprint the old and new business of the general Meet I'll print the "new" news, the Educational Segment, and the raffle winners. Please note that here in Phoenix the average September temperatures were still in the 110° range from the "summer that never ended". Meet attendance in September was about 30 but enthusiastic as this was our first meeting after the summer break. President Dietrich mentioned that the Educational Topic of "What I did or acquired during the summer", had the table overflowing with interesting items.

Secretary Angelo Lautazi was enjoying a late summer vacation trip, Secretary Pro Tem Chris Allen reported no new members and no guests at the meeting. Treasurer Mark Thompson reported Checking: \$10,849.18, Savings \$1,497.10, PayPal \$1,780.99 and Total CD's at \$22,097.24

Next, President Mike mentioned all the upcoming fall activities including Rail Fair that would happen prior to our next meeting in October. He called for volunteers, especially Sunday morning when two of the regulars have previous obligations and will not be able to run.

An update on the November 4th Train Show was that 70 tables of the 108 had been sold. Still no word on the early loading but Mike is working on it. The Auction the following Saturday November 11 is all set with unloading and setup happening on Friday afternoon prior to the Saturday auction. The catering is being planned and the menu will be announced at the October meeting for the upcoming Christmas Holiday Party on December 10. It will be held at the Elk's Lodge in Phoenix with dinner planned for 5 PM..

The September Educational segment was "Summer Vacation", and members brought in memories of summer's past, or items they purchased during the summer hiatus.

Phil Monahan started things off reminiscing about visiting Roadside America. He said that it never reopened following the shutdown and portions of the layout and rolling stock were sold at various auctions. He was able to win a few of them and had them only display. **Christie Wilson** talked about her trip to the TCA Burlington Convention and the story about her convention Banquet car which Gordon collects. She also had several photos of the beautiful sunsets they enjoyed including a spectacular photo of one taken during the convention dinner cruise. **Katie Elgar** shared many stories from the LCCA convention she attended. She displayed her Lionel "CEO for the Day" box car that was given to those who went on the tour of Lionel Headquarters. A photo was taken with the member sitting at the CEO desk and then painted on a box car commemorating the event and given to the member. The idea was to showcase how Lionel can produce these one-of-a-kind mementos for anyone. **Terry Haas** displayed a Pure Oil tank car that was given to him by a customer. His Dad was one of the largest Jobbers for Pure Oil Company in Ohio and he recalled taking train trips with him to the company headquarters in Chicago. **Mark Thompson** had a summer full of doctors' visits and surgeries. He brought in a Lionel Army MASH Bunk car to memorialize his summer. **Scott Russell** and family visited Europe during the summer and instead of flying non-stop back to Phoenix took a one-day layover in Philadelphia. This allowed him and the family to make a once-in-a-lifetime visit to the National Toy Train Museum. Scott mentioned how special it was to see the brick they bought honoring his Dad, whose collection he inherited and enjoyed the hobby with. **Chris Allen** had a 1964 Hudson that had a Madison Hardware installed Large Stack motor. He even had the box that Madison Hardware returned the old motor

pieces to the owner. Chris also had a Green Diamond Bob Dennison repaint that he purchased from the Bill Mack estate several years ago. He ran it for the first time over the summer and related how a eight year old son of a friend was completely enthralled with watching it run. **Mike Dietrich** related his family visit to England and their trip to the Tank Museum in Waterloo. Keeping it train related he mentioned that they made the trip from London to Waterloo via First Class British Railway. He mentioned that First Class in Britian was indeed First Class and worth every penny.

Raffle prize winners in September, **Mike Dietrich** Hudson Ticket, **Russell Howry** Lionel

Ore Car, **Terry Haas** MTH Rock Hopper, **Peter Zwerin** Lionel Tropicana Reefer, **Mark Thompson** Weaver Box Car, **Ralph Treichel** Ertl Lionel Tank Truck, and **Christie Wilson** 2019 Albuquerque Convention Clock of which she related the story of the original 1997 Desert Division clock, which reportedly keeps the most accurate time of all the clocks in the house. The winning ticket for the September Hudson Hundred was (of course, tell me if you've heard this name before) **Peter Zwerin**. Remember the big prize is the 1964 Hudson itself and that ticket will be drawn at the Christmas Party. We do not need to be present to win, but most winners are.



Scott Russell Talking about his first visit to the National Toy Train Museum and finding his Dad's brick on the memorial walkway



Phil Monahan relating the story of a road trip to Roadside America and his purchasing a few items that were sold at auction



Christie Wilson and Gordon's prized TCA Banquet car that they did not win but were able to purchase at a "discounted" price following the banquet



Terry Haas and his Pure Oil Tank Car given to him by a customer. Terry's Dad worked for Pure Oil and he related the story of taking trips with him

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – September 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Mark and Linda Thompson

In Attendance; Mike Dietrich, John Craft, Mark Thompson, Terry Haas, John Zaval. On teleconference Art Lites, Guests in attendance Chris Allen Secretary pro tem/Train Meet Chair

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

Secretary's Report – Chris reported in Angelo's absence that membership stands at 156 paid members.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Mark Thompson reported the following: Savings Account is \$1,497.10 and Checking is \$10,849.18, CD Accounts total \$22,097.24 and PayPal with \$1,780.99.

Old Business:

Bylaws Change: – Mike reported that the TCA National Board of Directors approved the Bylaws change and they are now in effect. All currently elected members will stay on the Division board for an extra six months. Elections for the next term, January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026 will be held in November of 2024.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Fall Train Show: Chris reported tables sales have begun for the November 4th Train Show at the Shrine Auditorium. Forms were handed out the CAMRC Beat the Heat Meet and he will have more printed for the GCMR Fall Cactus meet later this month.

November Train Auction: The church Hall has been confirmed for November 11th with load in happening on Friday afternoon. Volunteers will be needed on both days for a smooth auction. Chris will contact DiVitos for the same type of sub lunches we had last year that were a big hit with the members. Chris also reported that Peter indicated the Winter Auction is 90% full.

Christmas Holiday Party: The date for the Party is December 10th at the Elks Lodge. Menu will be three entrée's Prime Rib carved on the spot done by the Elks Lodge, Mediterranean Chicken and Salmon from DiVitos that was a big hit returning from last year. The cost for this great meal will be \$25. There will be no member gifts at the door, instead door prizes will be handed out, and of course the Hudson Raffle winner will be drawn.

Rio Grande Chapter report: Art updated the Board on the status of the Chapter. The Pumpkin Meet is set for October 28th. The chapter will hold a monthly meeting the week before on October 23 to make sure everything is covered. The meeting will be held at the Wheels Museum in the Albuquerque Rail Yards where the Chapter wants to construct an S gauge layout. They are holding a Polar Express Raffle with the proceeds going towards that layout. The Chapter will be holding elections this fall and an election committee will be formed at the next meeting.

Rail Fair 2023: The trailer will be dropped off at the park Friday afternoon. Setup will begin Saturday morning at 8 AM with Rail Fair running Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM – 5 PM. We are critically short of operators on Sunday morning from 10 AM until 2 PM. Contact Mike if you can help out either day, even for a few hours.

Trailer Layout to visit Retirement Home: As part of the Division community service project the module trailer will visit Pacifica Senior Living Center to run trains for the residents. This will be a quick setup and morning run contact Mark or Chris if you can help.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on Wednesday October 11.

Minutes submitted by: Chris Allen, Secretary pro tem

RAIL FAIR 2023



The Saturday morning crew featured Janet Mattern, John Hinderer and his grandson. John's train is in the foreground



Janet ran several trains including her Christmas train to the delight of these two.



On Sunday the crowd was a bit busier



Trains are hidden by the buildings, but they are running



Why we do it. A family enjoying the trains



Russell Howry helped President Mike on Sunday morning

Desert Division's 2023 Holiday Party

Sunday December 11, 2023

Elk's Lodge

**14424 N 32 St
Phoenix, AZ 85032**

4:00 PM Meet & Greet

Cash Bar Available

5:00 PM Dinner



Clip here and send with Check



**Dinner will be Buffet style with Servers.
Cost of the Dinner is \$25.00 per person.**

Please print First and Last Names of persons attending.

Write the Meal# choice after each Name.

Guests are Welcome.

Name

Meal #

Name

Meal #

Entrée Choices: Please enter your selection with the number of dinners next to the entree

Meal #1 - Prime Rib

How many _____

Meal #2 - Mediterranean Chicken (1/4 chicken)

How many _____

Meal #3 - Baked Salmon

How many _____

Reservations Deadline: December 4, 2023

Make Check Payable to : Desert Division TCA. Send form and check to:

**Chris Allen
1119 W. Plata Ave
Mesa, AZ 85210**

Number of Persons @ \$25.00 _____

Total \$ Enclosed _____

Ballroom will be set to tables of eight.

Business Attire is Suggested.

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FOR SALE: Lionel 38071 SP Cab Forward 4-8-8-4 Brand new, never run \$750. Lionel 51008 Burlington Pioneer Zephyr brand new, never run \$900. Lionel 38014 D&RG Challenger 4-6-6-4 OB \$750. Lionel Prewar STD Gauge #10 set, Peacock, 332, 339, 341 cars. Individual boxes and set box \$325. Lionel Prewar STD Gauge #8 set, Red, 337, 338 cars plus transformer. Individual boxes and set box \$250. Lionel Santa Fe 2333-20 P X AB Diesel, battery compartment clean. Individual boxes and set box \$250. Chet Henry 480-532-3065 or bchenry@cox.net.

FOR SALE: TMK Lionel Prewar 0 & Standard 1900-43, Lionel Postwar 1945-69 TM Lionel 1970-89, 3-Rail price guide, Lionel 1901-95, Lionel 1970-1992, Lionel 1901-1997 each \$20, Greenberg's Repair & Operating Manual 736 pages \$30, Lionel Train Book 131 pages \$20, Hess Toy Truck & Racer 1997 \$15, Southern Crescent Limited 9530-34 new \$75, MDH Track Layout & Accessory Manual 64 pages \$20, MDH Operating 0&027 Trains 237 pages \$20. Dan Martin 520-360-0519 danniez@cox.net

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: FasTrack, American Flyer, O gauge tublar track some new, some used, need a couple of odd pieces for your Holiday layout? I might have them. 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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Bill Lazenby running his Blue Comet and talking to one of the residents



We were there at lunchtime, so the residents came out in small groups



It was a bright and sunny day but we were able to set up near a shady tree in the parking lot



It was a quick set up and only a two hour run, but that's what makes the trailer perfect for the job



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