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# Desert Division

## DISPATCH

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## MAY MEET, MOTHER'S DAY, NATIONAL TRAIN DAY

May brought out a "Mother's Day" crowd, including visitors from Australia Glenn and Maggie Ball, new member Brian DeWelles, and Rio Grande Chapter President Greg Palmer. The weekend also celebrated National Train Day. Bob Herman announced that we have \$23,289.66 in savings and \$18,620.54 in checking. In June there will be a "Job Well Done" celebration after the Meet, with every member, spouse, and child in attendance being offered a Joe's Barbeque lunch. This is just another Desert Division celebration, with door prizes, raffle prizes, and a meal to boot.

The Bylaws Revision Committee, chaired by Phil Todd will address the issues of Treasurer's reporting and Terms of Office, both of which are currently "out of sync" with the current TCA National Bylaws. Phil and committee members Chris Allen, Bob Johnston, Katie Elgar, and Fred Hunter will have a document ready by late June so that it can be printed in the *Dispatch* three times before it is voted on by the membership this fall. Greg Palmer will supply a copy of the Rio Grande Chapter's Bylaws for this committee's perusal.

The next item for discussion was the Turkey Meet. Rick Stein has taken on the job of promoting this event. One controversial point is a name change, from Turkey Meet to Southwest Toy Train Expo. It was suggested that during this year's advertising, both names be included so that our "regulars" will recognize it, and the uninitiated public will know exactly what type of activity it is. This should help increase our attendance on both days of the Meet. We hope to increase the number of layouts, which are free to the public, as well as encourage more folks to come into the Mesa Convention Center to see the tables filled with sales items. All advertising will note that this is a TCA and a Desert Division activity.

Gordon Wilson explained the progress to date on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration scheduled for 2011. It will be a year-long celebration, culminating in a festive party in October. The Committee is made up of Chris and Laurel Allen, Bill and Jean Mack, Paul and Irene Wassermann, and Gordon and Christie Wilson. As the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary jewel is the Ruby, we are trying to incorporate the color red and rubies into our celebration.

Glenn Ball, editor of the Australian Hornby Collectors Association magazine, spoke briefly about his involvement with the club. Though he does not collect trains, he is a graphic designer, so he has produced several very fine posters (one set of which he donated to the Desert Division) and he brought a signed copy of the History of the "Puffing Billy," *Spirit of the Dandenongs*, by Nick Anchen (another donation to the Division). This train runs behind his house in Melbourne up into the hills. It crosses some very scenic territory on amazing trestles. Glenn told us that Australians collect a wide variety of types of trains and there are a couple hundred associations. Our group, he said, looked like a Hornby Collectors meeting, with many gray heads in the crowd and not many young ones. Advertising our Thanksgiving Turkey Meet may be a way to encourage the youth to join this hobby.

## COMING UP. . . .

**JUNE 5 – Summer Show & Meet – Tucson – 9 AM**

**JUNE 12 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM**

**JUNE 20-27 – 56<sup>th</sup> Annual TCA Convention – Baltimore, MD**

**JULY 10 – Division Mini-Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM**

**JULY 24 – "In the Heat" Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM**

**AUGUST 14 – "Beat the Heat" Meet – Prescott, AM – 9 AM**

**AUGUST 21 – Rio Grande Chapter Summer Activity - TBA**

**SEPTEMBER 11 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM**

**SEPTEMBER 18 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM**

Phil Todd began the Educational Segment with a few items he found in a friend's attic, including a June 1955 issue of a railroading magazine, a Christmas card from the Boston and Maine Railroad, and a 1991 calendar.

Gordon Wilson told about his York experience, including the purchase of a Lionel stove from 1930, which according to the 1930 catalog sold for \$29.50, and was not included in the 1931 catalog at all. He also told about the other items which were too big or too heavy to bring home on an airplane. These include a paint mask, a windshield wiper off a battleship, and a cardboard Grand Central Station.

Greg Palmer said that while looking on e-Bay for a microphone to a headset, he keyed in "Lionel microphone." What came up was a 1944 TD-2 Chest Set, which would have been worn on the chest, keeping the hands free, to call in artillery fire, etc. It is clearly marked Lionel Corp., Irvington, NJ. Next was a CU66/UR Signal Corps coupling unit for a radio telephone switchboard system. He also brought a PJ54OB Tank Commander's headset, complete with earplugs. This item was sold by GunBusters.com and Greg had to register with them in order to buy it. It is stamped Signal Corp on one side and Lionel Corporation on the other. He also brought two pieces of Lionel track. One is clearly stamped Mfg. Mex on one side and Lionel on the other; the other says "Made in Mexico." Lionel did have a Tijuana factory for about 18 months, so this may well have been produced there. Last was an American Flyer engineer's hat from the '50's.

Jonathan Peiffer brought in a GG-1 which he received from 3<sup>rd</sup> Rail for being a consultant on their GG-1 project, which began in February of 2009. Drawings from the 1934 GG-1 were sent to Korea for their model manufacturing team to create plans for this engine. Jonathan sent those drawings back with about 500 comments. The second draft had about 50 comments, including everything down to rivet count. The test model, a 4800 special, is painted in the 11<sup>th</sup> and final of the various paint schemes used during its 43 years in service. Jonathan noted that, true to the original paint scheme, Con Rail is spelled as two words. Interestingly, the stars on this engine are random, with no recognizable scheme and different from one side to the other. Also, it has a Pennsylvania Railroad whistle, not horns.

Sam McElwee showed a set of 12 Mini-Champs car models which were produced in 2003 for the Ford Centennial and sold at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. They are highly detailed, such that some of the detail requires a magnifying glass to see clearly.

Christie Wilson announced that Desert Division name badges are available at \$10 each. Members who need one should contact Christie to have them made. Katie Elgar announced that bears are available at \$20 each and calendars have been reduced to \$5, because the year is half over. Bob Johnston, host of this month's after-meet visitation, gave directions to his toy train layout and snare-drum workshop.

Raffles were awarded as follows:

Chris Allen	Hudson Raffle Ticket
Jim Vokac	Rico Station and TCA Combine car from 1979
Maggie Ball	TCA Calendar and templates
Dave Kuszynski	TCA T-shirt
Wayne Ross	TCA Teddy Bear
Fred Hunter	Lionel FasTrack Box Car
Brad Martin	Videos

The Hudson Raffle ticket belonging to Peter Atonna was drawn, but he was not in attendance, he will receive a check for \$25 in the mail.

Everyone departed for lunch and/or the Johnston residence for the after-meet visitation.



Glenn Ball speaks about toy train collecting in Australia.



Phill Todd asks for help on the Bylaws Revision.



Sam McElwee shows his Ford model cars.



Bob Johnston packs a lot of action into a small space in his garage layout.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the first official 100 degree day hitting the Valley of the Sun on May 21<sup>st</sup>, one might think the dog days of another long and hot summer are upon us. However, the Desert Division doesn't take the summer off! June will be a full month full of activities concluding with our National TCA Convention in Baltimore beginning June 20<sup>th</sup>.

As a kickoff for this year's Convention, we will have a special event at the June meet to celebrate the one year anniversary of hosting the 2009 National Convention. After many years of hard work, we can finally sit back, relax and enjoy our success in a extremely well-received convention. Be sure to bring your spouse or guest and your appetite! Joe's BBQ in Gilbert will be catering the food. To our esteemed sellers, remember to come out for this meet to show off your wares as we should have a lot of hungry people looking to purchase trains.

For once this year, it can be said that the committees are all in good hands and in good shape. We have an excellent start on our fall meet even with the controversial, but logical name change. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has met and has some good ideas to explore. Finally our Bylaws Committee is in place to get something in front of the membership to review and comment on by the summer edition of the Dispatch.

This does not mean we can rest on our laurels. We still need interested and capable members to seek out collections for a future auction. Currently, we have no auction lots to sell. Just one quality collection of trains could make an excellent auction, so if there is anyone you know who is looking to liquidate a train collection, please offer on behalf of the TCA Desert Division to have it sold at public auction. If we can arrange for a 300 lot auction of quality items, we can start planning for a 2011 auction and publicizing it early.

Finally, remember that we are without question the most fun Division in all of the TCA. Without your participation and enthusiasm, we wouldn't be in the position we are today. If you have any ideas of ways to improve the Division, create new events for our members and the public, or want to serve on a committee, don't hesitate to offer your suggestions or ask. You will be welcomed.

After the National Board meetings in Baltimore, I will be sure to give the Division a full accounting of what our national organization is doing to sustain and grow this great hobby.



## EDUCATE THE DIVISION PLEASE!

Has anyone noticed how the number of people presenting at the Education Segment has dropped off this year? We all have an appetite to learn more about this hobby, what our members are collecting, and why. With the June Meet coming up soon, I would encourage you to bring your special items that might be of interest to others in the Division. What do you collect that is unique? How does it fit into the larger picture of the hobby and the mission of the TCA? We all have extraordinary information that needs to be shared.

It is understandable that sometimes one might not be comfortable getting up in front of a group, or that one may not feel he/she has something "worthy" of presenting. The reality is that this is one of the more fun segments of our meetings and it would enhance the meeting experience to have you present something out of our collection. If not, no worries, there are a LOT more GG-1's in my collection that no one has seen yet! In other words, if you are tired of hearing about GG-1's, bring something else instead. The Division and our meetings will benefit.



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## JUNE BOD MEETING NOTICE

The June meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held prior to the Meet at the meeting hall – Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 1500 W. Maryland Ave., Phoenix, AZ on Saturday, June 12. All are welcome to attend.



## RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

The TCA Rio Grande Chapter Meet on May 22nd was another fantastic event. The Chapter Meet was held in conjunction with the 10th Annual New Mexico Railroad Fair, at the School Arts Building on the Expo New Mexico grounds. The Rail Fair had over 60 tables - some with toy trains, some with railroadiana items, and some with model railroading supplies and trains from N to O Scale. Some of our members took full advantage of the 650 people attending the Show, by purchasing sellers' tables. The NMRA was there as well with several Clinics, which were attended not only by us old folks, but young children as well. It shows that kids still like to create with their hands, not just their fingers or minds. Some of our Chapter members want to have these same Clinics at the Pumpkin Meet in October, due to the success of the NMRA Clinics at the New Mexico Railroad Fair. I was able to find a clockwork American Flyer Burlington Zephyr from 1934 in its original box. Even the battery headlight works. I also found an American Flyer Pre-War Dump Car and Sand Car (Gondola). Another find was a booklet from Popular Science on the proper maintenance of Lionel and American Flyer E-Units and Motors. The Rail Fair Meet had something for everybody.

The Chapter Meeting started with reports. We currently have \$1446.03 in our checking account. This reflects the \$650.00 loan from the Desert Division for the Pumpkin Meet. It was decided that the Chapter will mail out to every Chapter Member an invitation to the TCA Rio Grande Pumpkin Meet Banquet which will be Saturday night, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00PM. The RSVP will have a target date and the amount each member will have to pay for the dinner. I hope every member will attend. The cost of the dinner will be \$34.00 per person which includes dinner, a soft drink, and dessert. The menu will be Prime Rib, Stuffed Chicken, or a Vegetarian Selection. A cash bar will be available. This information will be on the invitation going out in late July or early August. The Pumpkin Meet Auction, which will be at 3:00 PM, right after the close of the Pumpkin Meet, is looking for items to sell. We already have donations from the Desert Division, so please contact me ASAP if you have items for the Auction. I am meeting with the Auction Committee in the middle of June to go over rules and how to handle your items. Start looking today for Auction items. I have talked with the head of the New Mexico Railroad Fair about advertising. He had over 100 people per hour come through the door. He will give us some ideas to use for the Pumpkin Meet and Auction.

The Chapter would like to have a Meet in August; however a venue will be needed because the air conditioning system at the Church Hall is not working well enough for summer meets. I will have a yes or no to an August Meet in the Summer issue of the Dispatch. I will also let you know via an E-Blast in late July. I hope some of you will go to the TCA Convention in Baltimore. I also hope all of you have a great June and July. Enjoy Baseball, Picnics, Vacations, and Rail Fanning around the area. I will talk with you again, in the Summer issue, through the "Rio Grande Chapter News."

Unfortunately, photos from the Rio Grande Chapter Meet did not arrive in time for this issue. They will be in the Summer issue. Meanwhile, enjoy these photos from Rio Grande Chapter.



Top L-R: Dale Schafer's Post-War Truck variation; Greg Palmer's "Radio" Electronics Wall; Mechele Palmer's Feather Tree.

Bottom L-R: Lionel's venture into the Military during WWII; a member shows off his trains at a Chapter Meet; Familiar faces at York.



Gilbert ★ Arizona



## **CONVENTION ANNIVERSARY PARTY BBQ LUNCH AFTER JUNE GENERAL MEETING**

Time sure flies these days, and it is hard to believe that we are celebrating the one year anniversary of the 55<sup>th</sup> TCA National Convention this month. Remember what you were doing last year at this time? Many of us were putting the final touches on hosting a very special event that the Desert Division had only done once before, a National Convention. Almost all of the Convention Committee Chairs were members who had no experience or only minor roles the last time Desert Division hosted a TCA National Convention in 1997. The same was true with most of our volunteers and last year, just as we did in '97, the Division membership and their families responded and volunteered hundreds of hours of labor to make the Convention the success that it was. Rather than conflict with all the other events we do throughout the year, it was decided to have our Division TCA Convention appreciation social on the anniversary of the convention itself, and what better way to kick off summer than with a BBQ!

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and efforts so if you, your spouse, family member, or friend helped out in any way at the TCA 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention, please plan on bringing them and be at the June General Meet. Following the meeting we will have a buffet lunch of Joe's Barbeque of Gilbert Arizona starting at 11:00 AM. Joe's was voted best BBQ of Arizona in 2008 and your taste buds will not be disappointed! The menu will consist of Joe's award winning BBQ pork and chicken, along with cowboy beans and cole slaw, with carrot cake for dessert. The food and drinks will be free, along with a few door prizes for some lucky attendees. We hope you can join us as we look back and remember not only the hard work, but also the fun we had working together on the Star Spangled Convention.

### **SPRING RAFFLE AWARDED IN JUNE**

Don't be left out. The Spring Raffle prizes will be awarded at the June Meet. Do you have your tickets? The cost is only \$10 each or three for \$25. You can't win if you don't have a ticket. Wouldn't you like to walk away from the June Anniversary Celebration Meet with a toy train item valued at much more than you paid for it? That can happen if you support the Spring Raffle. If you don't know what the prizes are, check page 7 of this issue. Buy your tickets on June 12 at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church during the regular June Meet.

### **HUDSON RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE**

Do you have your Hudson Raffle ticket(s) yet? The year is half over and the tickets are half sold. Let's make this the year that all the tickets are sold BEFORE the Turkey Meet (oops, the Southwest Toy Train Expo) this November. See Bob Herman for tickets. One lucky winner could leave the meet \$100 richer, but only if he/she has the winning ticket.

### **NATIONAL CONVENTION IN BALTIMORE**

For the past year, each issue of the Dispatch has featured the logo of the 56<sup>th</sup> TCA National Convention. Now that Convention is upon us. We hope to see you in Baltimore for an exciting week of fun, trains, tours, and crab cakes. Yes, Baltimore has the best crab cakes in the USA – no filler, no fluff, just lump crab meat. All the more reason to go to Baltimore - June 20-27, 2010.

## 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMING SOON

It may be hard to believe, but the Desert Division will shortly be entering “mid-life” as it approaches its 40<sup>th</sup> year of existence as an active and viable Division of the Train Collectors Association. It may seem like an eon ago, but 25 train collectors in the Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas area formed the boundaries of this Division and petitioned the National Board of Directors for permission to form their own geographic Division in 1971. At the National Convention that year in Anaheim, California, permission was granted and the rest, as they say, “is history.”

We currently have an active committee who have already had one very productive meeting. The Committee consists of Chris and Laurel Allen; Bill and Jean Mack; Gordon and Christie Wilson; and Paul and Irene Wassermann; plus Jonathan Peiffer, Division President. Their current challenge is to identify activities which hopefully all the Division will think are positive, fun, and very worthwhile in promoting what this Division does best: have a lot of fun SOCIALIZING while playing with trains of ALL sizes!

We already have a Motto which befits the attitude of this group: “Mining 40 Years of Toy Train Fun!” Our new logo adorns the front of this newsletter – check it out. We hope you’ll like it. It comes to us courtesy of Mitch “Skip” Kuhn, brother of Division member Ron Kuhn. Skip is a commercial artist who is a major “button artist” for Republican and Democratic political candidates across the USA and is a close friend of former President Jimmy Carter. Angela Trotta-Thomas and Diane Rodriguez, both noted railroad artists, have agreed to assist us with original artistic creations; a specialty car manufacturing company who deals with Lionel cars has already provided us with a potential prototype commemorative car, plus Paul Wassermann has been in touch with two manufacturers of cast figures who could assist us with table prizes at a major get-together next fall.

Speaking of next fall – circle your 2011 calendar dates now for Saturday night, October 21, 2011 for our BIG BASH. It will be at a valley resort and will be an “affair to remember,” but one that YOU will help to plan.

Yes, this committee doesn’t expect to do it all. This is YOUR division and we want everyone’s input and involvement into making 2011 a year to celebrate the founding of the Desert Division. To help with your brain storming, a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary’s jewel is the RUBY! So, think RUBY when you think CELEBRATION. We need enthusiastic go-getters who aren’t afraid to open their mouths, roll up their sleeves, and maybe get a bit disheveled while working to make this a great, never-to-be-forgotten 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It will only come ONCE!

### BEAT THE HEAT MEET - BUS TOUR

It’s that time again, time to “beat the heat” and go up to Prescott on August 14 for the “Beat the Heat” Meet. We will be leaving from four convenient locations around the valley in a 44 passenger bus with its own restroom on board. We will get to the meet around 9:30 AM. Those who don’t want to go to the meet will have use of the bus till about 12:30 PM to go antiquing around the Prescott area. An optional \$7.00 lunch can be purchased from the people that put on the meet. After that time we will be doing layout tours in the area including Peter Atonna’s great “O” gauge layout, as well as many of the others that can be fit in to our time slot.

The first pickup point will be at Arizona Mills at 6:30 AM, followed by a pickup at Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00 AM. Next is a pickup at Metro Center Mall at 7:30 AM. The final pickup point will be at the Carefree Highway and I-17 area about 7:45 AM.

Please fill in the form below. We need your phone number because the person at the pickup point you choose will contact you with instructions on exactly where to meet for the pickup. If you have any questions, call Dave Brown at 480-650-5336. We’re looking forward to seeing you on the bus on August 14, 2010.

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Pickup Location: < > Check one, please.

< > Arizona Mills at 6:30 AM

< > Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00 AM

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< > Carefree highway at 7:45 AM

Number of Adult riders \_\_\_\_\_ at \$30 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of lunches (OPTIONAL) \_\_\_\_\_ at \$7 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total. Make checks payable to “GCMR”. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2010 Desert Division Spring Raffle

## 2010 Desert Division Spring Raffle



### First Prize:

MTH Railking Scale SW9 Switcher with PS2.0

Southern Pacific



### Second Prize:

Lionel Operating Draw Bridge

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### Third Prize:

American Flyer

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### Tickets:

1 for \$10

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Helper Name \_\_\_\_\_ @ 4.00 each \_\_\_\_

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Please contact them for items you may have, want, or need.

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| June 20-27   | 56 <sup>th</sup> TCA National Convention – Baltimore, MD   |
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| July 24      | “In the Heat” Railroad Swap Meet – North Phoenix Baptist Church – 9 AM to 1 PM<br>Southeast corner of Central Ave. and Bethany Home Road |
| August 14    | “Beat the Heat” Meet and Layout Visitations – Prescott, AZ – 9 AM  |
| August 21    | Potential Rio Grande Chapter Summer Activity<br>Contact Greg Palmer 505-898-3840   |
| September 11 | Turkey Meet Planning Meeting – 8 AM, followed by the Regular Division Meet<br>Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM |
| September 18 | Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Sombra Del Monte Church, Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM<br>Contact Greg Palmer 505-898-3840                           |

**DIVISION MEET LOCATION**

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 1500 W. Maryland Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85015.**