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PIZZA MEETZA – EETZA COMPLETEZA

April brought sunny skies, camaraderie, tables filled with toy trains for sale, and the usual staple for this Meet – Pizza for everyone. We welcomed Jim Bergero, guest of Wayne Ross; Jerry Hedeem and Gary Varner, both of whom rejoined the Division after some time away; Jim McDonald and Herb Andreen, whom we hadn't seen in several months. The after-meet Auction brought even more members and guests from near and far.

Treasurer Bob Herman reported that we have \$23,289.50 in Savings and \$18,771.35 in Checking.

Bob Johnston announced that the Turkey Meet will hold monthly meetings at 8 AM, at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, on Meet days from now through October, the next one being May 8. His Meet chairs include: Registration – Bob Herman, Hall Set Up – Chet Henry, Security – Art Triant, Contracts – Fred Hunter, Displays and Layouts – Katie Elgar. We still need an Advertising Chair.

The Bylaws Revision Committee, headed by Phil Todd, will begin work soon, noting that these revisions must be printed in the Dispatch three times before a ballot is sent to the members for their vote.

The Rio Grande Chapter has been approved for a “bridge loan” of \$650 to set up their Pumpkin Meet this year. That money will be repaid as soon as the Meet is completed.

Dave Brown asked about the New Zealand/Australia Chapter. President Peiffer has a list of names of TCA members in these two countries. He will be contacting them to begin conversation about the possibility of their being an active Chapter of the Desert Division.

Katie Elgar announced that she needs volunteers for after-meet visitations for June, July, and next year.

Next were the raffles. The first ticket drawn belonged to Bill East. Prize winners are as follows:

Bill East	Lionel NYC Flatcar
Wayne Ross	Maps, Picture of Horseshoe Curve, and Billboards
Bill East	K-Line 1989 TCA National Convention Flay w/cannons
Jerry Sienkiewicz	TCA Teddy Bear
Diane Martin	Hudson Raffle Ticket
Boyd Reasor	Toy Trains CD and Figures
Brad Martin	Die Cast Car and Train DVD
Brad Martin	TCA Calendar and chocolate train

The Hudson Raffle drawing for the \$100 bill went to Jim McDonald.

COMING UP

MAY 8 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

MAY 22 – Rail Fair Meet – Expo New Mexico – 10 AM

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

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

JUNE 20-27 – 56th Annual TCA Convention – Baltimore, MD

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

August 14 – “Beat the Heat” Meet – Prescott, AZ – 9 AM

The Hall was refigured, Auction lots were placed on the tables, and folks repaired to the back of the hall for Pizza and sodas. As soon as all the lots were out for view, folks were invited to inspect them before bidding. Peter Atonna explained the rules, and the fun began. Four hours later, all bidders had paid their bills, all buyers had collected their wares, and we were putting chairs and tables away.



Jim McDonald wins the Hudson \$100 bill.



Ken Barnes displays this year's Pizza selection.



Peter Atonna and Chet Henry explain the rules for the Auction.

KIDS CLUB UPDATE

by Dwane (08-62370) and Barbara (09-64288) Turner

I just wanted to give you an update on what the Kids Club has been doing since we took up the challenge. I took ownership of a large amount of material, including trains and dioramas, from Thomas Piles, my mentor and former Kids Club Co-Chair. I am still trying to figure out where to put the remainder when he gives the rest of the club items to me. I established contact with Kevin Harbinson who wears dual hats as the TCA National Kids Club Co-Chair and Rocky Mountain Division (RMD) Kids Club Chair. He has already given me several ideas based on his experience on how to make an event more interesting. I am trying not to reinvent the wheel while beating my head against a wall.

I really liked the idea of the accessory layout that the RMD has for all ages to play with. The Rio Grande Chapter had a layout at the 2009 TCA National Convention that was great for keeping kids interested in trains- especially trying to find all of the bears. Barbara and I went to a train meet in Tucson a few summers ago and they had an accessory layout set up where each accessory had an individual push button on the edge with a train running in the center. Barbara played with every button even though she wasn't that interested in trains at the time. We won't be able to attend the meet on June 5th in Tucson this year due to a graduation that morning. Would somebody that is going be able to get us contact information if that type of layout is running again?

I also contacted Bob Ousler, who is the RMD's Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge Coordinator. I had tried a couple of weeks ago contacting the Boy Scout division presidents that were the closest to Falcon Field to see if they had any scouts interested in the badge and did not receive a response. I hadn't realized in time that they had a major event similar to a convention the weekend prior to Falcon Field. I intend to set up a partnership with the Boy Scouts for the Railroad Merit Badge and will need some help from Division members. I am looking for anybody who currently works with the scouts or a former Boy Scout that can give me a helping hand. I am also curious if anybody has purchased any of the Boy Scout train cars and would be willing to do a show and tell at some point in the future. I also asked whether the Girl Scouts have a similar badge, and the answer seems to be that they don't.

We are still working on getting organized to start having kids actually attend the meetings again. The areas of Lego trains and cardstock buildings are ideas to still look into and see how feasible they are. We would appreciate any suggestions of ideas, events, or anything else that would help.

DIVISION MEET LOCATION

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let's take a moment to ponder two separate, yet interrelated ways we enjoy this hobby. One way is inwardly focused. It is about the personal enjoyment we get from this hobby, our collections, our stories and our knowledge. On the other hand, there is an outward expression of this hobby in our ability to share what we enjoy so much with others. Both are important to all of us. Without the inward focus on what we enjoy most, we could not express ourselves clearly when we talk about trains.

Saturday, April 17th was a day clearly focused on outward expression. The Falcon Field Open House was a huge success for both the public and the Division. At least 5000 people came out and enjoyed a day full of cars, planes, local vendors, and most importantly trains!

Our public face is growing and improving all the time. Seventeen people were involved with setup, operation, and teardown of the train sets. We acted as a team, setting up in just a little over two hours and packin up in just about one hour. In addition to the 28'x12' modular setup the Division has become accustomed to seeing, we had three additional layouts that all worked in harmony to make this event the most successful public outreach event since operating trains for the public was resurrected in 2008.

Yes, we had four separate operating layouts. Kids Club is alive and well under the direction of our new committee chairs Dwane and Barbara Turner, with plenty of help from Tom Plies, as they worked two separate floor loops. See Dwane's article in this [Dispatch](#) for more specific information on that subject. Also, Terry Bunish brought at a small operating layout of completely pre-war tin-plate trains on an 027 loop of track complete with tin-plate style buildings. Combining that specific display with a full history of trains from pre-war to modern and even a 0 scale live steamer on the large modules, the mission of the TCA was clearly visible for the public to see and enjoy.

To further the goal of promoting Division activities, literature, membership applications and over 500 discount coupons for the Turkey Meet were handed out. In order to track the effectiveness of the coupons, they are color coded. When people arrive with them at the door, we can then tell when they received a coupon to help determine which venues are the most effective for marketing our signature event.

The list of people to thank is extensive, but the following individuals all put effort in to make this a success: Herb Andreen, Terry and Keineth Bunish, Dallas Dixon, Newt Durboraw, Jack Eaton, Katie Elgar, Dave Hoverstock, Bob Johnston, Roland LaHaie, Bob Mayer, Jonathan Peiffer, Tom Plies,

Gus Recto, Tony Saulina, and finally Dwane and Barbara Turner. While Bob Mayer and Gus Recto are not Division members, there is a good chance we will see Gus at a future meeting and we can continue to work on Bob who currently lives in Tucson. Fred Hunter also provided great support by having the discount flyers printed in time for us to hand them out.

Without this level of support, this event would not have been nearly so successful. The level of Division involvement really was clear with the public who asked lots of good questions. This level of outward attention is exactly what our Division needs more of to expose the public to the "World's Greatest Hobby." The young families we interact with now will be future hobbyists looking to affiliate with groups such as ours.

While on the subject of thanks, a big thank you needs to go out to the many people who made our April Auction a fun and successful event. Like any event, it is the people behind the scenes who deserve a great deal of credit for making an event happen. Thanks to Ken Barnes for arranging for some awesome pizza through a local shop. Also, thanks to Bob Herman, Fred Hunter, and Angelo Lautazi for keeping track of purchases and printing receipts. The crew on the floor, including Chet Henry, Chris Allen, Marty Wik, and Katie Elgar, was kept busy. Peter Atonna always makes for a fun auction. Finally and most importantly, thank you to Shirley Hunter for impromptu organization of the pizza in the kitchen when it arrived. Not every plan is perfect and Shirley just jumped in and made it work.

The work of the Division is never done and we are always looking for more people to be involved. Prior to our May 8th Division Meet, we will be having a Turkey Meet Committee Meeting at 8:00 am. Please contact Bob Johnston if you plan to be there. Remember, we are looking for more help with publicity. Phil Todd is taking a look at bylaws, past and proposed, and we need more people who have knowledge in these areas to be involved so we can get a revised set of bylaws in front of the Division for a vote prior to election of new board members. We have a 40th Anniversary Committee chaired by Gordon and Christie Wilson. Anyone who has an interest in planning next year's anniversary events should talk with them.

More to do? Absolutely, however the page is running out so hope to see you all at the meeting!



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

We had no Meet in April due to York and other activities; however, we will have a large Meet on May 22nd. It is our annual TCA Rio Grande Chapter Meet at the New Mexico Railfair, which is at Expo New Mexico in the School Arts Building at 10:00AM. The Railfair starts at 9:00AM. Discount coupons are available at Trains West. The Railfair has approximately 75 tables of Railroadiana, Toy Trains, Books, and Model Railroad Equipment and Supplies. It is well publicized and the door attendance is large. If you want tables, please call the NM Railfair representative, Bryan Moseley 505-345-0657; or for Chapter Meet information, please call me at 505-898-3840. We will need to talk about the Pumpkin Meet activities at the Railfair Meet so we need members to attend. We have all the Pumpkin Meet activities contracted and signed. Our Pumpkin Meet Banquet will be Saturday, October 30th, at 6:00PM for the social time and 6:30PM for Dinner service, at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel, which is at Louisiana and Manual N.E. This is the site of our Pumpkin Meet and Auction, which is the next day, October 31st, beginning at 9:00AM. The cost of the dinner will be \$34.00 per person. You will have a choice of Prime Rib, Stuffed Chicken, or a Vegetarian option. All include a salad, soft drink, and dessert. A cash bar will also be available. A signup sheet will be included in the 2010 Pumpkin Meet flyer. We need to have a good showing so please plan to come. We hope the out-of-town table sellers will also come to the Banquet. At the May 22 Meet, we will go over the Pumpkin Meet Auction, which will take place after the Pumpkin Meet on Sunday, October 31st, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Please start thinking of putting items into the Auction now. We will need to know your items by the first of August. Another topic of discussion at the May 22nd Meet will be a possible August Meet and a ride on the New Mexico Railrunner Express to Santa Fe with the TTOS New Mexico Division Members. Do not forget to come to the May 22nd Rio Grande Chapter Meet at the New Mexico Railfair at 10:00AM at Expo New Mexico in the School Arts Building. See all of you there.

Photos from the March Rio Grande Chapter Meet



George Domeny shows off his American Flyer 0-Gauge car marked "shop worn."



Paul Hurford's Lionel 6657 Caboose with ladders.



Don Kuster brought his Lionel Trains Inc. American Flyer Disney Car.



Greg Palmer's Toonerville Trolleys.

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 it own bathroom 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 form 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.

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, followed by a pickup at Metro Center Mall at 7:30 AM. The last 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 of pickup point you choose will contact you with instructions on where to meet for the pickup. If you have any questions, call Dave Brown at 480-650-5336. I'm looking forward to seeing you on the bus on August 14, 2010.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Pickup Location:

< > Arizona Mills at 6:30 AM

< > Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00 AM

< > Metro Center at 7:30 AM

< > Carefree highway at 7:45 AM

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

Number of children under 14 _____ at \$12 each \$ _____

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

Total. Make checks payable to "GCMR". \$ _____

Mail this form and check to: David Brown, 815 N. 87th Pl., Scottsdale AZ 85257

KIDS CLUB AT FALCON FIELD'S 2nd OPEN HOUSE IN MESA

by Dwane Turner (TCA 08-62370)

Falcon Field was an interesting public outing for the Kids Club. Thomas Piles helped me set up everything on Friday afternoon and served as my mentor the entire next day. Barbara Turner, my Co-Chair, was also there to help with the Open House. Dallas Dixon was a huge help in that he loaned us several engines, including a Galloping Goose and two pre-built track layouts. The layouts were 4'x 6' mounted onto plywood with the center cut out and an 0-96 curve mounted on a spline roadbed that was huge. The amazing thing about the large layout was how light the six individual sections were. They only required one lock-on with no loss of power. The two layouts were separated by several feet along with two tables displaying pamphlets, a local train store flier, and information kits to give away to the public. The kits contained train catalogs, magazines, tourist railroad pamphlets, and a TCA brochure.

The most popular cars, regardless of age, seemed to be the Galloping Goose, the bobbing Disney cars, and the Ringling Brothers giraffe. The kids were very well supervised and careful, considering that these layouts were directly on the airplane hanger floor. The only incidents were from us, the adult supervisors, as our BIG FEET knocked part of a train over. I have no idea how many kids either stood or sat down track side to watch the trains run in circles, especially the boxcars with Spider Man and the Hulk. The center of the small layout had a tunnel and part of a city scene. The large layout had a tunnel formed by one table with a cloth hanging down, a farm scene and, fittingly, an airport.



Lessons Learned: The main one is to bring either more engines or more robust ones that can handle heavy post-war cars such as the search light car. The Mickey Mouse engine from the 70's was popular and would have had a bigger visual impact with the same cars of that time period instead of the current ones with the cartoons on the sides of the boxcars. We should have asked for 1-3 volunteers to help us with supervision and allowing the kids control time on the transformer. Unfortunately, I missed several chances to just talk to the kids and spark a bigger interest, due to supervising the entire area. I should have caught on when I saw Jonathan Peiffer, our Division president, teaching several kids how to use the transformer. We were located next to Terry and Keineth Bunish's tinplate layout that could have been tied into a history lesson of toy train progression. Overall, we did pretty well considering all of the help we had, and how many kids and adults stopped to watch the trains.

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SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS

The Desert Division has many activities and raffles. You can see from the Falcon Field event article and the photos on page 6 that we are indeed showing our faces at train related events. There are several upcoming events. The Rio Grande Chapter has a fun event on May 22; the Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Museum will host a Meet on June 6; the Central AZ Model RR Club will "beat the heat" on August 14. Meanwhile, there are our own meets and meetings coming up through the rest of the spring and summer.

We are still collecting cell phones, so bring your old deactivated unwanted cell phone to a meet and give it to Ken Barnes. The Spring Raffle prizes will be awarded on June 13. A mini-meet on July 10 will keep us busy during the summer months. Hudson Raffle tickets are available for sale at every meet from now until October. The final drawing for the Hudson will be at the Turkey Meet on November 28.

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, May 5, beginning at 7:30 PM at the home of Ralph and Sally Treichel. Members are welcome to attend. Please call 602-963-6985 to be sure there are enough chairs.

A FULL DAY OF TRAINS AT FALCON FIELD

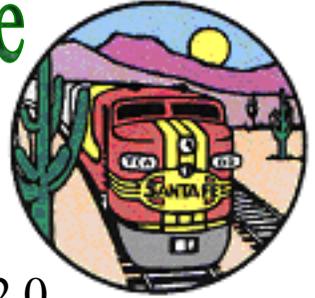


Captions from left to right and top to bottom:

1. Jack, Dwane, Bob and Dave setting up a module on Friday.
2. Newt's Basset-Lowke live steam 0-gauge train.
3. Terry's prewar Lionel train set running for the public.
4. The public enjoys watching the variety of trains running on the modules.
5. Modern and tin-plate trains running on the same layout demonstrating the history of the hobby.
6. Keineth helping children operate the transformer for the prewar layout.
7. A young child enjoys watching the handcars on a floor layout.

2010 Desert Division Spring Raffle

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First Prize:

MTH Railking Scale SW9 Switcher with PS2.0

Southern Pacific



Second Prize:

Lionel Operating Draw Bridge

6-14173



Third Prize:

American Flyer

769A Aircraft Beacon 3/16" scale



Tickets:

1 for \$10

3 for \$25

BEAT THE HEAT MEET

by Peter Atonna, TCA #75-7578

As usual, the year moves quickly on and it is already time to mark your calendar for this year's edition of the "Beat the Heat" Swap Meet in Prescott on August 14th. Sponsored by the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club, the meet features a swap meet with almost 100 tables of goodies, an afternoon of layout visiting and an invitation for you to take a weekend in the Prescott area. The meet is 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 90 plus sales tables so you will have a great selection of trains. Admission is \$4 with kids under 12 free with an adult. The show starts at 9am and runs to 1pm. We are taking table reservations now in case you want to make sure you have one waiting. They are still only \$23 each and that includes one admission. Table reservations must be paid in advance. Dealer setup is 7 - 9am. 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@cableone.net. To help you plan, here are some of the weekend's activities around the Prescott area.

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.

Museums - Next door to the Activity Center is the Smoki Museum, while downtown is the Sharlott Hall Museum and just north of town is the Phippen Art Museum

Cowboy Poets Gathering - Weeklong events featuring western themed poetry, entertainment and music. Held at Yavapai College. For information and tickets: www.azcowboypoets.org/.

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.

Farmers Market - For those of you who miss stopping at Young's Farm, Yavapai College, located on Sheldon St. just north of the Activity Center, hosts a farmer's market Saturday's 7:30 till noon.

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

- Mike Nelson - An O scale layout with multiple tiers and an including operating On30 layout. Large collection of O scale locomotives on display (note: Mike is open from 3 to 7pm)
- Jim Hanna - A large HO scale sceniced layout complete with multiple layers and bridges. Jim operates multiple trains with DCC
- Ray Dextraze - Early 20th Century American and European toys and trains all displayed in a beautiful setting.
- Marlin Benson - Three train rooms filled with trains and displays. His high rail layout occupies two rooms. A Large Scale loop lines the walls of one train room.
- Stan Cedarleaf - An outdoor Large Scale layout over 100 feet long with multiple trains running. Be sure to enjoy the "crow's nest" viewing spot.
- Warren Webster - Another outdoor Large Scale layout, just down the street from Stan with multiple loops and spectacular wooden bridges.
- Peter Atonna - Large O gauge high rail, fully sceniced layout. Narrow gauge under construction. Displays of prewar and postwar trains.

We hope you plan to spend the weekend in Prescott. If you would like a nearby motel for your stay, here are some suggestions (the Prescott area code is 928):

A short distance from the Activity Center are:

+ Heritage House Motel (across the street from the Activity Center) 819 E. Gurley 445-9091

+ Apache Lodge (a genuine 30's motel) 1130 E. Gurley 445-1422

+ American Motel, 1211 E Gurley 778-4322

+ Super 8 (on the next street to the north) 1105 E. Sheldon 776-1282

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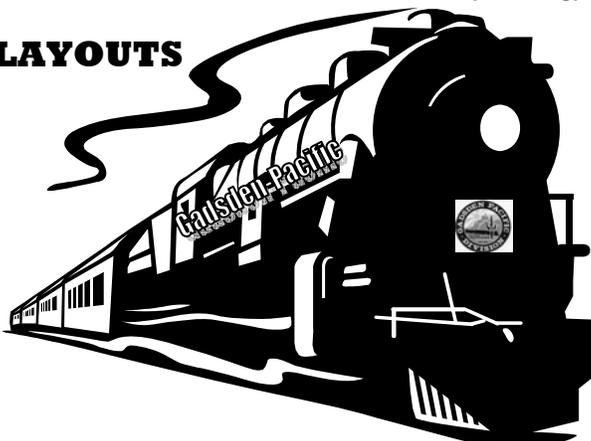
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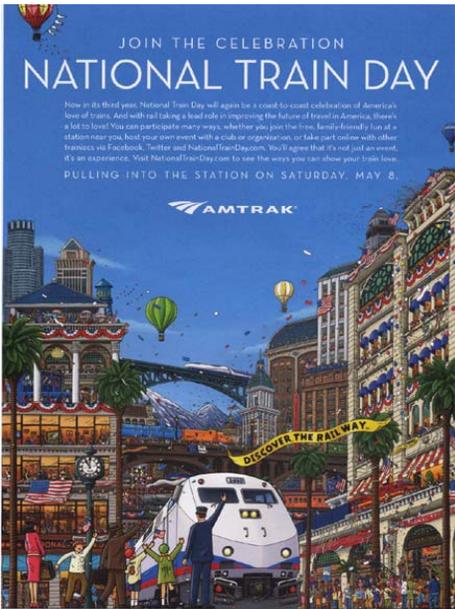
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- May 22 New Mexico Rail Fair Meet – Expo New Mexico, the School Arts Building – 9 AM
Contact: Greg Palmer 505-898-3840
- June 5 Gadsden-Pacific Summer Show & Meet – Grant Inn Events Center, Tucson, AZ – 9 AM
Contact: Bud Stewart 520-749-0228
- June 12 Turkey Meet Planning Meeting – 8 AM, followed by the Regular Division Meet
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- June 20-27 56th TCA National Convention – Baltimore, MD
- July 10 Turkey Meet Planning Meeting – 8 AM, followed by the Division Mini-Meet
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM
- August 14 “Beat the Heat” Meet and Layout Visitations – Prescott, AZ – 9 AM

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