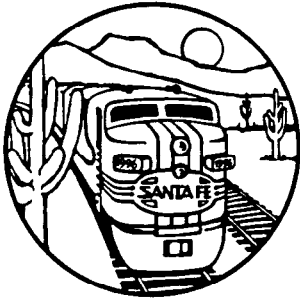


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Desert Division

DISPATCH

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OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

The January Meet brought out many of our Division faithful, as well as a few who cannot make the meets every month. Tables were filled with goodies for sale and items to discuss. The meeting was called to order by President Katie Elgar before Secretary Christie Wilson had time to finish signing up our two new members for the day. Roger Meekhof, a member from Kalamazoo, Michigan, joined our Division; and Matthew Imbrogno of Gilbert, AZ, is a new member to both TCA and the Division. Glenn Johnston, visiting his old stomping grounds from Florida, brought his brother Donald as a guest. Both were visiting a sister who lives in this area.

Treasurer Bob Herman reported that we have \$21,111.60 in savings and \$9,864.56 is checking, thanks in part to a successful Turkey Meet 2005. Committee Chairs were announced. (See President's Message) Next came the Year-End Reports. The Turkey Meet netted us \$4,458. We sold more tables than in some years, and attendance remained stable. We do, however, need a Parts Dealer for future Turkey Meets, as Electric Norman has moved to Oregon. A change in venue for the Turkey Meet has been discussed, with the goal of cutting the cost of the hall rental. The exact site of the 2006 Turkey Meet will be announced at the February Meet.

The Holiday Party was very well received. Attendance was down, but those who were there had an excellent meal, a visit from Santa Claus, and raffles galore. The cost to each of the clubs is \$582, partly because raffle sales were down, gifts came in at a higher price than anticipated, and we had fewer attendees. Suggestions for future years include having a staggered fee, with a higher cost for non-family guests; charging \$10 more per person; catering the party at the Jaycees Hall, and holding the party on a Saturday instead of a Sunday. The Holiday Party Chairs, who will investigate all avenues to improve this year's Holiday Party, will report back to the membership by the regular Division Meet on March 11.

Next was a discussion of the pros and cons of holding two-year elections, rather than having elections for some offices held every year. A Bylaws amendment proposal submitted by Vice-President Gordon Wilson would make all offices a two-year commitment, with elections held every odd numbered year. (See Bylaws Amendment Proposal article elsewhere in this newsletter.) Should this idea be accepted, the bylaws amendment proposal will appear in three consecutive newsletters before a ballot is submitted to the membership.

Past-President Chris Allen presented President Katie Elgar with the official Miles Butler Gavel, before Paul Wassermann discussed the National Dues Increase. All members are urged to vote, using the ballot in the center staple of the January issue of the National Headquarters News. TCA is definitely in need of this increase, because of the costs of lawsuits and the sewage problem. Chris Allen commented on the bad timing of the ballot being in the same issue as the omitted member ads section. However, as everything else goes up in price, so must our dues. Note: TCA is the only toy train hobby group which asks its members to vote on a dues increase.

COMING UP

FEBRUARY 10 BOD DINNER – “The Other” Place, Scottsdale – 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 11 DIVISION MEET – Jaycees Hall – 9 AM

MARCH 10-11 NOR-CAL MEET – Santa Clara, CA

MARCH 11 DIVISION MEET – Jaycees Hall – 9 AM

MARCH 18 RIO GRANDE CHAPTER MEET – Albuquerque, NM

MARCH 18 TCA/TTOS PICNIC – McCormick Railroad Park – All Day

The Educational Segment produced several noteworthy items. Gordon Wilson brought in his Lionel cookies and cocoa box, a new item this Holiday Season. Another treasure is the Orchard Supply House Calendar, produced every year with railroad pictures for each month. The calendar is free, but the company does ask for a \$5 donation to the Salvation Army. Ed Micale brought his Hornby clockwork Midland Railways train set from 1921. Hornby originally made Meccano Erector sets, but switched to trains in the '20's. This is probably one of Hornby's first specialty sets, made with Meccano nuts and bolts. Inside the cover there are instructions on how to take it apart and put it back together again. By 1925 that label was no longer included, probably so they could bring customers into their own shops for repairs. Interesting features include the couplers, which are cup hooks, and the clip to hold the tracks together and engage the ties. There is a lever to stop the train, and the cover of the box is embossed with a raised design overlaid in gold. All in all it is a very striking set. Bob Mancus brought an Ives set dating from 1914-1921. It features the upside-down T truck and has no reverse. Older trains used tin, to which the paint did not adhere, but the lithography, using a totally different process, is still intact. Paul Wassermann shared some old holiday paper. One was the 1932 Butler Brothers catalog, which featured American Flyer and Marx items, but sold in bulk quantities (like \$5/dozen). His 1948 Spiegel catalog also showed lots of toys, including Marx and American Flyer. Paul also shared the story of the McCoy Santa Handcar he had bought for Irene, but hid so well that he totally forgot about it until he was cleaning out his train workspace and there it was. This year Irene got a belated Christmas gift. Next was Paul's Lionel #1 trolley, which has most of its original paint and lots of rust, but it still runs beautifully. Last was a Marx battery-operated Mercury set. The locomotive looks like a regular 3-rail piece, but inside the cab, there is a rectifier to make it run on DC. The set includes the battery button, but no black metal case to hold the 4 D sized batteries. As it is, it runs very well off an HO Power Pack. Jerry Sienkiewicz showed us a framed store decoration he received from a friend who had a hobby store in Mt. Prospect, Illinois for 30 years. Authorized Lionel Service Station dealers received holiday cards from Lionel each year. Jerry's friend had saved his and framed them into a very attractive display. As the store is no more, he offered the framed collection to Jerry, who was eager to accept. Jonathan Peiffer brought in his Christmas presents, two Williams engines. These, he says, are road names he collects, affordable, and very prototypical. Even as he pointed out the mistakes, he said that the engines are very powerful, pulling his 11 scale cars without a struggle. Last was a small toy train set made up of 5 metal cars. These came as gifts in Sonic Burger meals. Needless to say, he and his daughters ate many Sonic meals during December to complete their set.

Ivan English invited everyone to attend the Toy Train Show in Tucson on January 21, with over 140 tables filled with toy trains for sale. Dave Brown reminded the attendees of the bus to Tucson, costing \$25 per person, for this event. Ed Micale reminded the members that Cole Gibbs has been ill and he would love to receive cards or e-mail messages. The Mystery Greeter, Don Locke, selected Sam McElwee to receive the 10 free raffle tickets, one of which would later prove to be a winner. Rebecca Peiffer pulled the first winning ticket. Winners and their prizes are listed below.

Werner Hennig	K-Line Coca Cola Train Accessory pack
Chet Henry	Lionel MKT Cattle Car
Bob Dennison	Rail King #151 Operating Semaphore
Art Triant	Plasticville lot with pool, bridge, and station
Diane Martin	Marx TTOS 2000 Convention Diner
Jerry Sienkiewicz	Video of Frank Sinatra's trains and Calendars
Sam McElwee	Pennsylvania Railroad book (Mystery Greeter Ticket)

DUES ARE DUE



Rebecca Peiffer pulls the first winning Raffle ticket.



Laurel Allen turns over the Coffee Club to Ruth Elgar.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

What a great meet we had in January! If you missed it, you missed seeing a great number of people there and hearing a lively debate on a couple of issues. Miss a little, miss a lot! I am looking forward to working with all of you in the coming year. Thank you to all of you who voted this year. We had a good voting turnout as Chris mentioned in his article. The voter turnout is always a good way to keep a pulse of the local clubs. Keeping members active and involved is important for any group/organization to thrive.

We have a great number of club and other train activities ahead of us this year. Here are just a couple. We have the Spring Picnic with TTOS at the McCormick Railroad Park. Keep March 18th open for that lively event. There is always plenty of food, fun and train talk to go around! This is a great time to break out that famous dish that you like to bring to picnics and share with your fellow train club friends! Yum-Yum! On April 8th we will have our Pizza-Meetza Meet at the Jaycees Hall. Be thinking of how many lots you may want to enter into the auction. Chet Henry will be at the February meeting with lot numbers to sell. Peter Atonna has agreed to be the auctioneer again! Remember, the pizza is free to eat before the meet. The coffee club will be selling sodas and coffee.

We have not heard from the Rotary on the 'Trains, Planes, Automobiles & Up on 4 Wheels' event, so we are not planning on showing off our trains at the Commemorative Air Force Museum this year. That was always an interesting place to tour as well as seeing all the trains, cars and motorcycles on display.

Also the TTTOS is holding a swap meet on February 25th. Contact Dave Brown (480-423-8725) for more information.

Hudson Raffle tickets will be on sale at the February meet as well as Spring Raffle tickets! Be sure to get your tickets early for both of these awesome raffles!

I was sorry to have missed the Roadrunner Meet in Tucson this year. I heard that it was great! Chris Allen and I were able to meet with the Albuquerque group on January 21, and all systems are "go" for a Chapter there. They had a swap meet and an educational section, as well as just lively discussions on trains! They voted to name their chapter the Rio Grande Chapter. They also voted to include West Texas in their boundaries. They are an enthusiastic group and should do well. You may remember that

last year the Desert Division voted to change the bylaws to enable a Chapter to be formed. The Chapter members are also Desert Division members. The Chapter will just make it easier for them to attend more train meetings.

I thank all of you who have stepped up to be committee chairs: Don Locke, Visitation Chair; Peter Atonna, Auctioneer; Chet Henry, Auction Chair; Fred Hunter, Turkey Meet Chair; Paul Wassermann, Education Chair; Angelo Lautazi, Webmaster; Art Triant, Sergeant-at-Arms; Brad Martin, Holiday Chair; Christie & Gordon Wilson will continue with the newsletter, with the assistance of Jonathan Peiffer as we move into PDF format for those who receive the Dispatch electronically. (All others will still receive hard copies via USPS bulk mail.) There are still a few more committee positions to be filled at this point. If you are interested, contact me.

Katie

TRAINS FOR KIDS

This note came from 5-year-old Thomas Second, recipient of one of our Holiday Trains for Kids sets.

Dear Ms Elger,
Please thank your
train club very much
for the SP Fast Freight
Kid's "O" Gauge train.

I really have fun
playing with it. I can
make it go forward,
backward, whistle and
ring it's bell.

Thank you,
Thomas

DUES ARE DUE

TRAINS WITH A VIEW

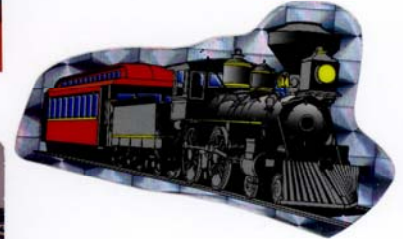


There's a new train store in town! Well, that's not exactly true. There is a new store – new from the ground up – up two stories high. It is in Fountain Hills and still on Colony Drive, only this time on the North side of the street. The trains are all on the second floor in a magnificent 2,000 square foot edifice. Yes, Ken Burling's new "Burling's Ton of Trains" is truly a showplace not to be missed. Aesthetically, it is light years apart from the old store. Fair comparisons would be black and white; vanilla and chocolate; day and night. The truth is, there is no fair comparison between the two stores. This one is well lighted, with plenty of browsing room, a huge triangular 0-gauge dog-bone layout surrounding G, 0-27, S, HO, and N gauge layouts, plus a plethora of shelves and custom-made cabinets, built by the master craftsman, Ken Burling, himself.

Being on a second floor could be a deterrent, especially for the "over 50" group, and the thought of climbing 30-40 steps. Fear not – there is an elevator to the second story. A covered balcony directs you to the front door of Ken's store. Now for the title of this piece – "Trains with a View." Property values in Fountain Hills will vary according to the views of the World's Tallest Fountain, Four Peaks, and Red Rock Mountain. Burling's Ton of Trains hits the trifecta. Upon leaving the store, all three of Fountain Hills' beauty spots are visible through the windows and from the balcony. By all means, plan a visit to see Ken Burling's new "Ton of Trains" at 16924 E. Colony Drive, Fountain Hills. Check his ad elsewhere in this Dispatch for his hours of operation.



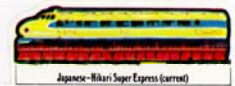
Here we see Ken tending to business at a fully functional Antique Cash Register. Behind him are some of the many shelves holding an array of toy trains representing all gauges and manufacturers.



One of the many beautifully hand-crafted display cases made by Ken. This one is filled with a wide variety of Pride Lines creations.



Looking toward the front of the store, from behind a corner of the inverted "Dog Bone" layout.



Lower Left – Looking up at the 2nd story balcony in front of Burling's Ton of Trains.

Below – So you can't or don't want to walk up the stairs – no problem! Burling's Ton of Trains is fully ADA compliant with the roomy elevator.



IN MEMORIAM

by Gordon Wilson, TCA 76-10233

On January 12, the TCA, Desert Division and Lionel lost a loyal and valuable member. I lost a very good friend. James Fenley passed away, having finally lost his fourth episode with a failing heart. Jim, and wife Helen, moved to Scottsdale following Jim's retirement from Lionel in 1983. Jim had served Lionel as their Vice-President of Operations. In short, he was responsible for all aspects of the manufacturing of Lionel Trains, a position he assumed in 1975.

Jim was a regular attendee at our monthly meets and was especially fond of the annual Holiday Party, something he likened to me as being much like the family orientation at Lionel. As a "Navy Man" and veteran of World War II, Jim was laid to rest in the National Veterans Memorial Park on January 18.

Our deepest sympathies and condolences are extended to Jim's family, most especially to his wife Helen.



JAMES W. FENLEY

March 10, 1922 – January 12, 2006

DESERT DIVISION 773 HUDSON RAFFLE

Beginning its 17th train season, and the brainstorm of Cole Gibbs, the oldest and best 773 Hudson Raffle in the Toy Train World continues again this February. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, the Desert Division originated this unique affair in 1989. Here is how it works. First and foremost, all the proceeds derived from the sale of raffle tickets go directly back into the Desert Division's treasury.

One hundred (100) numbered tickets are printed. From February through October they are available ONLY to Desert Division members and their family members. Any tickets remaining unsold after the October Meet are offered to all TCA members. The cost per raffle ticket is \$25.00, which may be considered a donation to all non-winners. Therefore, because TCA is a 501c3 organization, it may be used as a tax deduction.

At each Division meeting from February through June, plus September and October, a ticket will be drawn that will be worth \$100 cash, if the person whose name is on the ticket is in attendance. The selected stub is then returned to the entire group. Theoretically, the same ticket could win each time.

In November, at the Turkey Meet, the final drawing is held and the winner of the Hudson is finally determined. This year we are pleased to offer a Boxed, Like New/(C8), 1965 New York Central 773 Hudson and Tender. Feel free to check it out at our meet on February 11. Buy your tickets early and be the first to win a nice new green picture of Ben Franklin.

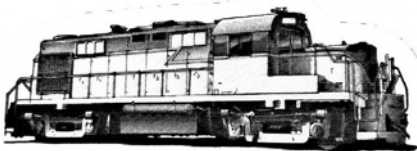
Have You PADE Your Way?

Purchase raffle tickets

Author an article for the Dispatch

Donate something to the club

Enlist to help



PADE PROMOTIONS

The Desert Division thanks everyone who made a PADE donation during the past months. Various members have made contributions to the club this month.

Thank you to Jerry Ward, who not only paid his dues early, but gave a generous cash donation to the club as well. Ira Bernstein donated a Bachmann G-Scale train set to the Kids Club. Prizes donated by Arizona Train Depot and Trainland Express helped boost raffle sales at the January Meet. The new face in the kitchen was Ruth Elgar, who will be taking over the reins from retired first-lady Laurel Allen.

Your name could appear in this column. You need only do something generous to improve the Division.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

by Gordon L. Wilson, TCA 76-10233

The following is a proposed change to our Division Bylaws. What it will do, if approved, is to make all the officers' positions, including the Immediate Past President/Director, a two-year term. Currently only the President's term is a two-year term and all of the other offices are a one-year term.

All other TCA Divisions, as well as National, when electing officers, elect all of them for the same length of time. This proposal would bring us in line with all of the other Divisions. It will also eliminate the expenses incurred for having an election every year. Additionally, it will allow for a better continuity of administering the Division's business.

If approved, the changes would go into effect immediately. A question was raised asking if it was legal to make a change in Bylaws retroactive. Paul Wassermann, who raised the question, and Gordon Wilson, who proposed the motion, both contacted legal authorities about this question. One was Paul's National Parliamentarian, when he was TCA President. The other was a Philadelphia Attorney from whom Gordon sought advice during his TCA Presidency. Both cited the same answer, according to Roberts Rules of Order. It states that, unless the current Bylaws prohibit such a procedure, the approved change goes into effect immediately. Therefore, the answer to the query is "Yes, it is legal."

This motion will be published in three consecutive issues of the Desert Division Dispatch before a ballot is issued. A vote for this motion will bring us in line with the rest of TCA. Disapproval of this motion will mean maintaining the status quo.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

Motion: Be it moved that Article III, Section 3, Sub-section B, be changed to read, "The terms of office for the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors, and all Chapter officers shall be for ***TWO*** years." {It currently reads "for ONE year."}; that Article III, Section 3, Sub-section D be altered to read, "The immediate Past President shall serve on the Board of Directors immediately following the term of office." {It currently has the following words after 'office' – "for a one year term."}; and that Article III, Section 3, Sub-section E read, "During the ***TERM*** in which the current Past President serves, two (2) Directors shall be elected. In subsequent years, three (3) Directors shall be elected." The current word in place of TERM is YEAR.

Rationale: 1. It will allow for a greater degree of continuity of leadership. Currently it is possible for a sitting President to have a completely new BOD for each year of his/her term. That is tantamount to reinventing the wheel every year.

2. It will bring the Desert Division in line with all the other TCA Divisions so far as the length of officers' terms of office. All of the other 19 TCA Divisions elect all of their officers for the same length of time, be it one or two years for all.

3. It will be cost effective, as an election will only need to be held every other year, rather than yearly. That will save the Division a significant amount of money as the elections result in special printing of ballots (every member gets one, not the one to a household as happens with the DISPATCH mailings), Special paper for the ballots, First Class postage, and two sizes of self-addressed return envelopes. The costs for an election vary, depending upon the volunteer work or materials donated to the Division, from a low of \$100 to as much as \$400.

Cost Impact: The savings to the Division, depending on printing, handling, and postage costs, will be from \$100 to \$400 every other year.

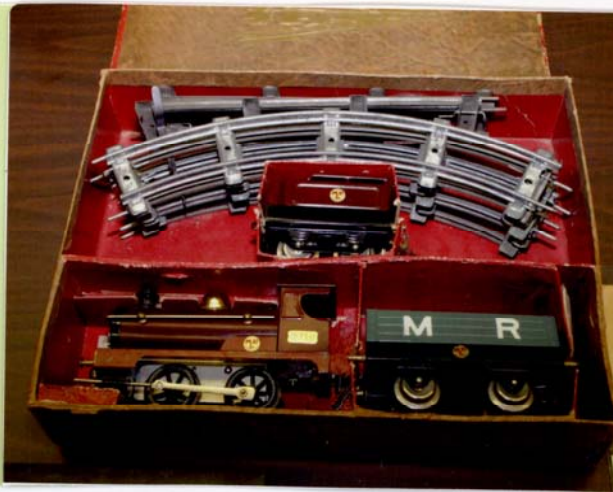
Special Note: Assuming passage of this proposed motion, it shall be effective upon its approval.

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IN MEMORIAM

It has just come to our attention that another valued member of the Desert Division has passed away. Ray Polanis of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was a regular attendee of both the Turkey Meet and the Beat the Heat Meet until ill health caused him to be unable to travel. His death this past August leaves an empty spot in the hearts of all who knew him. Our condolences to Ray's family and friends.

JANUARY'S JUBILATIONS



L-R: Gordon showed off some Lionel foodstuffs made in China.

Ed extolled the virtues of an early Hornby Midland Railway 0-gauge set, like new in the box.



L-R: Jerry proudly showed off a collection of Christmas/Holiday cards from Lionel.

Among Paul's educational treasures were a Lionel #1 Trolley (R) and a McCoy Santa Hand Car he gave to wife Irene as a Christmas gift.

Bob Mancus continues to tease us with a seemingly endless supply of early Ives trains – this one dating to 1914.



The sales table of John Craft possessed some old, unusual, and rare pieces. On the left is a Pennsylvania 4-4-4 Box Electric. On the right is what appears to be a Dorfan piece. Note the Dorfan-like people in the windows.

DUES ARE DUE

Yes, it's that time of year again. The address label on the front of your bulletin has the date that your dues expire. Please check to see if you need to renew. Dues are \$10 per year for up to five years in advance. This money covers any and all expenses connected with our nine open meets throughout the year, the printing of ten issues of the newsletter, food for the picnics/Pizza Meetza, prizes for the golf tournament, and any other items which may come up during the year.

A Desert Division Registration Form is included with this bulletin. If your label is highlighted, you owe dues. If it is not highlighted, but you want to make any changes in the Membership Roster which will be published in March, please fill in the form and return it to the Secretary at the address on the bottom of the form. All dues and roster information must be received by the Secretary by February 28. Don't delay. Be sure to keep your membership current by renewing today.

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, February 8, beginning at 7:30 PM at the home of Don Locke. Members are welcome to attend. Please call 480-854-2546 to be sure there are enough chairs.

DESERT DIVISION - TCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2006

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	Don Locke	480-854-2546
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RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

The Rio Grande Chapter of the Desert Division will have their first meeting at 10 AM on March 18th at Sombra Del Monte Christian Church (in Lowman Hall), 2528 Utah NE, Albuquerque. They will be electing officers at this meeting, as well as having a regular meeting. For more details, call Greg Palmer (505-898-3840).

AFTER MEET VISITATION

We are resuming the ever-popular tradition of after-meet visitations with the February meet. This one is extra special, as light food will be served. Come to the Jaycees Hall on February 11 and receive your map to the after-meet visitation site.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Do you want to save the Division some money and yourself some extra paper? You may opt to receive your monthly Desert Division Dispatch online instead of in the mail. As you read in the lead article of this issue, we are currently doing this on a trial basis. You will still receive your newsletter in the mail until we have worked out all of the kinks, bugs, and problems. If at the end of the trial period, you wish to discontinue your hard copy mailed bulletins, receiving only the online copy, please let the secretary know, and your bulletins will no longer be mailed to you. The savings in printing costs and postage will be used to help defray the costs of the TCA National Convention being hosted by the Desert Division in 2009. This program relates to newsletters only; all members will still receive ballots, rosters, and membership cards via the US Post Office.

If you wish to receive the newsletter online, please fill out the bottom section of this page and return it to Christie M. Wilson, Secretary, 16231 E. Ocotillo Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.

____ Yes, I want to save printing costs and receive my newsletter online only.

Name _____

TCA Number _____

E-Mail Address _____



TCA Vice-President Chris Allen presents the Dr. Miles Butler Memorial Gavel to new Desert Division President Katie Elgar.

DESERT DIVISION REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ TCA No. _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Spouse's first name _____ e-mail address _____

Enclosed is a check made payable to TCA - Desert Division in the amount of \$ _____ to cover my dues for the next _____ (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) years at \$10.00 per year.

The following is a list of categories from the Registration Form representing your preferences in toy trains and accessories. Circle numbers of all categories that apply.

TRAIN ERA

- 1 PREWAR (1850-1942)
- 2 POSTWAR (1945-1969)
- 3 MODERN (1970-Present)

GAUGE

- 4 SCALE/ NMRA
- 5 STANDARD
- 6 G or #1
- 7 O or O-27 TINPLATE
- 8 S
- 9 HO
- 10 OO/AMERICAN
- 11 N
- 12 Z
- 13 LIVE STEAM



MANUFACTURER

- 14 AMERICAN FLYER/GILBERT
- 15 LIONEL/WINNER
- 16 MARX/MARS/ALLSTATE
- 17 IVES
- 18 DORFAN/FANDOR
- 19 MTH
- 20 WILLIAMS
- 21 K-LINE
- 22 AMT/KUSAN
- 23 OTHER - PLEASE SPECIFY
 - 23A BASSETT/LOWKE
 - 23B BING
 - 23C BOUCHER
 - 23D BUB/KARL
 - 23E BUDDY-L
 - 23F CARLISLE & FINCH
 - 23G ELLETREN
 - 23H HAFNER
 - 23I HOGE
 - 23J HORNBY
 - 23K ISSMAYER
 - 23L LGB
 - 23M MARKLIN
 - 23N METZEL

- 23O MINI-SCALE
- 23P PHOENIX LTD.
- 23Q PLASTICVILLE
- 23R LITTLETOWN/SKYLINE
- 23S PRIDE LINES
- 23T REA/ARISTO-CRAFT
- 23U RIGHT-O-WAY
- 23V ROKAL
- 23W VOLTAMP
- 23X WEAVER
- 23Y McCOY
- 23Z NATIONWIDE
- 23AA USA TRAINS
- 23BB S-HELPER SERVICE
- 23CC ASTOR
- 23DD FLEISCHMANN
- 23EE CARETTE
- 23FF EASTWOOD AUTOMOBILIA
- 23GG AMERICAN MODELS S GAUGE
- 23HH DOWNS S GAUGE
- 23II COLBER
- 23JJ UNIQUE
- 23KK SAKAI
- 23LL BOWSER
- 23MM T-REPRODUCTIONS

DO YOU HAVE A LAYOUT?

- 24 YES
- 25 NO

PERIPHERALS

- 26 FIGURES
- 27 TOYS
- 28 PAPER/BOOKS
- 29 BUILDINGS
- 30 RAILRODIANA

Mail to: **Christie Wilson, Secretary**
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ARIZONA TRAIN DEPOT -CONSIGNMENTS! Lionel 6-28671 Santa Fe Berkshire Jr. w/Trainsounds \$149.95 - Lionel Heisler Excellent condition w/TMCC & Railsounds \$1200 new, yours for \$649.95 - Weaver Brass 4-8-2 M-1 Pennsy \$495.95 - MTH Rail King CSX F40 w/PS2 \$129.95 - MTH Premier Scale Die Cast Milwaukee Road Bipolar Electric #399.95. Talk about old school, Brand-new and sold out at MTH Pennsy 4-4-0 American Locomotive w/PS2 club priced while they last \$663.95. Always ask for your TCA club member discount! AZ TRAIN DEPOT, 755 E. McKellips Road, Mesa. 480-833-9486, open late Wednesday.

BURLING'S TON OF TRAINS - Authorized Lionel, MTH, K-LINE & Mantua Dealer. We specialize in "O" but handle all gauges, both new and pre-owned. We have the largest selection of Post-War through new Lionel in Arizona. See our different "Set of the Month" each month. We also buy trains. Hours are 1:00 to 5:00 PM Monday through Saturday and by appointment. 16924 E. Colony Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268 Phone: 480-816-6501

GERRY'S TRAINS - Complete parts & repair service for Lionel, American Flyer, standard gauge pre & post war and Marklin HO trains. I buy old trains and toys, one piece or entire collections. Gerry Klei, 8608 E. Cheryl Drive, Scottsdale, AZ Phone (480) 991-2536.

BUILDING A LAYOUT? - We can furnish all GarGraves products at discount prices. Flex and sectional track, uncoupling tracks, and accessories in all gauges; the new 072 and 100" and 042 switches; DZ1000, Rix, and Tortoise switch motors, Acme controls, NJ signals, and the new Z Stuff optical crossings. Call or write for a complete list. Peter Atonna 928-636-4228 or e-mail at mjatonna@commspeed.net.

REPAIRS - Pat Eiff, 28 years of toy train repair experience, does train repairs in his home. Call him at 480-816-9624 or visit his website <http://www.toysntrainsforever.com>.

FOR SALE - Replacement bulbs for your trains - over 80 different ones in stock. Call DeLon Freije 602-525-0745.

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