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Thank you Gordon and Christie



Thank you. Simple words that most of us were taught to use very early in life and that we probably use almost automatically with little thought these days. However, when you consider the dedication of both Gordon and Christie Wilson as Editors and Publishers of the Desert Division Newsletter and the Dispatch over the past twenty-three plus years, these words seem barely adequate and much understated. In the early years of the Division the newsletter was written by the Secretary-Treasurer, an office that was combined at the time. When Gordon was asked to fill that office due to a vacancy in 1988, the legacy began. Through the years the little newsletter grew from simple meet announcements and a few member to member sale ads, to what it is today, among the finest Division newsletters in TCA.

Month after month, year after year, decade after decade, Gordon and Christie sent out the Division's newsletter far and wide to members of the Division, to the National Toy Train Reference Library, and to other Divisions extolling the enthusiasm this Division has had, not just in collecting and playing with toy trains, but the fun we have just getting together with each other. In the legendary words of Mr. TCA Lou Redman, where "these little toy trains bring us together", Desert Division walked the walk every month as chronicled in our newsletter. As shameless promoters of one of TCA's smallest Divisions, we grew in National prominence because of their efforts.

The masthead at the start of this article is what the old newsletter looked like at the start of Gordon and Christie's tenure, and it usually consisted of only one or two pages. That soon changed. Through time and tireless efforts the newsletter was among the first to use photographs, write useful articles about repair and collecting of toy trains, twist a fact or three every April, and even be published in color on the internet. Nationwide, the phrase "bottom of the box" began to have new meaning, as reported new and unusual finds emerged from those recesses. Variations weren't hidden from other TCA members, they were reported, photographed, and published as soon as they were discovered so others could enjoy in the hunt.

The masthead was changed to the now nationally recognized logo that was used to promote the Division's bid for the 1996 National convention and the one that is synonymous with Desert Division. Instead of naming the newsletter himself, Gordon held a contest, and the Dispatch was born. TCA politics were openly discussed from the nefarious 1988 BOD meeting in Oakland, the loss of the 1996 National convention, and issues regarding National Bylaws changes. No topic was off topic, as Gordon wrote or published the facts to get the Division's membership informed, involved, and aware of important issues, both locally and nationally, while all the time having a little fun along the way.

On the home front, Christie's accurate recording of the events and business that transpired at the Division's Meet along with Gordon's flair of the English language made you feel that if you missed the Meet, you missed out in a lot of fun. Not only did membership grow, but so did attendance at the Meets. In the days before the wide use of the internet, cell phones, and text messages, the Dispatch was the connection between our members and the Division. Pictures of the Meet and the enthusiasm in which they were reported allowed those who were unable to attend due to illness or distance a chance to be part of the action. With such a vast geographic area to cover and over half the Division membership living beyond a reasonable commute, the Dispatch was their only link to what was going on and the friends they had made.

From Gordon's start in 1988 and through most of the 1990's the newsletter began to be published monthly. However the time commitment of being the TCA National President-elect, while still remaining as the unofficial editor and publisher of the Dispatch, and the deadlines of getting the July issue out to a Division that had no July Meets took its toll. In 1999 the July and August issues were combined to become the summer edition. Published in time to remind the Division about the ***Beat The Heat Meet*** in Prescott, the summer edition also included some interesting reading as the Dispatch readers travelled with Gordon and Christie back and forth across the country to attend various TCA conventions. Gordon's enthusiastic reporting about the conventions and tours from various cities around the country certainly encouraged other Division members that a TCA National Convention is a great summer vacation option.

In 2003 as part of the budget process the Division BOD combined the November and December issue into the winter edition. Although the Dispatch is now being published "only" ten times a year, their personal commitment to get the information out in a timely manner each month still kept the Wilson duo very busy reporting and publishing the Dispatch, but as Gordon explained, it's time to pass the torch and enjoy some retirement travel. Desert Division celebrated its 40th Anniversary last year, considering that Gordon and Christie have been editors and publishers of the newsletter for twenty-three of those forty years I think we can all agree he has earned a break from it. For the majority of us, we have known no other editor of the newsletter and without fail every month it's been there to read, so it is with our deepest appreciation we say, Thank you Gordon and Christie, thank you.

TCA Mission: To develop an appreciation of and to preserve an important segment of history – Tinplate Toy Trains –through research, education, community outreach, fellowship, establishment of collecting standards, and to promote the growth and enjoyment of collecting and operating toy, model and scale trains.



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2012 OFF TO GREAT START!

The January Meet kicked off 2012 to a new year and a hall full of members and guests. With free coffee, soda and donuts members perused the numerous sales tables where many after Christmas bargains were found to be waiting for those who arrived early. With so much good cheer in the air it was hard to start the meeting on time, but President Peiffer broke away from the numerous “focus” groups and we were underway. First on the agenda, was the introduction of new members Glenn Gordon and Don McCombs. Glenn expressed his interest in American Flyer, which quickly got the attention of many in attendance and Don explained getting into the hobby through the repair of his train set, which he has nearly completed. Also present were two out of town guests soaking up some southwest hospitality. Jim Ingram visiting from Williamsport, PA. reported that his busy life keeps him on the move and he is the webmaster for www.SusquehannaSgaugers.com amongst numerous other things. Visiting from Canada, Ted Turczak an avid Flyer collector and friend of John Upshur, brought along some very nice Flyer and boxed Marx items. Jonathan introduced newly elected Division Secretary Angelo Lautazi. Angelo explained that his preferred method of contacting members was via email. (Remember you can receive the electronic version of this newsletter with full color pictures if we have your email – ed) He asked members to keep him posted of their current address so they can be brought up to date on any “late breaking news” and that since he wears two hats, the second as our Division webmaster, to visit the website homepage for the latest news as well. Division Treasurer Bob Herman reported \$56,284.08 in Savings and \$13,034.70 in checking. President Peiffer then outlined that the recently conducted Turkey Meet ran at a modest loss to the Division due to many factors of which included poor media response and our first year at a new location. The sellers both present at the January meet and polled during the Turkey Meet were all happy with the new location and Jonathan reported the Division had begun negotiations to return to the same location this year. Also announced was the date for the joint club spring picnic Saturday March 24th at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale. Next, lively discussion was on tap for three items that seemed to pique the interest of those in attendance. President Peiffer announced that the Division BOD had just been made aware of a possible joint venture in the west Valley with the city of

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 11 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

FEBRUARY 18 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM

FEBRUARY 25 – Grand Canyon Model Railroaders Swap Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

MARCH 3-4 – Cal-Stewart Meet – Santa Clara, CA – 9 AM

MARCH 10 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

MARCH 17 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM

MARCH 24 - Spring Picnic - McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park - Scottsdale, AZ - 11 AM

APRIL 14 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

APRIL 18-21 – Eastern Division Meet – York, PA

Goodyear. The Division would conduct a Train Show in mid April in conjunction with an established Car Show to help raise funds for the recently relocated Litchfield Park Train Station. The city of Goodyear is planning the station to be the centerpiece of a park complex similar to Scottsdale's McCormick-Stillman Park. The details were scarce since the organizers of the event had just been in contact with the BOD prior to the January Meet, however preliminary conversations revealed that the Car Show attendance was in excess of 5,000 last year and the meet would be held on the grounds of the recently built Goodyear Ballpark, the spring training facility for the Cleveland Indians and the Cincinnati Reds, and located just two miles south of I-10 on Estrella Parkway. A positive show of hands from the members present will have the BOD present more information at the February Meeting.

Following that was a motion to hold the October Meet on the grounds of the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. In giving the rationale for the motion President Peiffer explained that our October Meet always conflicts with Rail Fair and the thought to combine the two events would show more TCA participation at this annual event. The Division support for Rail Fair has waned recently and last year was the first time in over twenty years that we did not have an operating layout on display for the weekend. With the Turkey Meet now being held just a few miles away, a great opportunity to target prospective attendees was lost along with having a TCA presence at one of the largest rail orientated events in our area. During discussion members opined about the availability of parking during the event, meeting space, and lack of sales tables. The motion was tabled until the availability of a suitable sized meeting room on the grounds was investigated.

The Division module was on several members' minds and was the next item for discussion. Division member Dallas Dixon has set up his personal module in recent years after the old Division module was retired. There was much discussion about the type of module, portability, and ease of setting up and taking down since the module opportunities these days are at outside special events rather than shopping malls as in the past. Membership commitment and staffing of a future module was also discussed. The matter was referred back to the BOD for further review and action.

A very entertaining report by Mike Dietrich regarding a recent trip he took with his son Parker in Portland Oregon. Mike was in the city and had been trying to get tickets for his family to ride on Southern Pacific's 4449 Daylight during the Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation's Holiday Express train excursion. Mike tried several times to pickup "no show" tickets but to no avail until he was told to come back at 2 PM, where he and Parker were escorted to the front of the train for a chance to ride in the cab! Mike had pictures of this once in a lifetime opportunity for father and son.

During the educational segment Chuck Eral talked about how Valley of the Sun S Gaugers were burnishing track as a fund raiser, Chuck demonstrated a burnishing wheel he used and the advantages of burnishing versus other methods hobbyists use. Next, Marty Wik showed a nice American Flyer prewar 432 engine that one of Santa's local elves thought he "might" be interested in. While the prewar loco caught everyone's eye because of its great condition, what really was the show stopper was Marty's New York Central collapsible canvas water bag. For an item over 100 years old it was in like new condition. Division member Roger Meekhof, who traded a Michigan winter for some Arizona sunshine, displayed his recently delivered American Flyer U25 complete with all the bells, whistles, and Legacy goodies Lionel could cram inside. According to Roger, it was worth the wait. Jonathan Peiffer was next up displaying some unique two rail "O" including a partially built Kemtron brass GP-7 from the late 50's and some well crafted Walthers kits from the 60's that he purchased at the Turkey Meet. The interior of Jonathan's Walthers heavyweights were complete with fabric on all the seats, and the addition of tables and chairs that were not part of the original kit. The craftsmanship and attention to detail caught Jonathan's eye and he is now the proud owner of nine remarkable cars. Gordon Wilson brought numerous pictures from his recent vacation that showcased TCA's true meaning of fellowship. These were not your normal vacation pictures as Gordon and Christie enjoyed true southern (Division) hospitality from TCA members Arnie Travitsky, TCA e-Train editor Bob Mintz, and John Tashjian and showcased their collections and layouts. Gordon ended with some unanswered questions regarding Lionel's train activities during World War II. If they were out of the toy train business as is often assumed, how then do you explain the repair tag from the Lionel factory in 1943? Look for Gordon's article in this issue. Fred Hunter rounded out the segment with a new twist on the variation theme. Seems Shirley's Lenox ornament that was given out at the Holiday Party was missing something unique so Fred contacted Lenox for a replacement, which they kindly sent. Unwittingly Fred sent the variation back to Lenox and he is hoping he can get it back to start yet another collection in the Hunter abode. Winners of the January Raffle prizes; Lionel Monon Boxcar - Jim Vokac, Lionel Santa Fe Boxcar - Don McCombs, Lionel Burlington Northern Boxcar - Jerry Sienkiewicz, Limited Edition Desert Division 25th Anniversary Union Station - Karl Wuepper, Galloping Goose Kit and 2009 Convention Hat - Roger Meekhof, Warman Field Guide - Beth Stange, All Aboard two-DVD set - Terry Fagan, TCA 50th Anniversary plate and Lionel watch - Gordon Wilson.



Mike Dietrich and son Parker stop by and visit Jerry Sienkiewicz's sales table



**Marty Wik's NYC foldable canvas water pail
The foldable pail was to prevent employees from using an overturned pail as a stool**



Roger Meekhof's new American Flyer "U-Boat"



We're pretty sure Marty Wik is not looking at Ted Turczak's Marx items



Roxanna and Sam McElwee chat with Beth Stange before the Meet



After Meet visitation at Fred Hunter's layout John Upshur and Art Triant listen while Don Locke appears to be curious about something

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting - January 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:20PM on 1/11/12, at the home of Jonathan and Robyn Peiffer

In attendance: Jonathan Peiffer, Art Triant, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Ralph Treichel, Beth Stange, Marty Wik.

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes - This was the first meeting of the year for the new BOD so there were no previous minutes.

Secretary's Report - Angelo presented the current membership figures and the status of renewals. There was a quick review of the Division secretary's responsibilities. Angelo submitted a sample of a new membership roster and it was approved by the BOD

Treasurer's Report - \$56,284.08 in Savings and \$13,034.70 in checking. Bob presented financials on the 2011 Turkey Meet and Holiday Party. It was noted that both events resulted in small deficits.

Old Business - The review of the Turkey Meet and Holiday Party would be under New Business if time allows.

New Business:

Proposed Budget 2012 – Treasurer Herman presented the proposed budget for 2012. The proposed budget results in a deficit of \$3440.00. After much discussion on options to balance the budget, consensus was to postpone further discussion to a later date due to other business before the BOD.

Motion #1 (Jonathan/Art) To accept the budget as proposed with the deficit figure. Motion Carried.

BOD Materials – President Peiffer presented each BOD member a copy of the TCADD BOD manual. The goal is to have Division information organized to promote smoother transitions for newly elected board members.

Membership Roster – Vice President Triant suggested that we include photographs of Division members in a photo album or roster that would be available only to Division members which would allow easier recognition at club meetings. This will be brought before the membership for further discussion.

National Headquarter News – BOD approved continued use of the free ad space to promote our very active Club.

Division Portable Layout – Discussion about the members interest in building a portable layout trailer similar to the one used by the GCMR club, cost for storage fees involved, and without enough club participation this could end up as an unused asset and expense item. Will be brought before membership at January General Meet.

Rail Fair - Commitment by Division to participate in Rail Fair was discussed, and the possibility of holding October Meet at Rail Fair. The issue will be put before the membership at January General Meet.

Publishing BOD minutes – BOD agreed to publish BOD minutes in The Dispatch to keep membership involved and informed.

Donation to National Toy Train Museum - The Board will recommend a donation to the NTTM lighting project. BOD will recommend NTTM projects that will fit donation amount. Contact Business Office for project updates and present to membership with recommendations at February General Meet.

Turkey Meet - Review of the past Turkey Meet, the financials, the logistics and procedures. Beth and Art critiqued events and agreed that they learned much and looked forward to giving it another go.

Motion #2. (Ralph/Art) To begin negotiations with the Chaparral Suites for the 2012 Turkey Meet. Motion Carried.

Holiday Party - Review of 2011 Holiday Party, along with discussion for this year. Tabled for next BOD meeting.

Spring Train Show - Jonathan relayed information that he was contacted by a Goodyear car club that was interested in having the Division host a train show in conjunction with their event in April. Jonathan will investigate further by making a site visit and discuss particulars with those involved. Tabled until next BOD meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the time of writing this message, my first thought to start off the first Dispatch of the New Year was to simply list all the activities that are coming up and all the opportunities there will be for participation in everything the Desert Division does so well. However, let's look back briefly at last year. It is a perfect segue into my main goal during my second term as president of this Division. Last year clearly showed the value of camaraderie among our members and railroad hobbyists in general. With our best attended "Ray Korte Memorial" picnic in several years, a trip to Globe to ride the now defunct "Copper Spike", a 40th Anniversary celebration dinner that was more fun than most TCA convention banquets, a vigorous Turkey Meet, and a fun Holiday Party, it was eye opening to see the incredible amount of activity in our "small" Division. I personally saw the value of being in a group that participates in activities together for the social value and the greater good that socialization can lead to.

How can we continue to develop our members and attract future members through increased activities together? Where will the next generation of Desert Division leaders come from? What is our big picture goal as a Division? When we do more together we can grow as an organization and as individuals and find answers to these questions. Our monthly meets are the cornerstone of why we are successful as a Division, but there is so much more. Here are some ideas for thought.

VISITATIONS: Fred Hunter graciously opened his home after the January Meet. Would you be willing to invite members to your house to see your layout and collection? The Desert Division is known throughout TCA for its fabulous collections. We all have diverse interests and that is what makes us interesting! If you were ever looking for an excuse to find the motivation to finish that special train project, this is a great way to find it! Talk to Katie Elgar to schedule a visitation to your home after a meet. No collection or layout is too small to enjoy.

OPERATIONS: We have more and more operators becoming active in the club. There was an excellent discussion at the January meet regarding what we as the Desert Division wants to do in regards to operation of toy trains for the public. This is an excellent way to show the public what we are about, fulfills our mission, promotes the hobby for future generations and generates new members. To generate a plan on how the Division wants to move forward in this regard, we need a chair that is willing to put together a committee and present a plan on how we can be effective promoting operating trains for the public.

TRIPS: Any interest in another train trip in Arizona or a neighboring state? Last year's trip was so much fun, we should plan another one! Perhaps a Division trip to Albuquerque to attend a meeting of our Rio Grande Chapter. How much fun would that be! Are there other outings we can do a Division? How about a group trip to the Pumpkin Meet? What are your ideas?

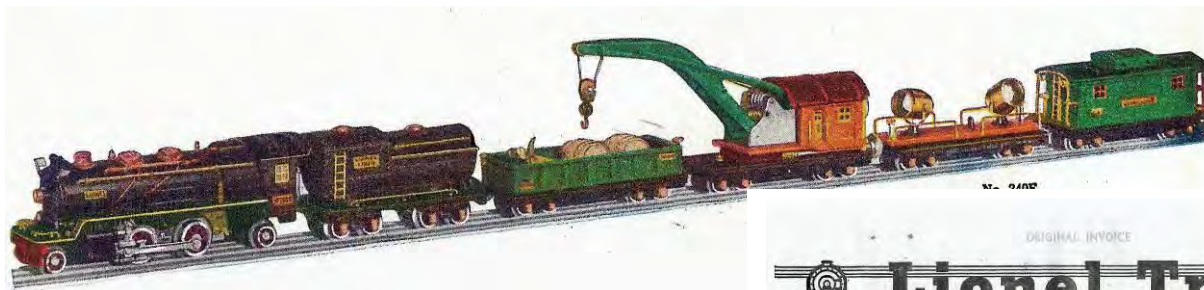
SWAP MEETS: There are numerous swap meets around the valley and in Tucson. We can be more participatory as a Division by having a presence at other groups meets. A small layout would go a long way towards promoting the Division and members who do not have a full table of items to sell could perhaps share in the cost of sales tables. Our Turkey Meet last year was very good and well attended for our first year at a new location. However, this year we need to get started earlier in promoting it to the public to increase the number of attendees. There is a possibility for another west side meet on April 21st, but that window is quickly closing. Perhaps next year?

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD: We have a National TCA election coming up soon. In addition to having two Desert Division candidates on the ballot, we have an important question to answer regarding our national bylaws. You have the opportunity to vote in favor of doing away with the two signature rule. If you recall, Desert Division voted in favor of allowing me to bring this motion to the National TCA Board of Directors and it was passed unanimously. Now is our opportunity to vote for a formal change in our bylaws to remove this restriction to future growth of the TCA.

SUPPORT OUR NATIONAL MISSION: We exist as an affiliate of TCA and each of us in our own way, share the same goal of preserving the history of toy trains. With one of the larger treasuries in TCA what can we do to demonstrate our support for TCA National? I have heard many in our Division talk about spending our funds wisely and locally. Is there a local project we can support that also supports our National organization? If so, please present your ideas. We have an opportunity to create a legacy for current and future generations of toy train enthusiasts. Let's not waste this opportunity.

It is a New Year and we have much to ponder as the Desert Division. Through increased camaraderie, we can work together to make informed decisions about our current and future direction and I welcome a strong debate on any of these topics or others we come across during the New Year.





One of the most fascinating outfits in the "O" gauge series. No. 260E locomotive has "Chugger" sound device. 260T and 263T twelve-wheel oil tender. No. 812 gondola car has four barrels and a set of tools; No. 810 derrick car that you can actually operate; No. 820 flood-light with two revolving lights; No. 817 caboose. Each car is 8 7/8 inches long, 8 sections of OC curved and 8 sections of OS straight track form an oval 70 x 30 inches. Furnished with OTC "Lock-on" and rheostat which can be used at any distance from the track to stop, start, slow down, speed up or reverse the train. Train measures 62 inches. Price \$ 35.00

DESERT DIVISION BOD MEETING

DUES ARE DUE!

RIO GRANDE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012 - 2013

RARE FIND and a “HARD QUERY”

By Gordon L. Wilson, TCA 76-10233

Over the decade or so, Ken Burling's Ton of Trains Authorized Lionel Service Station in Fountain Hills, AZ, has had many a unique item “walk” through the door for sale or trade. What sashayed into his Colony Drive store just before Christmas of 2011 has to rank as one of the most unusual. This time, however, it was NOT the train – a 1934 top-of-the-line boxed Freight Set headed by a 260E - but rather the Repair Sheets within. Furthermore, the set was coming from the widow of the original owner. No big deal, until one looked at the date of the invoice – February 15, 1943.

Consider this! The United States was in the midst of World War II and Lionel was ALLEGEDLY out of the toy train business. I say “allegedly” because it was in 1943, the very same year, that I received my very first NEW Lionel Train Set: a Flying Yankee. I have no idea where my father purchased it, but I do know that Fire Chiefs had ways of manufacturing “deals,” if you get my drift.

Back to the paperwork in the set recently purchased by Ken Burling. The total cost of the repair was \$5.30, which was a princely sum in those days. The replacement part alone was more than twice the cost of the whole repair, which says that not a great deal of value was placed upon the work time of the Lionel Employee who did the repair. The repair manifest is written out in great detail and must have taken quite some time, considering all that was done to this engine. Not only was the broken piece replaced, but an entire “tune up”; what could be called a “clean, lube, and oil,” was also done. Wow, what service! To save everyone's eyes, here is a transcription of what was written on this receipt.

The above (1 260E gm) locomotive was received with the boiler door part of the frame broken, necessitating the replacement of the entire frame.

The cost of replacing frame is \$3.75. The remaining charges include the repairing of the remote control unit, brushes, contact shoe, rewire, cleaning and lubricating, labor, handling and postage. If this is satisfactory an immediate reply would be appreciated. 2-15

It is dated both 2-15 and 4-10 of 1943.

There is also an attachment stapled to the work order and receipt from Lionel which explains that due to the war effort, personnel in the Service Department is at a minimum and that repairs will be returned as soon as possible, after February 15.

I personally find this “paper” quite coincidental, as I received my very first Lionel Train as a Christmas gift in 1943. My Dad was always one of those types who “knew everyone” in town and was always “making a deal.” He was a Fire Chief, but I do not believe in 1943 he had yet risen to that position. Lionel was NOT supposed to be selling trains, yet I received a Flying Yankee as a gift and still own it. Ken Burling believes Mrs. Vlastnik's late husband was a child about the same age as me (about 5 years old), playing with the train when it needed this repair in 1943. Ken believes the set was owned by the late Mr. Vlastnik's father, since it is a 1934 set. Mrs. Vlastnik, from whom Ken bought the set, still lives in Fountain Hills. What is for sure: Despite World War II, Lionel in 1943 was still VERY MUCH in the Toy Train business. Otherwise, how can you explain a catalog for public consumption only weeks after the Japanese surrender on September 2, 1945? After all, the U. S. Military was making plans for the Second World War to continue well into 1946. My father, up until August of 1945, was exempt but had just received his draft notice as there was a planned invasion of the Japanese islands. The Military, had the intimidation of the “A” bombs failed, were prepared to continue the war well into 1946. The question then begs, “How was Lionel SO prepared to go back into Toy Train production when the war suddenly ended in September of 1945?” A. C. Gilbert and Marx were not ready! In today's political climate, wouldn't someone be clamoring, “Inside information?” But that was then, and we were all just glad the war was over!

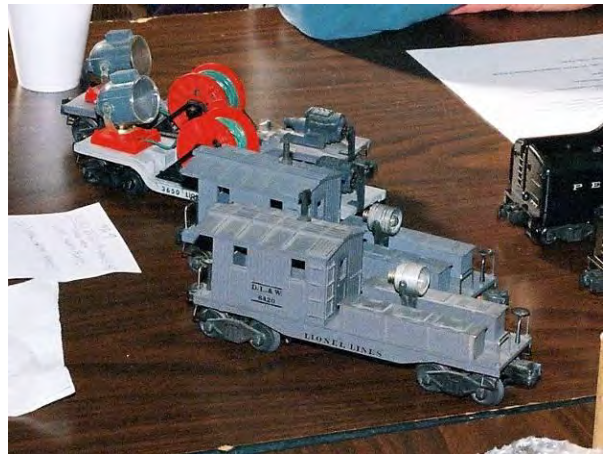
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RIO GRANDE JANUARY MEET PICTURES



James Trever's MARX Cape Canaveral Express Set



John Trever's 3650 Searchlight and 2420 Work Caboose variations



Art Lites 671RR and 726RR York purchases



**George Domeny's Flyer 625 Tank car variation.
David Nycz, Carl Cataline, and George Swajain look on**



Bonnie McIntyre reads from the article regarding one of the founders of Sears-Roebuck & Co.



Dale Schafer displays some of his many items he brought in for the educational segment

Rio Grande Chapter News

by Gregory Palmer TCA #94-39039

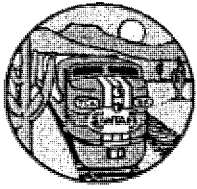
Great weather was on hand as the TCA Rio Grande Chapter began 2012 with our January Meet. The Jim Spatafora Train Room opened at 9:00AM for members to run trains and at 10:00AM a very informative education segment began with James Trever showing off his rare boxed Marx Cape Canaveral Express Set and his equally very scarce Marx Missile Launching Gondola. What a treat to see these two seldom seen Marx items. John Trever exhibited two Lionel 3650 Extension Searchlight Car variations from 1956-1959. One has Serif lettering and the other Sans Serif. He also displayed a purchase from Ken Burling's Ton of Trains, a scarce variation of the 2420 work Caboose. Art Lites brought two of his October York purchases, a super looking 726RR, and a good looking 671RR. Dale Schafer had several items, a very unusual electric railer for Lionel Trains, a Lionel Black 3562-1 Barrel Car, a light blue Lionel 3470 Target Launcher, a boxed set of Super O Insulated straight track and a pre production Lionel part from the old Lionel Archives. Bonnie McIntyre brought in an article about how the Sears-Roebuck & Company was started when its co-founder Richard Warren Sears, who was a railroad station agent at the time, began selling watches to other station agents. Carl Cataline displayed a section of Lionel's new S Gauge Fasttrack and George Domeny brought in two 625 American Flyer Tank Cars. One of the cars has the "copy." lettering as 800,000 the other 80,000. I displayed a 1970 Lionel Catalog that showed the transition from Lionel Corp to MPC had not been completed when the catalog was printed because it still had Hillside, NJ as Lionel's headquarters printed on it.

The Meeting started with the introduction of a new Chapter Member. Boyd Reasor has just moved from Phoenix to New Mexico and attended his first Chapter meet. Welcome Aboard Boyd. The Business Meeting started with the Election of Chapter Officers. With no new nominations from the floor, the slate of Officers was elected by acclamation. The 2012-2014 Officers are; President Gregory Palmer, Vice President George Swajian, Secretary Scott Eckstein, Treasurer Bill Harris, Board Members; Carl Cataline, Art Lites, and Jon Spargo. Next the Chapter elected Bill Harris as the 2019 TCA National Convention Chair. New Business; the 2011 Pumpkin Meet lost 224.00 dollars, but the Chapter Members present remarked that it was a success. Motion: Chapter host the 2012 Pumpkin Meet on October 28th. Motion carried. Don Kuster will be the Registration Chair and Bill Spofford will be the Meet Chairman. The members thank both men for their continued commitment and support of the Pumpkin Meet. Announcements: We will have a fund raising table at the 2012 New Mexico Rail Fair. If you have any train related items you would like to donate to the Chapter, we will sell them at the Rail Fair on May 19th. Please come to the February Meet and let us know what you would like to donate. The Train Collectors Association is recognized as a 501c3 non-profit organization so your donation is tax deductible. Our next Meet will be February 18th at 10:00AM, with train running on the Jim Spatafora Layout right after the Meet. We will discuss how to improve the 2012 Pumpkin Meet, come with a lot of ideas. Please bring items to show and tell, as well as items to sell or swap, there is no charge for sales tables. Hope to see all of you on February 18th, at 10:00AM at the Sombra Del Monte Church at 2528 Utah N.E. in Albuquerque, NM. See all of you there.



Pictures of the finished interior of Jonathan Peiffer's Two-Rail "O" scale Heavyweights. The builders attention to detail included fabric on seats, and scratch built tables, table clothes, and lamps. A very nice find at the Turkey Meet!





Desert Division Membership Form



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