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Desert Division

DISPATCH

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PIZZA MEETZA TREATZA

As usual the Pizza Meetza drew a huge crowd, with members arriving from all over the Division. New members John Pryor, Bob Smith, and Jim Hamra were in attendance, as were non-members Ken Karrels (guest of Johnny Ourso) and Neal Pascoe (guest of Steve Bienstock). The Mystery Greeter, Bill Bahle, named Bill East as the winner of ten free raffle tickets. Promptly thereafter, one of Bill East's mystery greeter tickets won him a soda.

Treasurer Bob Herman announced that there is \$26,173.35 in savings and \$4,152.75 in checking. Trains for Kids has \$68.55. Several announcements followed. For the 2009 TCA Convention Cell Phone Donation program, boxes are available for members to take to places of business where they can be monitored. Deactivated cell phones of any brand and description are being collected. These will be sent to the company that buys them and the proceeds will go towards the Convention expenses.

The Rio Grande Chapter will be raffling a Toy Fair Car. Watch future bulletins for information on how Desert Division members can purchase tickets and take part in their fund-raising activity.

There is a new train store in town. The Freight Yard, 2734 W. Bell Road, Suite 1306, in the Bell Canyon Pavilions Shopping Center, opened on April 20. On the subject of train stores, the September after-meet visitation will include Fountain Hills and a trek to Ken Burling's new location.

Ivan English announced that the Gadsden-Pacific Museum's summer meet in Tucson will be June 3 at the Rodeway Inn. Mailings have been sent to all vendors, and this issue of the Dispatch contains a flyer about the event.

Paul Wassermann announced that TCA's Museum and Education Committee is seeking donations to create a stage-like area in the Atrium Lobby of the National Headquarters building. This would be located at the end of the tracks (See photo elsewhere in this issue), and take on the shape of an observation platform. Most notably it would be used for programs and presentations, so that speakers can be seen above the heads of the audience. Motion: Paul Wassermann – The Desert Division shall make a cash contribution to TCA National's Museum and Education Committee for the purpose of constructing an observation platform in the Atrium Lobby of the National Headquarters building. Amended by Cole Gibbs: The amount of the contribution shall be \$500. Seconded by Peter Atonna. Motion – The Desert Division shall make a \$500 cash contribution to TCA National's Museum and Education Committee for the purpose of constructing an Observation Platform in the Atrium Lobby of the National Headquarters building. Seconded by Bill Mack. After much discussion, pro and con, the membership voted to make the donation, with the stipulation that if this project does not come to fruition, the money will be returned to the Desert Division.

Cathy Kuhn and Irene Wassermann made a presentation about the fund-raising committee for the 2009 Convention. After showing items from the 1997 Convention, Cathy and Irene appealed to the members for volunteers. By the meeting's end, they had a list of several names of members and spouses who will work on this Convention Committee. The next offering of Desert Division shirts have the new Convention logo, as soon as it is finalized. Also available will be patches for members who wish to sew them onto other clothing.

COMING UP . . .

- MAY 13** DIVISION MEET, Jaycees Hall – 9 AM
MAY 20 RIO GRANDE CHAPTER MEET – Albuquerque – 10 AM
JUNE 3 TOY TRAIN SHOW, Tucson – 9 AM
JUNE 10 DIVISION MEET, Jaycees Hall – 9 AM
JUNE 18-25 NATIONAL CONVENTION, San Antonio, TX

The Educational Segment included many items brought in by various members. Beth Stange brought in her newest Nor-Cal acquisition. As she admits, her trains are under the layout, because Tom owns the shelf space. However, she does have two items which he allows her to display. One is the Chick Mobile. Originally, in 1934, this item sold for \$1.00. Obviously today it costs much more. The second is the Mickey and Minnie handcar. Though she admits that Mickey and Minnie are the ugliest representations ever made, that's the way they looked in the 1930's, so that's the way they are depicted on the hand-car. Second was Gordon Wilson. He brought in two AT&SF Operating Box Cars. In February Gordon had gone to Honolulu to attend the Pro-Bowl Game. While there he visited with Jim Sattler, who showed Gordon many unusual variations, among them this one. One of the cars has an open ampersand and the other has a blackened top. At Nor-Cal Gordon saw about 25 of these cars, of which only 2 had the blackened ampersand. One of these Gordon displayed today. Jerry Sienkiewicz brought in a Plasti-Marx HO train set. The cars include a Kansas City caboose, M-15 Atlanta car, green flatcar, and a big 999 on the engine. Included were the wrench and little man, and all the words on the boxes are written in Spanish. Interestingly, the bottoms of the cars are all imprinted, "Made in Hong Kong." Jerry also showed his Plasti-Marx metal tunnel, and explained why it is so rare. Next was Clark McClure, who brought in a series of punch-out cardboard subway cars. They are all new, purchased from Amazon.com for \$11.00, in a book put out by the New York Transit Museum, but they represent subway cars from 1904 to 1963. The history of each is printed in the book and on the bottom of each car. These reminded him of the Kix cereal box cardboard trains of the 1940's. Clark also brought in an article showing an ad for a book published in 1950 with pictures something like those old Kix cereal box trains.

Last were the raffle prizes. Melissa Peiffer, celebrating her 7th birthday at the meet today, pulled the first winning raffle ticket. Raffle prizewinners are listed below.

Phil Monahan	Hudson Ticket
Ralph Treichel	OSH calendar, Plasticville switch tower, and #6042 Lionel flatcar
Bill Mack	Lionel Santa Fe Woodside Reefer
Diane Martin	Lionel calendar and push toy
Jonathan Peiffer	Lionel Step Van
Chris Allen	City Cruiser Collection and chocolate train
Jim Hamra	Standard of the World book
Bill East	Lionel Lehigh Valley hopper and 2004 Holiday Party gift

Rebecca Peiffer pulled the winning Hudson Raffle ticket. We couldn't read the name, but the back clearly stated April Raffle Prize. Sure enough, Phil Monahan won the \$100 bill with the ticket he had won earlier in the Meet.

Pizzas arrived shortly thereafter. While the members ate pizza, the Auction Committee put the lots in order. Thank you to Chet Henry, who is our Auction Chair; Bob Herman and Angelo Lautazi, who acted as accountants; Peter Atonna, the auctioneer par excellence; and Chris Allen, Katie Elgar, and Ed Micale, who acted as runners and spotters.

Thank you to all who donated auction items for the 2009 Convention: Peter Atonna, Ivan English, Bob Herman, Bryan Jewell, Gerry Klei, Bill Mack, Jerry Sienkiewicz, Paul Wassermann, Christie Wilson, and Gordon Wilson. Through their efforts, the Convention Checking Account now has a positive balance.

Irene Wassermann and Cathy Kuhn ask for Convention Fund-Raiser volunteers.



Beth Stange proudly displays one of her Nor-Cal acquisitions, a Mickey and Minnie Mouse handcar.



Let the bidding begin. Auctioneer Peter Atonna is assisted by Chris Allen and Chet Henry. First item up is a Marx proof-sheet, donated by Jerry Sienkiewicz.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The April Pizza Meetza was very well attended. This event is always a nice chance for members to go through their trains and offer some of them for auction. The April meet is always a chance that you may pick up a nice item or bargain, or both. A tip of the hat to Peter Atonna for again being an outstanding auctioneer; and Beth Stange for coordinating the pizza delivery. The Auction crew and the kitchen crew helped to make the meeting go smoothly! Also a big thank you to the set up crew which came in on Friday night and those who stayed to help tear down the hall as well. The donations to the club for the 2009 Convention got that campaign off to a great start. This meet is just one of the unique opportunities that the Desert Division offers you as part of your membership: free pizza and no buyer's premium on the auction purchases.

Belonging to a train group is like attending a reunion every month. You have many opportunities to renew acquaintances, reminisce about the ones that "got away," show off the ones that didn't, and dream of new things to come down the track. TCA offers you opportunities to travel and meet new friends, renew past acquaintances, rejoice or sympathize with them as well. York, Nor Cal, Cal Stewart, as well as the National Convention, offer these chances to us all. Membership has its privileges and it is beneficial to you to take advantage of these events. Having just attended a 22nd reunion of a group of teachers of a local high school which is no longer open, I got to thinking how much richer my life has been by knowing these individuals. Many of them were willing to share part of their experiences with me, as a new teacher in the district, while we were still teaching, and many of them are still willing to share their retirement experiences with one another as well. The same is found here in the TCA. Almost everyone has questions about their trains, and someone somewhere has the answer or can at least help you to find out more information. If you can't get the answer on the local division or chapter level, the National TCA can help you with questions you may have on trains, manufacturers, catalogs and other train-related paper, and research questions.

Avail yourself to this help and camaraderie. Come out to the monthly meetings. Join in on the meet visits to see other members' trains. Take in an additional train event. You will find yourself surrounded by many folks like you who also share the love and appreciation of toy trains.

Happy trains!



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA #94-39039

The next meet for the Rio Grande Chapter will be Saturday, May 20, at 10:00 AM at the Sombra Del Monte Christian Church, 2528 Utah NE, in Albuquerque. Bring items for show and tell, and also bring Postwar, Prewar, and Modern Era equipment for evaluation for our education segment on the new TCA Grading Standards. Please bring items that are in various conditions. This will help show the differences in the grading standards. We will also have an after-meet visitation at the home of one of our members. Maps will be available at the meet.

Do not forget the ongoing raffle for the Lionel New Mexico Boxcar. A winner will be drawn at this meet. Tickets will be sold at the meet for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. So come and support the Rio Grande Chapter. We will also discuss the plans for the upcoming October Swap Meet in Albuquerque, and a possible Spring Meet in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Plan to join us in Albuquerque on May 20th at 10 AM. You can contact me with any questions at 505-898-3840.

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. 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.

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BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, May 10, beginning at 7:30 PM at the home of Steve Bienstock. Members are welcome to attend. Please call 480-998-9227 to be sure there are enough chairs.

DESERT DIVISION BOD

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PIZZA MEETZA ACTION



The Women Who Keep Us Fed
Jan Rasmussen, Ruth Elgar, and Sally Treichel took care of our Breakfast and Pizza “thirst” needs.



Jerry Sienkiewicz points out a boxed Plasti-Marx set from Mexico, BUT “made in Hong Kong.”



Gordon Wilson had a great time searching for unknown and “who cares” variations, this one on a 3464 AT&SF Operating 027 Box Car.



Clark McClure is big into train paper. Here he shows us a really crisp and new Collection of uncut subway cars.



Seven-year-old Rebecca Peiffer draws the first Raffle ticket.



Phil Monahan celebrates the winning of the Hudson Raffle's \$100 bill.



Come and Get It!
The 40 Pizzas arrive!



Bob Herman helps himself to some of the pizzas delivered to the Pizza Meetza.



Three sets donated by our members for the benefit of the Convention.

DON'T THROW AWAY OLD CELL PHONES

With all of the new technology available almost daily, many cell phones become obsolete and useless nearly overnight. Don't toss your old, deactivated cell phone away.

The Desert Division is collecting them in conjunction with a recycling program and can turn your old, unwanted cell phone into money for the upcoming 2009 Convention. Help the Desert Division and clean out your unwanted clutter, all at the same time.

Bring all your unwanted and useless cell phones to our next meeting on May 13 – no chargers or peripheral equipment, just plain ol' unused and unneeded cell phones.



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, this one being the third, 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.

CONVENTION NEWS

A huge "Thank You" goes to each of the members who donated items to the Pizza Meetza Auction. The Convention raised \$761 from donations which included not only trains, but also sundries ranging from posters to pies to dinners at Souplantation and Sweet Tomatoes to a weekend at the Convention Hotel, JW Marriott Desert Ridge. Peter Atonna, Ivan English, Bob Herman, Bryan Jewell, Gerry Klei, Bill Mack, Jerry Sienkiewicz, Paul Wassermann, Christie Wilson, and Gordon Wilson all proved themselves "Friends of the Convention" through their generosity.

MY FIRST TIME AT YORK

by Gregory Palmer TCA #94-39039

I have been waiting to go to the Eastern Division Meet at York, Pennsylvania, for many years, but I have always had problems getting there. This April I finally had the chance to go. Wow! What a show! I have read many of the Desert Division members' reports on the first time York experience, and I am excited to have my chance to write a travelogue about my own trip to York.

My sister and I left Albuquerque on Wednesday morning, arriving in Baltimore a 2:30 PM. After renting a car, we were off to York. We arrived at around 4:00 PM, just in time to attend the Toy Train Paper and Memorabilia Group meeting. I was able to view many rare and unusual paper items, the most unusual being the original Lionel blueprints, components parts index, and the production control files, for the Lionel 3672 Bosco Milk Car. It was a real treat to see such a rare item. These documents were used in the production of the Algozzini book on operating cars. This event could only happen at York.

From there we went to the Hotel for check-in. Then it was on to the Round the Clock Diner. Wow! Filet for under \$20.00. Then it was on to the York Fairgrounds for the purpose of scouting for parking places and building layout. Finally it was back to the Hotel for much needed R&R. The next morning, right after breakfast, we went to the meet and found a great parking place right next to one of the back doors to the Blue Hall. We waited outside the Silver and Blue Halls for Noon to come around. Who should walk past us but current TCA Vice-President and Desert Division member Chris Allen. He was very excited about the HTML meeting he had come from and the new website additions coming to TCA. He was also excited about his first trip to York.

At noon we were able to enter the Blue and Silver Halls. Wow! What a Meet! I had been looking for a Lionel 42 Standard Gauge locomotive for several years and I found one at York. After looking for an Ives 333 Signal for about two years, I found one in a box at York, plus several other great items. I also ran into Rio Grande Chapter Vice President Dale Schafer, manning his table in the Silver Hall. We went to all the member halls. At 5:30 it was time for dinner and Crab Cakes at the Round the Clock Diner. Those Crab Cakes just melted in my mouth. Then it was on to the 7:00 PM Standards Committee Meeting. Then at 8:30 PM it was time to go to the Days Inn Bridgeton Center for the Gilbert get together. All types of rare AC Gilbert items from Erector sets, Science sets, to Polar Cub Fans were on display. Then back to the Hotel for more R&R.

Up early on Friday, we took another trip to the Meet and a tour of the Dealer Halls. My sister wanted to go to an antique mall on George Street, where she found me a 78 RPM child's record of train sounds for toy trains. Wow! What a town!

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end. Back in Baltimore, we caught our plane back to Albuquerque. It had been a very long three days, but a wonderful trip. All members of the Desert Division and also the Rio Grande Chapter should go to York at least once. It's FANTASTIC!

Finding a parking place can be a challenge.



The current atrium stage at National Headquarters - the Desert Division's donation (See page 1 of this issue) will help TCA build a "real" stage for future presentations.



NOTICE

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KID'S CLUB NEWS

“NO CHILDHOOD SHOULD BE WITHOUT A TRAIN”

Kid's Club Co-Chairs

A happy pair of sisters showed up at the April Meet. Rebecca and Melissa Peiffer, daughters of Desert Division member Jonathan Peiffer, had a lot to smile about. Not only did they enjoy the free pizza party, but Desert Division Kid's Club Co-Chair Thomas Plies remembered that Melissa had her seventh birthday, so he gave her a birthday present while all those in attendance sang a rousing chorus of the Birthday Song! Both girls set out to build the biggest pike in Division history out of the wooden Brio trains. I think you can tell by the pictures below that they did a fabulous job and used up every bit of track and inch of real estate the Kid's Club room had. We hope to see lots more kids out at our next Meet in May!

HIGH SCHOOL KID'S CLUB MEMBERS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Are you a high school age member of the Kid's Club but haven't shown up because you have other activities that keep you away on Saturday morning? Co-Chair Chris Allen wants to hear from you! The National TCA Kid's Club website is going through a major overhaul this month and we are looking for pictures of teenage Kid's Club members and their activities. I need to hear from you if you are still in Scouts, have used Microsoft Train Simulator (Did you like playing it and if not why?), any accomplishments in Music or the Arts, or anything else you may be doing now. Of course, if you're still running trains, that would be fabulous. Send us a picture of what you're running and why you like it. I am presently working with a former Kid's Club member who is revamping the National Kids Club website, and Desert Division Kids Club members will get a sneak peak if we can get some pictures and stories from you. Call Chris at 480-820-9559 or email him at: tcaddKidsClub@cox.net



Melissa Peiffer just turned seven and receives a Kids Club birthday present from Kid's Club Co-Chair, Thomas Plies. Moments later all those in attendance sang Happy Birthday to her!



Melissa is holding up her Kids Club birthday present while sister Rebecca is busy working on their huge Brio layout.

Kid's Club membership applications are available from any Desert Division Kids Club Chair, the Division Secretary, or from the National TCA website <http://www.traincollectors.org/kidsjoin.html>



* Desert Division's ** 2006 Spring Raffle *

1st Prize K-Line SP Daylight GS-4 w/TMCC!

2nd Prize Lionel #11716 Lionelville Circus Special Set



Tickets are on sale at the May 13th meet!

\$10.00 ea 3/\$25.00

Drawing date: June 10th, 2006 - Need not be present to win

2006 DESERT DIVISION SPRING RAFFLE SALES CONTINUE THIS MONTH

In 2003 the Desert Division had its first Spring Raffle in response to our many members who were operating trains in addition to collecting them and wanted to expand their pike with some quality modern pieces or maybe an unusual or hard-to-find item. We are pleased to announce that again this year you will find a wide selection of some not so common pieces. First prize this year is a beautiful K-Line Southern Pacific GS-4. This new (test run and checked ok) locomotive with matching die-cast tender was offered in 2001 and really is loaded with TMCC, Railsounds, illuminated marker, headlights, flashing MARS light, simulated firebox glow, and smoke. (List price - \$570.) Second prize is a Lionel #11716 Lionelville Circus Special set that continues to attract a lot of attention when it shows up. Issued in 1990, this mint OB set still fetches a premium price today. (One recently on e-Bay had a buy-it-now price of \$250.) Not to be outdone, we are offering an oil derrick for the Third prize, but as you would expect, not just an ordinary oil derrick. Lionel 6-12930 was issued in 1995 and had a very limited production run with the Lionelville markings, which makes this N/OB piece not one of your everyday run of the mill oil derricks. Don't believe me? Check out eBay auction #6036702452 and you'll find that someone just paid \$115 for one. We think you'll agree this is raffle contains a little bit of everything with retail values totaling almost \$1,000! As the saying goes, you can't win if you don't play. Tickets are on sale now for \$10.00 each or three for \$25.00. The drawing date is set for the June 10th Meet and you do not need to be present to win. If you can't make the Monthly Meet, contact Treasurer Bob Herman for tickets. For our out of town Desert Division supporters, we will deliver or pay for the postage if your ticket wins! Best of Luck to all of you!



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EXCITING TRAIN TRIPS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD – 2006: Historic Trains of the Southwest; Copper Canyon; New England Fall Foliage; Washington Wineries; California Railroad Museum; and Many More. For further information, contact Travel Consultant Linda Kopff, representing Bon Voyage Travel, at 623-556-1391.

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FOR SALE - 1150 LASER SET/OB. No rocket. G/8 \$180: Prewar 129E Steam Freight Set, 260E/260T 2-4-2 “O” Gauge Tinplate Outfit, G7/B8/OK \$1795. Lots of Good Stuff at Right Price or will trade for Comparable Std. Gauge Stuff: Buyer pays Shipping & Handling by UPS Ground. Bill Mischen - 915-598-8677 anytime or e-mail: dzedo2@earthlink.net.

FOR SALE – Post War Lionel ZW Transformers in Ex Condition: 250 Watt - \$195; 275 Watt - \$245. Buyer pays shipping costs via UPS Ground. Call Marty Nickerson at 928-778-4294 or e-mail 4aztrains@earthlink.net.

WANTED – Motor for 616 Flying Yankee power car or 636 City of Denver power car. Will buy complete power car if reasonable. Call Marty Nickerson at 928-778-4294.

FOR SALE – Lionel 390E Freight Set – 5 cars restored - \$750.00. Contact Sam Testa, 17541 Camino Confianza, Sahuarita, AZ 85629, or call 520-625-8303.

FOR SALE – 614 Alaskan SW-2 Switcher (C-7) - \$220. Call Gordon Wilson 480-837-5344.

This page is provided as a service to our members for trading among themselves.
Please contact them for items you may have, want, or need.

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COMING EVENTS

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| May 13 | Regular Division Meet – Drinkwater Clubhouse, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM
8102 E. Jackrabbit Road, between Chaparral and McDonald |
| May 20 | Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM
Contact: Greg Palmer – 505-898-3840 |
| June 3 | Toy Train Show – Rodeway Inn Event Center, Tucson, AZ – 9 AM
Contact: Bob Grassi – 520-797-1184 |
| June 10 | Regular Division Meet – Drinkwater Clubhouse, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM |
| June 18-25 | 52 nd TCA National Convention, San Antonio, TX |
| July 8 | Division Mini-Meet – Drinkwater Clubhouse, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM |
| August 19 | “Beat the Heat” Meet – Activity Center, 800 E. Gurley, Prescott, AZ – 9 AM
Contact: Norm Delucchi – 928-445-5379 |

PADE PROMOTIONS

Have You **PADE** Your Way?

Purchase raffle tickets

Author an article for the Dispatch

Donate something to the club

Enlist to help

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

Bob Herman donated more magazines for the Turkey Meet kits, and Bryan Jewell gave a Lionel plastic Shovel Assembly Kit to Kids Club. Gordon and Christie Wilson, Ron and Cathy Kuhn, Jonathan Peiffer, Chet Henry, and Chris Allen set up the Jaycees Hall on Friday evening to be ready for the April Pizza Meetza. Donations from Peter Atonna, Ivan English, Bob Herman, Bryan Jewell, Gerry Klei, Bill Mack, Jerry Sienkiewicz, Paul Wassermann, and Gordon and Christie Wilson enhanced the Pizza Meetza Auction, with proceeds going to the 2009 Convention Fund. Helping Ruth Elgar in the kitchen this month were Barbara Lautazi and Janice Rasmussen. Barbara's homemade cheese Danish was an added bonus.

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