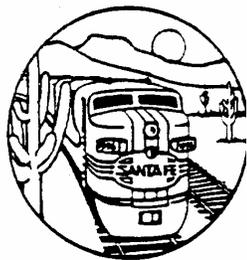


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## PIZZA MEETZA BEATS 'EM ALL

The "Pizza Meetza" was packed with members, guests, and friends. Brand new member Steve Gerstenfeld joined guests Dean Nelson (friend of John Bahne), Jack Eaton (sent over by Art Triant), Anthony Zingarelli (invited by Tom and Beth Stange), and Charles Weisman, a TCA member from Texas. Other out-of-staters included Frank Pizzaiia (New York) and Connie Calkins (Wyoming). We also welcomed two members back after lengthy illnesses: George Smith and Ron White. Ruth Elgar celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with us.

Treasurer Bob Herman announced that we have \$21,317.68 in savings and \$4,252.45 in checking, with \$274.20 earmarked for Trains for Kids.

The April issue of the Dispatch contained its regular April Fool's Day Joke. For those who haven't found it yet, it was the article on page 11 about the use of the Union Pacific logo. Seems a lot of folks fell for the story, while others, noting the date of the newsletter, just grinned and said, "The editors are at it again!"

Four items pertaining to the upcoming 2009 TCA Convention were aired. A. Peter Atonna reported on the newest addition to the Celebrate Arizona series, an Atlas 0-Gauge wood side reefer decorated with the Apache Beer logo and having tinsplate trucks and couplers. Orders were taken on the spot, and members may use the ad which appears in this issue of the Dispatch. Ads will also appear in upcoming issues of CTT magazine and the National Headquarters News. Clark McClure expressed the thanks of the Division for Peter's work on this project. B. Marty Wik showed the picture of the S-Gauge car to be presented at the 2008 TCA Convention in Denver this June. It is a depressed center flat car in battleship gray with a red transformer on top. Under the transformer is a copper ingot (copper being one of the five C's for which Arizona is known) from the Magma Copper Company. Imprinted on the flat car are the words "Hoover Dam Power Company." The Hoover Dam is one of the 7 Man Made Wonders of the World, whereas the Grand Canyon is one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World. C. Our cell phone redemption program has netted us over \$200 so far, with another shipment of about 40 phones going out this week. D. The e-Bay site has netted the Convention Treasury over \$700 so far. Congratulations to two local winners: Ed Georgevich and Angelo Lautazi.

Don Locke has done a marvelous job of coordinating the After-Meet Layout Visitations. However, there is a gap in May. Any volunteer for this activity should contact Don Locke (480-854-2546) immediately. May 5 is a train meet at the North Phoenix Baptist Church, June 2 is the Train Show in Tucson, and August 18 is the "Beat the Heat" Meet in Prescott.

Paul Wassermann informed us that Sam Taylor passed away earlier this week. On a happier note, Cole Gibbs is home from the hospital, in good spirits, and doing very well.

Bill Mack nominated Christie Wilson as a candidate for TCA National Secretary. A letter of intent has been forwarded to Sarah Lavinus and Jim Burke apprising them of this fact.

### COMING UP . . .

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| <b>May 12</b>     | <b>Regular Division Meet, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM</b>  |
| <b>May 12</b>     | <b>Rio Grande Chapter Meet, Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM</b>            |
| <b>June 2</b>     | <b>Toy Train Show, Rodeway Inn Event Center, Tucson, AZ – 9 AM</b> |
| <b>June 9</b>     | <b>Regular Division Meet, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM</b>  |
| <b>June 24-30</b> | <b>National Convention, Denver, CO</b>                             |
| <b>July 14</b>    | <b>Mini-Meet, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM</b>              |

The April Educational Segment was all about food. Peter Atonna told the story about himself and Cole Gibbs and single malt Scotch. A mutual friend served them a single malt Scotch, which they enjoyed very much. No surprise, as the cost of it is phenomenal! The name of it is Sheep Dip, and yes, it IS a single malt Scotch. Several years later, Terry Gibbs found a tank car labeled Sheep Dip, which he purchased and presented to Peter at that year's Turkey Meet. Peter Atonna now proudly displays that item on his layout in Paulden, AZ. Earl Rasmussen brought in a Pepsi-Cola car that he won in a TTOS Mystery Box. Earl's comment: "I like the colors." Paul Wassermann displayed his extremely rare 1915 Lionel loco with 3 cars offered as a promotional train for the Quaker Oats Company. He also brought an uncatalogued American Flyer Pre-War O-Gauge Wheaties Car and two lithographed Bing Cars, made in Germany for the American market. One is Swift's Premium Ham, and the other is the Pabst Blue Ribbon can, with the word beer blacked out because it was sold during the Prohibition Era. The picture on the beer car shows two wine glasses, maybe another Prohibition Era alteration. Gordon Wilson followed with 23 items: A one-of-a kind Premium Saltines Box Car made for him by a Fountain Hills neighbor and TCA member, Bill MacDowell; the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Williams diner; three Lionel lunch boxes; a TTOS Standard Gauge keg car, which could be either beer or wine; an Aquarium car for those who prefer fish; a Pickle Vat Car with vats printed on one side only; the Pineapple Car from the 1963 Libby's Set which was the focus of the April Fool's Joke in the April 1994 Dispatch; Swift's box car, of which there are several variations; Libby's Tomato Juice Car; the difficult-to-find orange Bosco box car; Stokely Van Camp Car with the unusual item number; a post-war Baby Ruth Candy Car, not nearly so colorful as the lithography on Pre-War Baby Ruth Cars (and not named for the baseball player); Chun King box car; Shredded Wheat Car, which Nabisco paid Lionel to make as an advertising gimmick; a Milk Car with the rare bronze plate showing through the bottom; the non-operating Chicken Car; a Lionel Brand Soda Pop car; the Wheaties Car offered by Betty Crocker as a coupon item; a Coca-Cola talking billboard; a Lionel tin with a cookie inside; a Horse Car, to honor Snuffy's Steak House, a North Jersey restaurant which was closed from time to time for serving horse meat rather than steak; and a Nestle's Advertising Car, which is an extremely rare 7" box car. Janet Mattern also had a few food items on her table. She showed the Quaker Oats car, made only for company employees, and the Cheerios Box Car, a companion piece to the Wheaties car offered by Betty Crocker.

The Mystery Greeter, Tom Stange, named Bill East as the friendliest person at the Meet. Bill received ten free raffle tickets, one of which later won a raffle prize. Katie Elgar drew the first raffle ticket, and it belonged to Chet Henry, who opted for the Hudson Raffle Ticket. Other prizes are as follows:

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| John Pryor      | Lionel PRR Standard O Flatcar                         |
| George Smith    | Book, <u>The Art of Lionel Trains</u>                 |
| Glenn Hill      | Two Kalmbach How-To Booklets                          |
| Bill East       | CTT Subscription (donated by Kalmbach Publishing Co.) |
| Larry Teresi    | Video, <u>Railroad Journeys</u>                       |
| Ken Barnes      | Lionel Milwaukee Road Illuminated Caboose             |
| Chris Allen     | Key chain, Chocolate Train, and Barrels               |
| Steve Bienstock | #6007 Lionel Caboose and Candy Train                  |

The Hudson Raffle winner was not in attendance, so Jonathan Peiffer will receive \$25, with the other \$75 going to the 2009 TCA Convention Treasury.



Highlights from the Meet:  
Above: Ruth Elgar celebrates her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday in the company of Connie Calkins.



Middle: Frankie Pizzaia peruses the line-up of pizzas with members Ken Barnes and Earl and Janice Rasmussen.



Upper Right: Peter Atonna auctions the autographed Suns shirt at the Pizza Meetza.



Lower Right: Marty Wik presents another 2009 TCA Convention offering.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

The April meeting was our Pizza Meetza, an annual event, combining a regular meeting, a feast of many varieties of pizza and an auction to boot! This meet was well attended and the auction went smoothly. Thanks to all of the members who contributed items to the Club or the 2009 Convention, as well as those members who bought lot tickets and placed their items into the auction. A big thank you to: Chet Henry for handling the lot tickets, Peter Atonna for auctioneering, Beth Stange for handling the pizza ordering, Laurel Allen and Patricia Plies for working at the Coffee Club and all others who helped with the auction and record keeping. Amazingly, we were able to consume 34 pizzas between the meeting and the auction. A good time seemed to be had by all.

We welcome new member Steve Gerstenfeld, who collects O gauge Lionel and MTH. He also has a 20' x 17' layout. Speaking of which, we don't have a layout visitation after the May meeting. If you decide you want to open up your trains for the club to view after the meeting, please contact Don Locke.

Speaking of trains and layouts, start thinking about helping with the Division layout at Rail Fair in October. There will be a chance to start adding names to the list of people willing to work at the Railroad Park on these two days. This is a great opportunity to run your trains on the Division layout, as well as talk to the public about trains, and also a great time to recruit new members.

As the weather is warming up quickly here, don't forget the National Convention in cooler Denver: June 23 through July 1. There are many train riding and related tours, put together by the RMD Convention Committee. This is a great opportunity to take in a National Convention that is close to home, to see what they are all about! If you haven't registered yet, there is still time. Go to [www.rmdtoytrains.org](http://www.rmdtoytrains.org) for registration information. I hope to see many members of Desert Division attend the convention!

Hope to see you at the next meeting on May 12!

Happy trains,



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## IN MEMORIAM

Sadly we announce the passing of Bob Sorensen (TCA 06-60732), a Marklin collector who had recently joined the Desert Division, whose death in January was very sudden and unexpected. Our condolences go out to his widow, family, and friends.

## BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, May 12, beginning at 8:00 AM at the Jaycees Hall. Members are welcome to attend.

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Volunteer to host an after meet Visitation.

## AN EXCEPTIONAL YORK DINING EXPERIENCE

By Paul Wassermann TCA #73-5169

One of the many pleasures of attending the Eastern Division TCA York Meet is the opportunity to renew old friendships and discover new dining venues. For the first time for me, our group ate at a new restaurant, Chapps at the Hill, 1839 South Queen Street, York, PA. Gordon Wilson ate there last year and suggested we give it a try.

The food proved to be exceptional, easily the equal of the Roosevelt Tavern, which has been at the top of my York dining list. The attention from our server was all one could hope for. At the conclusion of the evening, the restaurant's owner, George Karandrikas, came over to make certain our meal had met our expectations. We struck up a warm conversation with Mr. Karandrikas, and when he discovered we were from the TCA, he inquired if there was a way we could help promote his restaurant with our members. It occurred to me that an ideal way to accomplish this would be to request a donation from the restaurant to the Desert Division in support of the 2009 Convention fund raising activities. In turn we could publish this in our newsletters as well as let the participants in the Toy Train Message List know of our satisfaction with his restaurant. Not only did Mr. Karandrikas agree to this, he went way beyond our expectations! A few minutes later he returned with a \$100 gift card for use in the coming year at Chapps at the Hill. In addition to that generous gesture, he then invited our entire party to the bar for after dinner cocktails!



Prior to October York, we will be offering this donation as an auction item, so members of the Desert Division can enjoy the superlative dining we experienced this past visit. Our very sincere thanks go to Mr. Karandrikas. In his Chapps at the Hill Restaurant, we have a new friend of the TCA.

## GREETINGS FROM THE UK

by Mike Church TCA # 07-60918

Hello to all our friends in the Desert Division,

Every time we come over to the USA we have a great time, especially when we meet up with people who have train layouts. We have a friend in Tucson who has a three-rail layout in his garden, and it is great swapping tips about the track and trains and how it differs from the UK to the USA. The weather has a lot to do with it, as he gets the sun and we get the rain. Also, we have met a couple from Phoenix who have a G gauge layout in their garden, and they make us very welcome when we see them.

Myself, I have a three-rail layout indoors. It is in a room 224 ft by 9 ft and runs around the wall on a 2 ft wide board with a lift-out section to get into the room. I fell in love with the three-rail system and DCS when we were in Minneapolis, the first time I had been to the US. We also have a G gauge layout in the garden, which has two tracks running around, each one of which is about 96 ft. My wife sorts out the flowers and plants and I do all the engineering and track work, building walls and ponds. Our garden overlooks the sea and it is great watching the trains going around and watching the yachts sailing by. Well, winter is coming to an end, roll on the summer. I joined the TCA at the Turkey Meet in November. Since then, we have met lots of new friends, especially by e-mail. We hope to get out to Phoenix soon.

Mike Church's Indoor Layout



The Garden Layout – Mike's trains and his wife's gardening skills



View of the sea from Mike's Garden Layout



## RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

By Gregory Palmer TCA # 94-39039

Spring has sprung in the Southwest, with warm days, cold nights, and lots of wind. Speaking of spring, I hope some of you were able to attend the Spring York Meet. I was scheduled to go, but at the last minute I had to cancel due to family and business issues. I went through Crab Cakes withdrawal and toy train buying withdrawal, and now the focus will be on going to October York.

Since we did not have a meet scheduled in April, this report is about what our Meet will be about on May 12. We had to schedule the May Meet on the 12<sup>th</sup> because the New Mexico Rail Fair is on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. We always try to schedule Meets on the week after the Division Meet so as not to conflict with Desert Division dates. I want to encourage all Rio Grande Chapter members to come to the May 12 meet. Our after Meet visitation will be a tour of the Santa Fe Locomotive #2926 restoration project. Our host will be Chapter member Jon Spargo and the NMSL&RHS. Maps will be available at the Meet. Make sure you visit their website [www.nmslrhs.org](http://www.nmslrhs.org) to learn all about this dedicated group of volunteers and their efforts to restore this classic 4-8-4 Northern locomotive into rail service



I also want to encourage Chapter members to bring a favorite car, locomotive, or other toy train item for our educational show and tell segment. Please tell the Chapter members why it is your favorite and a little history of the item. Also, please feel free to bring items to sell or swap. Tables are free. I will also discuss some very important Standards Committee issues. This will be important information for all Chapter members.

We also need a Chapter Secretary. If you would like to finish Brenna's term, which ends in December, please come to the May 12<sup>th</sup> Meet. I hope to have an election for a new Secretary then. Since this will be the last Meet before the TCA National Convention in Denver, we will discuss car pool needs and other aspects of going to the Convention in June.

This will be a Rio Grande Chapter Meet you should not miss. The Meet will be held at the Sombra Del Monte Church – Lohmann Hall, at 2528 Utah N.E., Albuquerque, NM at 10:00 AM. Members please note that we are having the Meet back in Lohmann Hall, so enter the Hall off of Utah Street. This will be a great Meet, so don't miss it. See you there.



ATSF #2926 in better times (photos courtesy NMSL&RHS website)

## **BEAT THE HEAT MEET**

by Peter Atonna TCA #75-7578

Has it been long enough since you have taken a full day for an indulgence of toy training? Well, it is time to mark your calendar for this year's edition of the Beat the Heat Swap Meet in Prescott on August 18th. Sponsored by the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club, the meet features almost 100 tables of goodies, an afternoon of layout visiting and an invitation to make a mid-summer weekend of it in the Prescott area. The meet will be held at the Prescott Activity Center, 800 E. Gurley in downtown Prescott. If you haven't come before, the Activity Center is right on the main street, a half mile after you enter town on SR 69 or 89; just follow the signs to Gurley Street.

Each year we have been selling out the 100 sales tables so you will have a great selection of trains. Admission is still \$3 with kids under 12 free with an adult. The show starts at 9 am and runs to 1 pm. We are taking table reservations now in case you want to make sure you have one waiting. They are only \$20 each and include one admission. Table reservations must be paid in advance. Do try to get your reservations in early as they are usually sold out by the end of June. Dealer setup is 7 – 9 am. Send your reservation with your check to Norm Delucchi at 242 Thoroughbred Dr. Prescott, AZ 86301-6688. If you have questions, call him at 928-445-5379 or email to: [npdelucchi@cablone.net](mailto:npdelucchi@cablone.net).

Now here are the rest of the weekend's activities.

Shopping - Prescott has one of the finest antique and arts districts in the state. Located conveniently downtown, less than a mile from the Activity Center, the district lines Cortez and Marina Streets.

Train Rides - Both the Grand Canyon Railroad and the Verde Canyon Railroad are less than two hours from Prescott and would make a great Sunday activity. If you like train watching, there are a couple of superb locations near Williams and Ash Fork. Just check with me for the locations.

Outdoor activities - The Prescott area is a jumping off point for camping and fishing in the Bradshaws, bike riding on many of the area highways, hiking Thumb Butte, Granite Mountain, or the Peavine Rails to Trails.

Open Houses - Again this year we have five fellows who have generously opened their layouts and collections for your enjoyment. The time for visiting starts at 2 pm on Saturday, right after the meet. There will be maps available at the meet registration. We have:

Anthony Piscatelli - Anthony moved last year and this year is ready to show off his new HO layout. It is of a Western mining branch theme featuring Western railroads.

Brent Schnitzius - A large HO layout with broad curves and mountain scenery. Long trains run flawlessly. More scenery this year and a new yard.

Ray Dextraze - Early 20th Century American and European toys and trains all displayed in a beautiful setting. Come see his new Marklin #1 gauge steamer and two Japanese prewar handcars, but not containing who you may think. You are also welcome to stop by Friday evening, just give Ray a call at 928-777-0804.

Marlin Benson - Two huge train rooms filled with tinsplate trains and displays. From prewar and postwar to the latest gorgeous new scale steamers and diesels, Marlin's displays are a delight to see. New this year is his Large Scale on the wall of one train room and the permanent layout is under way.

Stan Cedarleaf - A huge outdoor Large Scale layout over 100 feet long with multiple trains running, bridges and scenery is in.

Peter Atonna - O gauge high rail and prewar O and Standard gauge fully scened layouts. The Lowell branch now has a mine, a new town, and more mountains. If you are spending the weekend, and would like to stop by Friday evening for a more relaxed visit, call Peter at: 928-636-4228 or email: [mjatonna@commspeed.net](mailto:mjatonna@commspeed.net).

We hope you will make this weekend a mini vacation. There are lots of happenings in Prescott during the summer. Beat the Heat week features the 20th Annual Cowboy Poets Gathering August 16-18. This is a three-day celebration of the stories and songs of Arizona working cowboys, featuring over 125 cowboy performers. For tickets call 877-928-4253; for information call 928-445-3122. or visit [www.sharlot.org](http://www.sharlot.org)

If you would like a nearby motel for your stay, here are some suggestions:

- + Heritage House Motel (across the street from the Activity Center), 819 E. Gurley - 928-445-9091
- + Apache Lodge (a genuine 30's motel), 1130 E. Gurley – 928-445-1422
- + American Motel, 1211 E Gurley – 928-778-4322
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- + Hotel Vendome, 230 S. Cortez – 928-776-0900
- + Hassayampa Inn, 122 E. Gurley – 928-778-9434

In addition, there is the Marriott SpringHill Suits in Depot Square downtown at 928-776-0998.

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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](mailto: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. Santa Fe with 15 cars, Mint - \$650. 400 E Reproduction Engine – Mint - \$800. Contact Sam Testa, 17541 Camino Confianza, Sahuarita, AZ 85629, or call 520-625-8303.

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

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| May 12     | Regular Division Meet, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM   |
| May 12     | Rio Grande Chapter Meet, Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM   |
| June 2     | 40 <sup>th</sup> Biannual Toy Train Show – Rodeway Inn Event Center, Tucson, AZ 9 AM<br>Contact Bud Stewart – 520-749-0228 or <a href="mailto:bud@at.tuccoxmail.com">bud@at.tuccoxmail.com</a> |
| June 9     | Regular Division Meet, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM   |
| June 24-30 | TCA National Convention – Westminster, CO  |
| July 14    | Division Mini-Meet, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM  |
| August 18  | “Beat the Heat” Meet – Prescott, AZ – 9 AM   |

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**A**uthor an article for the Dispatch

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Thanks to everyone who donated items to the 2009 Convention to be auctioned in the Pizza Meetza Auction in April: Peter Atonna, Ernestine Bong, Bob Herman, Bill Mack, Earl Rasmussen, Jerry Sienkiewicz, Gordon and Christie Wilson. Thanks to them, the Convention Treasury is over \$650 richer. All of our many cell phone donors are also appreciated.

Our April “Food & Trains” Show and Tell resulted in items from Peter Atonna, Janet Mattern, Earl Rasmussen, Paul Wassermann, and Gordon Wilson. Thank you to all who participate in this aspect of our Division’s activities.

Thank-you’s go to Laurel Allen and Pat Plies, who ably handled the kitchen in April, and to Chris Allen and Jonathan Peiffer for their help with the newsletter. James Hamra donated some literature to be used as future raffle prizes.

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