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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Well look what just happened. We made it through another year, albeit with a few extra bumps along the way. Happy New Year to everyone across the wide desert southwest. We will try to do a recap of the past two months and give you a quick look ahead.

Both the Division and Chapter have not had a club meeting since October they both have been busy. The Rio Grande Chapter is looking forward to meeting at a new location for 2023. As many members downsize or no longer have a layout at home, Chapter President Art Lites and the Rio Grande Board are looking to an informal alliance with the Wheels Museum in Albuquerque which will offer Chapter members access to the museums large O Scale layout in which they can run their trains on. Sounds like a Win-Win for the Museum and the Chapter and we wish them all

the best for 2023 as they embark on this new endeavor.

The Division has also been busy closing out the year with the usual gusto and traditional events.

To set the record straight, both the Christmas Party and the fall auction predate the original "Turkey Meet" Swap Meet by several years. According to club records the first joint TCA/TTOS Christmas Party was in 1973, and the first auction was held following the joint Christmas Party in 1974. The first "Tinplate Toy Train Meet" was held in 1977. Two years later, in 1979 it became known as the "Turkey Meet", having been given that moniker by the Cal-Stewart Meet a year earlier. Editors Note: I'll write about this elsewhere in this issue.

But let's focus on closing out the past year. The first event of the fall season was the November

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

January 14 - Desert Division Meet and Annual Business Meeting

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

January 21 - Rio Grande Chapter Annual Business Meeting

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

February 4 - Desert Division SOUPER BOWL IX – Toy Train Auction

Auction Preview 8 AM – 9 AM – Auction starts 9 AM – PVUMC – Paradise Valley, AZ

February 11 – February Division Meet

8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – PVUMC – Paradise Valley, AZ

Train Auction held on at Paradise Valley Methodist Church. A scheduling conflict with the church had us move the auction back one week which conflicted with a train club swap meet in the West Valley that moved their meet into November.

The auction went very well, and to say the lunch provided by DeVito's was anything but spectacular is an understatement. The satisfied noshing sound and pleasant conversation filled the air during the noon-time break. More about our new caterer when we talk about the Christmas Party.

If you missed the auction, we have another one in the wings in February. Division members will be providing the lunch and the trains in the auction are first rate including a rare pre-war Lionel 129 Terrace and 115 Station both with original boxes. That is something we have never seen in a Division Auction before. There will be a little bit of everything in this auction so plan on spending the day with us and enjoying some first-class chili or soup during the lunchtime intermission.

A quick word about our auctions. We will always be there to assist families who ask for help, but we will not chase after collections or bother your family if you do not let them know our services are available to them. In addition if you have a large collection of a certain era, we will spread it out over several auctions so as not to saturate the market and potentially lower the value of your collection. The decision is yours, but you must let your family know that is an option available to them if you have not made other arrangements.

A few weeks after the auction we held the 46th November Toy Train Swap Meet. You can call it the Turkey Meet, or the November Train Show, but whatever name you wish to associate with this event, it is the second oldest train meet in Arizona and one we are rightfully proud of.

Wait, did I just read that the Turkey Meet is not the oldest train show in Arizona? Yes, in fact the Desert Division owes its very existence to the oldest Train Show in Arizona.

Way back in 1969 our friends down in Tucson started having train shows and although we no longer refer to them as the Coyote or Roadrunner Meets, they like us, continue to hold them faithfully year after year despite all the new

challenges. As many of you know it was the organizing at the Tucson show that helped form the Division. Train collectors in El Paso Texas petitioned to be part of Desert Division since it is just over a 4 ½ drive to Tucson, while it is an 8-hour drive to the next closest meet in San Antonio Texas.

Our show was a near sellout for the Shrine as we sold nearly 98% of the available tables the facility can hold. Unfortunately the rent for the Shrine has risen to the point that we can no longer make a profit, and coupled with many of the event fees this year resulted in a financial loss. The Board of Directors will begin a search for a central location to hold the meet next year.

Wrapping up the year we had the annual multi-club Christmas Party. This annual event is the longest running social event hosted by the clubs in Phoenix. It even predates the train swap meets in Phoenix. For many members, you might only recall the large galas that were organized by Fred and Shirley Hunter, but the club and hobby was at its peak then. You need to know a little about Arizona history to understand how it all came about and where the event is trending again.

Back in the day Phoenix played second fiddle to Tucson because of all the mining interests in southern Arizona so it was natural that the TTOS was based in Tucson and covered Arizona and New Mexico. There was a small group of TTOS members here in the Phoenix area and when TCA formed a Division based in Phoenix, many of those members kept their ties with TTOS but also joined TCA.

That is why you see the close ties between TTOS and Desert Division from the earliest days, and the first joint Christmas Party was held in 1973 at a members home with a small swap meet, layout visitation, lunch pot luck, and even a small auction.

Christmas Parties continued for several years at members homes as pot lucks, moved for a few years to Sir George's Buffet at the old Town and Country Shopping Center on 20th St. and Camelback and then in 1979 began to settle in to catered events at local hotels.

TTOS reorganized in the 1980's, and New Mexico and Arizona became their own separate TTOS Divisions with the new Arizona Division being now more centered up in the Phoenix area.

Local legend Ray Korte knew that the two clubs needed to work together to keep the hobby active and continue to grow the membership in Arizona.

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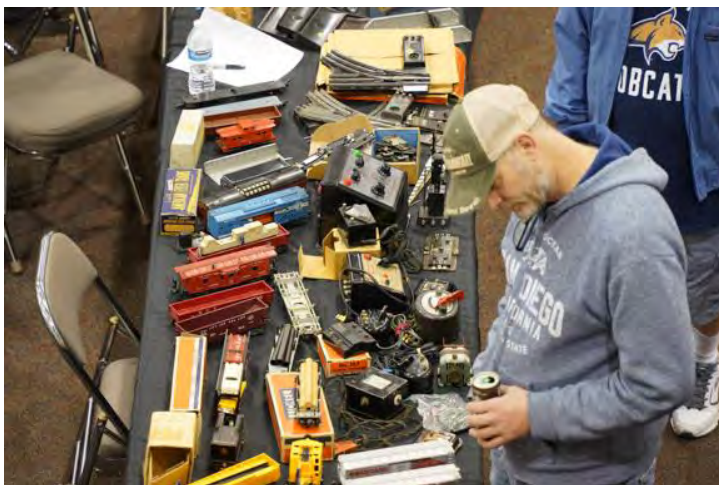
NOVEMBER 2022 TRAIN SHOW – SHRINE AUDITORIUM



We couldn't do the show without the help of these ladies; Kay Vokac, Laurel Allen, Eva Upshur, and Barbara Lautazi



New era Marx, brand new in the box, all lined up and ready to sell



A prospective buyer can't make up his mind from a table full of bargains



Only a partial view of the over 115 tables that were sold for the show



Christie Wilson working hard making a sale early in the show



Even with their masks one we spotted Peter and Mary Jane Atonna down from Paulden

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors did not hold a Board Meeting in November or December 2022. The next scheduled meeting will be on January 11, 2023. Minutes from that meeting will be printed when available.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY 2022



Laurel Allen greeting Sam McElwee and Dave Brown to the Christmas Party at the Elks Lodge



Division President and First Lady Mike and Michelle Dietrich before the party started



Some of the Silent Auction and Raffle items up for grabs at the party



The food line starts with the event catered by DeVito's Restaurant in Phoenix.



Division Treasurer Mark Thompson with some of his auction winnings



Dave and Judy Brown were also auction winners but Bill Lazenby went empty handed without the help of Grandson Brodie

Presidents Message

Friends,

Happy 2023! 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 at with the optimism of the New Year.

As I write this, I sit with the temperatures in the low 50's after a day of always needed rain while the rest of the nation is in a deep freeze. We are certainly graced with one the best of the five "C's" of Arizona this time of year, climate.

Reflection and Celebration

The holiday season was busy for the Desert Division as we hosted our 46th annual Turkey Meet! It was another success and 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 Elks Lodge. While we had a bit fewer guests this year, those in attendance were treated to a fantastic and seemingly endless meal from Amin from DiVito's and his team. Remember Amin was the same caterer that wow'ed us at the November auction with his fantastic sandwich offerings. We will assuredly use him and his team for future events.

Thanks for this celebration go out to Angelo and Barb for delivering another lovely

event. Not to be left out, we have to give a huge thanks to Mark (Smurf) Thompson and his connections at the Elks Lodge so that we can utilize this venue with minimal costs. And of course the Allen's played a significant role in the event as well as the successful auction. While Chris would admit, he is no Peter, he did a wonderful job prying a few more Lincolns and Jacksons from the crowd.

To end the evening, our annual Hudson raffle saw Chris Allen walk away with the prize for 2022! Congratulations Chris.

Looking Ahead

The New Year sees several key events for the Division. We start with our meeting on January 14th at the regular location (H-1 at the Paradise Valley UMC). Other meetings this winter/spring include February 11th, March 11th, April 8th.

The first weekend in February brings our wildly popular "Souper Bowl Auction". The event will be Saturday, February 4th in the Fellowship Center of the PVUMC.

Keep Saturday, April 1st 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.

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!



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RIO GRANDE CHAPTER PHOTOS



Bob Galler talked about his Gilbert Erector set last year at our monthly meeting and provided technical guidance for the theater play, *Cancelling Christmas* in Las Cruces.



You can tell by the expression on this little guys face he enjoyed watching Jon Spargo's layout



Jon Spargo's traveling exhibit at the NMRA Rails Along the Rio Grande Show



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Art Lites TCA 97-44623



We had no meetings in November and December, however the Chapter participated in several activities. The NMRA sponsors a train show in November called Rails Along the Rio Grande. This year's show was held November 19th and 20th with several thousand attendees. Our Chapter was there with Jon Spargo's famous Kids Christmas portable layout. We made a number of contacts with people interested in our Chapter. I would like to thank Ross Jordan, George Domeny, and Everett Hagan who helped Jon with the display.

Bob Galler, a Chapter Member, was asked to provide background for a Las Cruces play based on A.C. Gilbert's life. As a member of the Erector Historical Society, he had some rare Erector sets but no American Flyer trains. We provided a pristine 1950's set that was recently donated to our Chapter. Bob was able represent us in Las Cruces.

The Santa Fe Model Railroad Club operated their O gauge layout in the First National 1870 Bank in downtown Santa Fe. This is a longtime tradition hosted by the bank that has a branch location in Santa Fe on the downtown Plaza, and many in the community look forward to visiting this layout each year. The layout was on display from December 5th thru the 24th and occupied a large share of the bank lobby.

For 2023 we will be meeting at the Wheels Museum, 1110 2nd SW, in Albuquerque for most of our meetings. If you haven't been to the museum, there are plenty of trains of all gauges. The displays are topped by the O gauge layout which stretches over 40 feet with plenty of room to test the pulling power of your locomotive.

We have planned a social meeting on January 7th which will give you a chance to run on the layout. This meeting is designed to recruit new members so plan to invite someone who is interested in joining.

Our normal meeting will be January 21st and we will have several important items to discuss including this year's budget (it is your money) and the election of a new secretary. Scott Eckstein has stepped down and Chris Wieclaw has been nominated to fill Scott's position. This is an important meeting please plan to attend.

We have some exciting plans for 2023. We will be taking some field trips when things warm up. Included in the activities will be a field trip to Belen which will help you understand how the real railroad handles traffic.

Also, in the planning is a lunch/visit to Boyd Reasor's extensive O/S layout. Along the way we will be meeting at Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center to show Toy Trains. Several other programs are in the planning stage so stay tuned and plan to have fun at this year's meeting.

Meeting dates for 2023: February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, and September 16. The meeting time will revert to 9:30 AM from this point on. This allows members time for other activities on Saturday.



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Ray and many others worked tirelessly to insure the two clubs co-host events such as the Christmas Party. Little did Ray know the lasting impact of his actions to keep the spirit of cooperation between the clubs resulted in the birth of a whole new tradition of the Holiday spirit.

For years the Christmas Party was still just another train meet. The club sold tables for the party and they were setup in the same room as a dinner at the hotel. Keeping in mind the era in which this happened the average member was always on the hunt for trains, and if you could sell a train or two it helped to offset the cost of the dinner. While many felt it took away from the idea of a Christmas **Party, the idea hung on late into the 90's**, but like it or not, changes were coming.

The 90's were an exciting time for Desert Division. Membership was growing and it seemed at every meeting new faces appeared, your humble editor was among those who joined the Division as part of the membership drive for extra hands to help during the 1997 National Convention. But when you joined you **weren't a** number, you were brought into the Desert Division family. We were like a small town, with everybody knowing everyone, their wives, and kids.

During this time there was a **"Social Committee"** that coordinated the picnics, parties such as the 25th Anniversary Party and of course our Christmas Party. As the wives took over the events became a social and family affair. Santa Claus showed up for the children and small member and spouses gifts were given to those in attendance.

Entertainment for the Christmas **Party? We didn't** have any streaming music back then, we had *The Singing **President's***. When they were not available often a choir of volunteers would regale those in attendance with Christmas carols. Song sheets were handed out and those in attendance joined the carolers.

At the turn of the century the event was taken up yet another notch as hostess extraordinaire Shirley Hunter took over the reins.

Dickens Carolers, beautiful crafted centerpieces were made by the ladies, and Lenox ornaments for the spouses became the norm. Raffles and auctions helped to offset the increased costs, but things were changing again.

In recent years most of our children had grown up and moved away. Santa Claus no longer came to town. Our membership began to decline and with it the light that always burned bright with Desert Division spirit began to dim.

Desert Division has always been a very social club, and we could easily **adopt "Mangia bene" as our motto. We** love to get together over food, but the general pessimism about our hobby became an ever-increasing topic of conversation. Hard to appreciate the hard work of the volunteers when all around you is talk of doom and gloom.

That's where we find ourselves today. Faced with increased prices for rental space and food, the committee worked hard to put together a Christmas Party that few members attended, those that did had a wonderful **time. What's in** store for the future? Who knows? Maybe things will be changing again.

DIVISION DUES ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 28

Long gone are the days of rent-free space to hold our meetings. We hold eight monthly meetings each year and 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 last year.

Your Division dues help to offset that rental cost and we can still provide free sales tables to any member that wishes to sell at our monthly meeting.

Desert Division 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.

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Please ensure that we 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** you may mail your dues to Angelo Lautazi, Division Secretary, at 6109 E. Sonoran Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85266 on or before February 28, 2022. You may also save yourself postage if you wish to bring it to the January Meet or the Souper Bowl Auction.

All dues need to be paid in full by February 28, 2023.

SOUPER BOWL IX AUCTION – SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4

We welcome you to the return of the member hosted **SOUPER BOWL TOY TRAIN AUCTION**.

Without a doubt one of the tastiest and most looked forward to auction lunches in all of TCAdom is only available here in Desert Division.

For your half time entertainment and culinary pleasure we present some of the best home cooked soups and chili you have tasted. Bragging rights go to the members who go home with empty crockpots.

Year after year our chefs plan for this day. Some bring family secret recipes, while others like to experiment and bring something different each year trying to woo your taste buds away from long time crowd pleasers to something new and exciting.

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, our member chef's extraordinaire, to bring in your crockpot full of deliciousness.

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.

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

No Buyers Premium, over 330 lot auction, Peter Atonna's humor and a great homemade lunch. What more do you need to kick off 2023 Desert Division style?

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE NOVEMBER TRAIN SHOW



Is that Kilroy? No, it's Ivan English up from Tucson hiding behind a pile of Lionel items for sale



Before the Meet opened we were able to get a fairly good overall view of the Shrine Auditorium



Division Secretary Angelo Lautazi sporting one of the special bow ties. Come to the January Meet to hear the rest of the story about these ribbons



While Ivan came up from Tucson, Division member Frank Pizzaia came in from New York to visit family over the Thanksgiving weekend and stopped by



Paul Wassermann took a break from photographing everyone else and did a selfie



The Division had several tables of items for sale both from consignors and donations

MORE & MORE PHOTOS FROM A BUSY WINTER



We all like stories with happy endings. Come to the January Meet and hear all about the tree decorations we had in storage and didn't sell at the Meet



Meet Chair Chris Allen going over front-end admission figures with wife Laurel.



Steve Bienstock setting up his tables prior to the Meet opening to the public



Ten rows of ten tables in each row, plus another ten against the back wall and more yet under the upper deck overhang. A very full house



Desert Division Membership Form



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

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

THE BACK PAGE – MORE PHOTOS FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



Treasurer Mark Thompson checking in with Amin od DeVito's Restaurant to make sure everything is ready prior to opening up the catered buffet.



Cookies and cake? If you went home hungry it was your own fault. In fact we saw quite a few doggie bags going out the door



The Three Amigo's, Angelo spotting, Chris trying his best to be Auctioneer Peter, and Mike doing the after dinner raffle and auctions



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Friday vendor unloading East-side 4 – 6 PM

Saturday vendor unloading East-side 6 – 9 AM

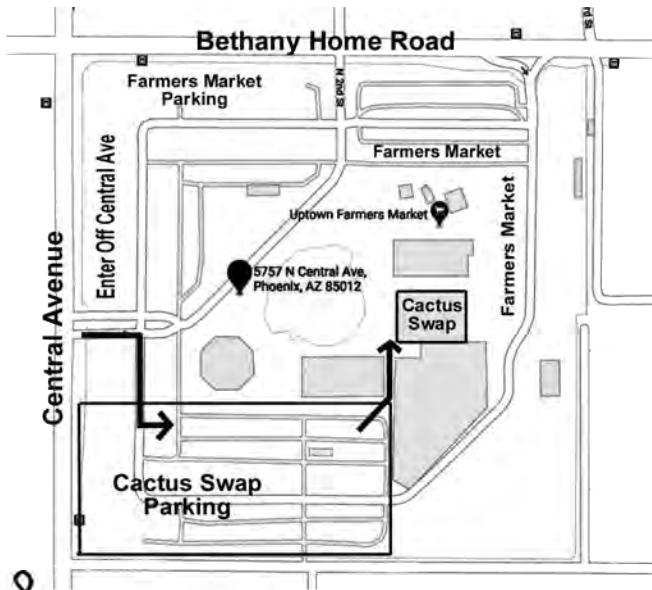
Presented by your pal, Casey Cactus, and the

GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILRODERS

Print legibly. No refunds after Feb. 11, 2023

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”**

Mail to: John Draftz, 1507 W Willow Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029

or

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

1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.

First and last name please

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

3 or 4 tables = 4 badges max.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

More badges available at \$5.00 each

Name Badges REQUIRED for your security

MORE THAN 4 TABLES - CALL