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# Desert Division

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## VALENTINES IN THE DESERT

This month we welcomed three new members (Steve and Bonnie Rudy and Les Gnatz) as well as Rio Grande Chapter President Greg Palmer. Paul Verhelst attended as a guest of Sam McElwee.

Treasurer Bob Herman announced that we have \$26,430.52 in savings; \$2,155.75 in checking, and \$315.06 in the Trains for Kids fund.

President Katie Elgar stated that in the election for the new Division Secretary, 150 ballots have been returned as of February 8, and that the results will be announced in March. She also told the members that the Turkey Meet venue has not yet been determined. TCA certificates were given to members whose number of years in TCA was divisible by 5. The Pizza Meetza, on April 12, will feature an auction. Chet Henry will be selling Auction lots at the meet on March 8. Each lot costs \$5 and there is a limit of 100 lots. Members may also opt to donate items to the Division or to the Convention, and for those lots there is no charge. Beth Stange will order the pizzas, but will not be at the Meet; therefore Clark McClure will do the follow-up work to be sure that the pizzas DO arrive at the right place on the right date and at the right time.

Sam McElwee updated the members on the Bachmann takeover of Williams Trains. In about three weeks, they will be taking orders again. There is a delay in shipping orders already placed. The company says new catalogs will be available this summer; Sam, through Ken Burling, will still be a dealer. Sam's other provider, Hampton Hobby's, is also in limbo, as the owner died in December, 2007. He has some of the track cleaner, grease, etc. in stock and will continue to sell it as long as it is available.

Terry Haas discussed the Garden Railroad Convention to be held at the San Marcos Hotel in Chandler from April 29 through May 4. Over 700 people have already registered, and 1500 – 2500 people are expected to attend. Over 40 layouts will be open for visits, as well as tours and a Banquet. Contact Terry (480-827-8604 or e-mail [trhaas1245@aol.com](mailto:trhaas1245@aol.com)) for registration information.

The Educational Segment began with Sam McElwee's 1967 Walthers baggage car kit. Sam purchased it to complete his 3-car set of Madison cars. After looking at all the parts, Sam put it back in the box. Two weeks ago, John Bahne visited Sam, saw the box, and announced that he loved to build Walthers kits. Sam gave John the box, and one week later, John returned a beautifully built baggage car.

### COMING UP . . .

- MARCH 8** Regular Division Meet, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM
- MARCH 14-16** Nor-Cal Meet, Santa Clara, CA
- MARCH 15** Rio Grande Chapter Meet, Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM
- APRIL 5** Spring Picnic, McCormick-Stillman RR Park – 11 AM
- APRIL 12** Pizza Meetza, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM

Terry Gibbs brought in his collection of ten short-bodied 150 locos. They represent every known color and number of this style engine, including 152 and 158. Greg Palmer brought in a shipping box from 1932, with 4 cent stamps. Inside is a parts list from Lionel’s Service Department, noting what was sent and what was not available. His second exhibit is a letter dated 8/1/38 from the Lionel Corporation Export Department, stating that electric trains are the most exciting entertainment for young and old all over the world. His third item was a 1967 Service Station letter announcing the “clearance sale” of American Flyer items after their takeover of that company. The 24569 wrecker car sold for \$1.60; 24574 flatcar for 45 cents; 24549 floodlight car for \$1.25. Paul Wassermann concluded the segment with four items of his own. One was a 2026 freight set in LN condition. The owner’s father was a sergeant-major in the US Army and the box is marked “less trans.” The indication is that it was sold through the Army base, and the transformer would be purchased separately, depending upon the electrical current at the base. Second was an American Flyer Pre-War 0-gauge Ambassador Set, which Paul acquired from e-Bay. It included the original boxes, in which were the mail pick-up bag and stand for the baggage car and clips to put on the track to reverse the train. Next were two books by Jerry Poch, illustrating his personal collection, which was sold in May of 2006, at an auction in Philadelphia. Last was a #121 Station. This acquisition started as a box, then came the station, dating to 1924. It is a basic shell with roof – no lights, no decoration! It is probably as rare as it is because originally, for only \$1.50 more, a person could buy a #121 Station with lights. The first version had slightly higher windows.

Chris Allen announced that the Burlington Convention Hotels are SOLD OUT! Anyone wanting to attend should contact Chris; anyone wanting to cancel should do the same. What will happen is that as a TCA member cancels, Dannie Martin will do the paperwork to change the name on the reservation, thus keeping it in the TCA allotment at the TCA price. Most railroad tours are also sold out. Obviously folks registered for this Convention early!

This month’s Mystery Greeter picked Tony Saulina to receive 10 free tickets. Raffle prizes were drawn as follows:

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| Ken Barnes       | Hudson Raffle Ticket  |
| Brad Martin      | Lionel Flat Car with Submarine  |
| Jonathan Peiffer | Lionel Chatahooche Ind. Car   |
| Tony Saulina     | Lionel Frisco 6014 Car  |
| Ralph Treichel   | Lionel Chevron Truck  |
| Jim Vokac        | Set of figures  |
| Beth Stange      | Bag of fruit trees  |
| Tony Saulina     | <u>The Art of Lionel Trains</u> by Roger Carp                                 |
| Tom Stange       | <u>CTT</u> “Toy Train Layout” book, Turkey Meet badges,<br>Pewter accessories |

The \$100 Hudson Raffle prize went to Jim Vokac.

Terry Gibbs shows one of his ten #150 engines.



Greg Palmer brought a Lionel box with 4-cent stamps.



Jim Vokac was the lucky winner of the Hudson Raffle \$100 bill.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

The February meet was well attended! The sales were brisk at the tables and at the coffee counter as well! Greg Novak was able to get some pink frosted doughnuts that were tasty! Good Job!

We honored our members with membership certificates that were handed out! Congratulations to all of those members who received certificates! If the first 2 numbers of your membership number indicate that you joined in a year ending in a 2 or a 7, then I have a certificate for you. Attend the March meeting and I will be glad to present your certificate to you! Thanks to Greg Palmer who took the Rio Grande Chapter certificates to NM with him, and to Ivan who took the Tucson certificates to our members to the south.

We welcomed two new members to the Desert Division! If you haven't paid your dues for 2008 yet, be sure to contact Christie ASAP! You don't want to miss out on the fun of the Division and also the 2009 Convention we are hosting!

February may be longer than usual this year, but this month has zoomed! Must be all of those electronics! Speaking of electronics, there is a place that you can donate your videos, DVD's and games to children in hospitals. Check out their website at [www.teens4kids.org](http://www.teens4kids.org) their mission statement reads: *"Our mission is provide entertainment in the forms of video games, movies, music and books, tickets to sporting events, the arts and concerts for chronically ill children who are staying in hospitals across America."* I know that some train videos are "dozers" as Bob Johnston says of his ore car video, but what a great way to expand the hobby, and clear out some of the video cabinet at the same time! If you have enjoyed them, why not pass them on to a child!

Our train visit scheduled for after the March Meet is located in Tempe, so it will be a great time to have lunch with fellow train folks and journey down to Tempe before heading home. This is the first time this layout has been open to the club, so plan to check it out!

Looking forward to seeing you on March 8 at your Desert Division Meet!

Happy Trains!



## BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, March 5, beginning at 7:30 PM at the home of Sam McElwee. Members are welcome to attend. Please call 480-838-5847 to be sure there are enough chairs.

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## HELP WANTED

by Peter Atonna TCA 75-7578

A friend of mine has moved to the West Valley and is starting on an O-scale layout. He is hoping to find some people to help him build his benchwork. It is too far to expect our Prescott folks to travel to work on it, but I thought some Desert Division folks might enjoy helping. So, here is his note to me.

Hello, I am Fred Stout.

For some number of years now, a very good friend of mine and I have been discussing the possibility of erecting the basic benchwork for a moderately sized "O" gauge railroad all in one single day. Basic benchwork means up to and including the top of the "L" girders, but does not include background or joists and track base. I passed this information to the editor of the "O" Scale magazine and asked if he would be interested in an article on this subject. He is. To do this, a great deal of prep work must be done including getting some help. I am not sure of the number of people that I would need, but it would be about 5. My father-in-law and I will account for 2 people. Would there be 3, possibly 4, people in your model railroad club who would be interested in working on this? I have asked my wife to man the lunch counter, and there would be the ever-present beer and pizza later. I have recently moved to a home in the West Valley. You can contact me at [fredstout3@gmail.com](mailto:fredstout3@gmail.com) or contact Peter Atonna and he can get to me.

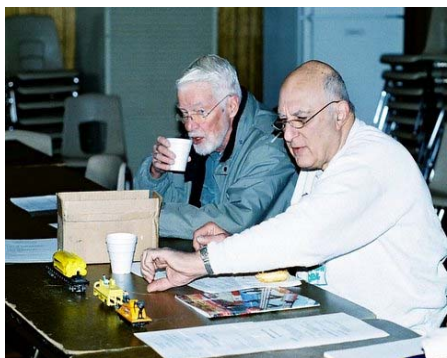
## RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

The Rio Grande Chapter Meet began with snow and rain, but ended with sun and 50 degrees. A typical late Winter day in New Mexico. The Chapter Meet had a good turnout despite the weather. We had our first ever out of town guest, Jim Leigh TCA#00-51217, from Kansas City, MO, a member of the Ozark Division. The Education portion of the Meet was informative as usual. George Swajian brought three American Flyer S Gauge items from his collection. He showed the group examples of the scarce 25516 USAF Rocket Sled with the 25515 USAF Flat Car. He also brought the very rare 23743 Track Maintenance Car from 1960-1964. They both contained American Flyer Slot Car motors. They would run very fast, but because they had 9-volt motors, the motors burned out after extended use. George also brought an American Flyer Hand Car. He discussed the different variations: Types I-IV #740 and 740A, 1952-1954, Type III with shed, Type I-III #742 from 1955-1956. He mentioned the differences and told how hard some are to find. Thanks George for a great American Flyer lesson. John Trevor brought two different 6464-100 Western Pacific Boxcars. The rivet detail in the rare one was in place, but the common version had no rivet detail in the last panel. This was done to make it easier to letter the Western Pacific Logo on the sides of the car. We all learned a lot about the 6464-100 Boxcars. Thanks to John Trevor for the lesson. I brought several Colber items. Colber was located in Irvington, New Jersey, just down the road from the Lionel factory. Colber manufactured many items for American Flyer. I showed the Colber Floodlight Tower, two Colber Street Lamps, a hard-to-find Colber Gateman, and an American Flyer Bubbling Water Tower made by Colber. I also brought a Marx Billboard, and explained the difference between Marx and Lionel Billboards.

The Meeting started with reports and a fund raising plan. The fundraising plan is for the Rio Grande Chapter to make and sell Lionel style Billboards with the advertisement on the Billboards to be the New Mexico Railrunner Commuter Train. We will have the Billboards ready to sell soon. The Fundraiser Committee, made up of Ross Jordan, Paul Hurford, and John Trevor, will have a report to give at the March 15th Chapter Meet. The Boy Scout Committee members were not at the Chapter Meet, so we hope to have information at the March 15th Meet. The Chapter members present want to have our May 17th Meet at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds in conjunction with the New Mexico Rail Fair. It was moved and approved that we will have our meet in the School Arts building at 10:00AM. The Rail Fair starts at 9:00AM, so members are urged to get there early to view the Railroadiana, and Model Railroading, and Toy Train items. All members must pay the parking fee, and the entrance fee. However, members can pick up a discount coupon at Trains West, or from myself. This will be great fun. The Chapter will also look into other larger venues for our 2008 Pumpkin Meet, the last Saturday in October. The Rio Grande Chapter membership will be kept posted on the Pumpkin Meet venue.

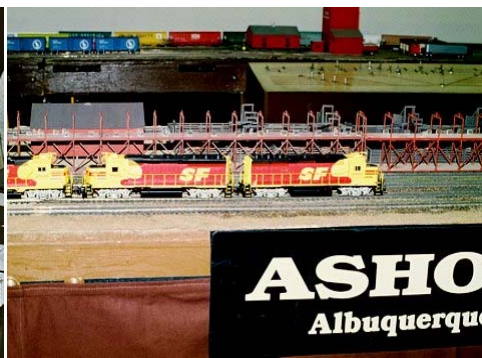
Our next Rio Grande Chapter Meet will be March 15th at 10:00AM at the Sombra Del Monte Church, at 2528 Utah N.E., Albuquerque, NM. We are still looking for a March after-meet activity. Please call me with any ideas. Also please bring "Show and Tell" items for the March 15th Educational Segment. If you want to sell toy train items, all tables are free. I hope to see all of you at the Rio Grande Chapter Meet on March 15th.



George Swajian shows the group his American Flyer Rocket Sled Car, Maintenance Car, and Hand Car.



John Trevor shows the group his two Lionel 6464-100 Box Cars.



After Meet Activity was a tour of the Albuquerque Society of HO Module Engineers setup and layout.

### DESERT DIVISION NOTES

Our condolences to Scott Russell, whose mother-in-law passed away earlier this month. Get well wishes go to Robyn Peiffer, Ruth Elgar, and Mary Jane Atonna.

## **HELP – DRIVERS NEEDED**

Are you driving East to York or the Philadelphia area any time in the near future? The Convention Committee could really use your help to transport materials needed by the Division at the TCA Museum, York Fairgrounds, and at the TCA Convention later in the year. If you can carry a couple of apple-box sized cartons, it will save the Division a lot of money in shipping costs.

Contact Gordon or Christie Wilson at 480-837-5344 or 480-773-5541 on the phone, or e-mail at [christie1wilson@aol.com](mailto:christie1wilson@aol.com).

## **SUPPORT THE 2009 CONVENTION AT THE APRIL AUCTION**

Do you need more room in your train room? Do you have items that you would love to remove? Donate them to the 2009 TCA Convention Committee to be sold at the April Auction. There is no charge for a lot, and all proceeds go to help support the Desert Division in its attempt to put on the best TCA National Convention ever. Just let Chet Henry know how many lots you need and he will take care of the rest. As we are a 501c3 non-profit organization, your donation is tax deductible. The club will provide you with a donation letter for use with the IRS, should you request one.

You are also welcome to put your items into the auction for your own benefit. If you do so, the cost of a lot is \$5.00. Chet Henry will be selling lots at the March Meet. You may purchase as many or as few as you wish, up to the maximum of 100 lots.

## **VERMONT BECKONS**

by Gordon Wilson TCA 76-10233

As you know, we begin to advertise for the 2009 TCA National Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona, beginning at the 2008 TCA National Convention in Burlington, Vermont. We will have two tables, one with tour information and one with sales items from the Convention Store. However, we need people to “man” these tables, beginning on Sunday, June 22 and continuing through Saturday, June 28.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the March Meet, asking members to designate times they can help out. Anyone not at the meet is also welcome to help. All you need to do is call Gordon Wilson (480-837-5344) or e-mail [christie1wilson@aol.com](mailto:christie1wilson@aol.com) to have your name added to the list. Any time you can donate will be gratefully appreciated.

## **SPRING PICNIC**

April 5 is the date of this year’s Spring Picnic at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. The club will provide hot dogs, cooked by Chef Brad Martin, but the members will bring the sides and the desserts. It’s amazing how good the food is when it’s cooked and served in an outdoor setting. Plan to play games, eat, win raffle prizes, and have a good time. Mark the date on your calendar now, so you don’t miss this annual event, a highlight of the Desert Division’s year.

## **HUDSON RAFFLE**

by Christie Wilson, TCA 91-32878

We’re in our 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Hudson Raffle, and tickets sold very well at the February Meet. Now it is time for you, the club members, to decide whether or not we continue this tradition. If the Division is going to invest the money to purchase a Hudson for 2009, we need assurances that the tickets allocated for 2008 will sell. For the past several years, I have spent at least half of the Turkey Meet browbeating members to purchase the last 40 or so tickets. You probably know this, because you are one of the ones I’ve tried to cajole into purchasing a ticket at the last minute. At the March Meet, you will be asked to determine the future of this activity. If the vote is to continue, then I hope you will take the time to purchase a ticket. I would dearly love to be able to enjoy the Turkey Meet without having to beg my fellow train collectors to support our Division’s Hudson Raffle. Give your vote of confidence and your \$25 at the March Meet, and we will see to it that this tradition continues.

## **TUMBLEWEEDS WANTED!**

by Chris Allen TCA 95-40580

Many of you know I like to collect weird facts about the Desert Southwest in general and my beloved state of Arizona in particular. When we were running the trivia contest in the Dispatch a few years ago, I came across an interesting fact regarding tumbleweeds, indicating that they are not native to the Desert Southwest and were not even found in Arizona until the late 1800’s. Any movie that shows the shootout in Tombstone at the OK Corral is authentically wrong if it depicts tumbleweeds in the scene (which most do).

So you could imagine my surprise when the other day I received a phone call from a fellow TCA member looking for tumbleweeds – not how to make them for his layout, but real tumbleweeds. It seems this fellow is looking for our help to slice and dice a few of them up and mail them back to him so he can make Oak Trees for his layout. It sounds like a really interesting project, so in return for a promised future article for the Dispatch, I volunteered to round up a few of these guys and prune them for shipment.

If any of you know where this city slicker from the ‘burbs of Mesa might be able to find one or two on public land so I don’t end up in the hoosegow, give me a ring and keep your eye out for that future article.

## **DUES WERE DUE**

As the Desert Division’s dues drive for 2008 has officially ended, we have lost about 15 members for non-payment of dues. They may still be included in the 2008 Membership Roster if dues are received within the next week. The label on the front of this bulletin indicates the date your dues expire.

Your new Desert Division member card has not been printed yet. As soon as we know who the new Division Secretary is, that person will provide a signature for the 2008 cards. Watch for your Membership Roster and member card later this month or in early April.

## WHERE ARE THE KIDS?

by Jonathan Peiffer TCA #01-53047

It is no secret our Kid's Club lacks one key ingredient for success - kids. The children in our current membership don't seem to have the interest in coming to our monthly meets or have simply outgrown the club. However, this in no way means that the Kid's Club is not active in other ways. With the continued support of a few key members, Tom Plies and Chris Allen to name a few, the hobby we so dearly care about is being brought to the community. One key part of the mission statement of the TCA is to support our hobby through outreach. The Turkey Meet was a good example of how this Division can do effective community outreach in bringing more children into the hobby and help us remember how much fun this was when we were young.

The 2007 Turkey Meet provided three opportunities for children to play with trains. Tom Plies continued his annual tradition of handing out information to families and having a train set on display at the entry. This year it was a Polar Express running around a tree with a winter scene on it. The snow on the display certainly did not reflect the weather outdoors!

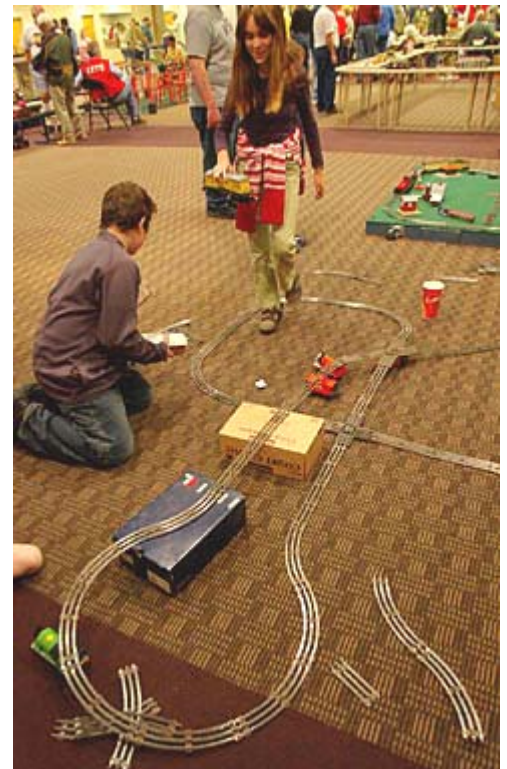


Inside the children were treated to a number of operating displays in G, O and S gauge. The Desert Division supplied several sets of trains that the kids could play with and run. In addition to Chris Allen's 4'x6' portable layout that continues to be popular, a large collection of 0-27 track was provided along with a generous amount of open carpet space. What came out of the children's imagination was pure genius.

With the 0-27 track, boxes, unused trains and whatever they could find the kids proceeded to build an over and under layout. While certainly unusual in appearance, they made a layout in the most precarious of fashions that would make the engineering section of even the most cash starved logging railroad proud.

With the Lionel inspection truck as a test vehicle, they ran the train around this layout testing every corner to make sure the train would not fall off the tracks. Using sections of track and extra cars, they banked the curves and set the supports so this train would make the loop without derailment. Through discovery, experiment, and adjustment, these kids are a great reminder of why this hobby is so great. Think about that the next time a child wants to run some of your trains.

All in all, this was a great success towards the goal of outreach. What ideas do you have to further succeed in this goal? Please forward your ideas to my e-mail address ([jonathanpeiffer@robertsjones.com](mailto:jonathanpeiffer@robertsjones.com)). I would love to hear from you!



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

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| April 16-19 | Eastern Division Meet, York, PA  |
| May 10      | 2009 Convention General Meeting – 7:30 AM and Regular Meet – 9 AM  |
| May 17      | Rio Grande Chapter Meet – State Fairgrounds, School Arts Building – 10 AM  |
| June 14     | Desert Division Board Meeting – 7:30 AM and Regular Division Meet – 9 AM   |
| June 22-29  | 54 <sup>th</sup> Annual TCA Convention, Burlington, VT   |

### Have You **PADE** Your Way?

- P**urchase raffle tickets
- A**uthor an article for the Dispatch
- D**onate something to the club
- E**nlist to help

### PADE PROMOTIONS

Our thanks to many members this month. Ivan English made a cash contribution to the Desert Division. Sam McElwee's donation of a Weaver Box Car is gratefully acknowledged. Steve Palmer has donated a raffle prize for this month's drawing. Jonathan Peiffer and Chris Allen helped with the production of this issue of the Dispatch. Ruth Elgar and Greg Novak served coffee and donuts in the kitchen in February.

Your name could appear in this space. You need only do something to benefit the Division.