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# Desert Division *DISPATCH*



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## FALL TRAINING

Cooler weather, Railfair, and two after-meet visitations made last month's Desert Division Meet an outstanding training session. Bill Jenkins from Pennsylvania won the award for traveling the farthest to the Meet. Treasurer Bob Herman announced that we have \$16,479.11 in Savings and \$4,243.29 in Checking, with \$439.71 in the Trains for Kids account.

Turkey Meet news centered around four issues: parking, room rates, set-up, and taxes. The parking ramp and lot at the Renaissance Hotel will be open and free from 8 AM to 4 PM. However, anyone who comes in to set up at 7 AM will also be able to get in. The "gate" will dispense a ticket, but as long as that person leaves before 4 PM, there is no charge. After 4 PM, the event fee will be \$11.00. Room rates at the Renaissance are \$129 per night, but the Hampton Inn across the street is \$109 per night with a free breakfast. We are hoping to be able to set up Friday night; however, the hotel will not confirm this until 30 days out. Contact Katie Elgar after October 30 to find out what time we can set up. As for taxes, the City of Glendale Tax Department will be there on Saturday morning to collect the fees. Anyone who holds a State of Arizona Business License will be asked for \$12.50; all other sellers will be asked for \$20. Sellers can apply for the license on line, in which case they will already have the necessary paperwork completed before they arrive at the Meet.

The Turkey Meet Auction will be held at the Scottsdale Jaycees Hall on Sunday, November 30. We are checking into the possibility of using credit cards. We could use PayPal, but the Jaycees Hall does not have internet access, making that impossible. Also, there would be a charge, so anyone using the credit card would be subject to a 4% premium to cover those charges. Katie Elgar and Bob Herman will do some further investigation and let us know whether or not it will be possible to use credit cards at the Auction this year.

The 2009 TCA National Convention is moving along nicely. We bid a fond adieu to Ed Micale, who is moving to Massachusetts, and welcome Bill Mack as the new Convention Chair. Starting in January, we will meet every month at 7:30 AM, before the regular Desert Division Meet. Volunteers need to let us know of their availability, as we will be tapping most of the membership to help out. Ralph Treichel has offered to serve as "Volunteer Chairman." If you would like to help, in any capacity, let Ralph know. He will put your name on a list and tap you for assistance as needed.

### COMING UP . . .

<b>NOVEMBER 29</b>	<b>Turkey Meet - Glendale, AZ – 9 AM</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 30</b>	<b>Turkey Meet Auction - Scottsdale, AZ – 8 AM</b>
<b>DECEMBER 7</b>	<b>Holiday Party - Mesa, AZ – NOON</b>
<b>JANUARY 10</b>	<b>Convention General Meeting - Jaycees Hall – 7:30 AM</b>
<b>JANUARY 10</b>	<b>Desert Division Meet - Jaycees Hall – 9 AM</b>
<b>JANUARY 17</b>	<b>Rio Grande Chapter Meet - Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM</b>
<b>JANUARY 17</b>	<b>Roadrunner Meet – Tucson, AZ – 9 AM</b>

Our Holiday Party is Sunday, December 7, at the Mesa Marriott. The cost is \$26 per person and the meal is the same as the past two years. A flier about this event appears in this issue of the Dispatch.

The Division is selling Thomas the Tank sets at \$100 per set. Anyone who wants one should contact Katie Elgar to set one aside, or come to the Turkey Meet, where they will be available for sale. We also have several K-Line battery operated Coke Sets, available at \$50 per set, proceeds to go to the Trains for Kids program.

On November 22, Paradise and Pacific is having their Steak Fry at McCormick Railroad Park. Anyone interested in going should call Dave Brown (480-423-8725) to reserve a seat. The next Tucson Meet is January 17. GCMR will have a bus available at \$30 per person. Again, the contact person is Dave Brown.

Our Educational Segment featured a “bottom of the box” story from Bob Mancus. He purchased a “black” Dorfan engine on e-Bay. When it arrived, he noticed that it was not black, but rather maroon, one of the rarest and hardest to find colors among early Dorfan engines. Bob brought a black engine as well so we could see the color variation. Bill Jenkins brought the most recent TCA National Headquarters News, with the 2009 Convention Car offerings, one of which is a Santa Fe reefer car. He was at a “Book Barn” recently, and he happened to see the October 1945 issue of Trains Magazine. Sure enough, the cover featured the original Santa Fe reefer car, after which ours is designed.

Katie and Ruth Elgar, as well as Ralph Treichel, donned their long sleeved blue parkas for the October meet. The temperature was cool, but not that cool. There must have been a reason. When asked about it, Katie announced that it was one of the gifts from the TCA Legacy Cruise. Ralph Treichel had brought in his Legacy Cruise train car (a flat car with a Carnival Cruise Line truck on it), also a gift to every participant. Another nice gift was the name badge holder, with space for a passport, money, and/or credit card. A couple of extra special stops on the cruise included Kennebunkport, Maine, and Peggy’s Cove in Nova Scotia. Jane Boyce, TCA’s Director of Development, had set up this cruise through AAA. She had added many train related activities to make it more fun for the 126 TCA members who participated. One interesting story occurred the night before the cruise. Participants who arrived the day before the ship was to sail stayed in a hotel in Queens, New York. That night they went 5 blocks down the street to a restaurant. There they noticed that a person at a nearby table was signing autographs for customers. Dauntless, Katie asked him who he was. He replied that he worked 5 minutes away and that he was Danny Murphy, recently called up from the (baseball) minors to play for the New York Mets. Sure enough, just 5 minutes away was Shea Stadium. The next TCA trip is a Canadian Rockies Rail Trip. TCA members are urged to read about the trip in upcoming publications, and sign up for it. A trip with a group of railroad buffs can be quite fun.

Our Mystery Greeter named Bill Jenkins as the winner of 10 free raffle tickets. Sarah Russell pulled the first winning ticket. It belonged to Beth Stange, who immediately took the Hudson raffle ticket. Other prize winners were as follows:

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| Fred Hunter    | Lionel DL&W Work Caboose                |
| Tony Saulina   | Williams LN&E Box Car                   |
| Bob Dennison   | Kenworth Truck                          |
| Bill Jenkins   | Colorado Trains DVS & New England badge |
| Angelo Lautazi | Harley Davidson motorcycles             |
| Ed Micale      | Hallmark ornaments                      |
| Ross Roberts   | Lionel Trains book                      |
| Brad Martin    | Video and patches                       |
| Ralph Treichel | Kurt Adler Santa Fe ornament            |

Sarah pulled the winning Hudson raffle ticket, and the winner of this month’s \$100 was Brad Martin.

Members left for lunch, after-meet visitations at the homes of John Wiley and Bob Keller, and Railfair.



Ralph Treichel displays his Cruise souvenir. Bob Mancus holds the maroon engine. Brad Martin walks away \$100 richer.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

I bring you the National TCA Election results. As of November 1, 2008, Chris Allen is now a Past National President of TCA. Clem Clement is the National President, Ron Stowell is President-elect, Paul Edgar is Vice President, Christie Wilson will continue as National Secretary, and Bill Kotek continues as National Treasurer. Newt Derby won the open position on the Investments Board. The dues increase was approved by the membership.

What a jam-packed train time Fall is! At Railfair we were setting up and running trains on the Tinplate Trackers Layout, which Jonathan and Dallas have worked on continuously. Thanks to Roland and David LaHaie, Bob Johnston, Ralph and Sally Treichel, Dallas Dixon, Jack Eaton and Jonathan Peiffer, we were able to get the trains running Friday evening. There was great turn out at the Railroad Park by the public on both Saturday and Sunday. Fred Hunter, Christie Wilson, and Janet Mattern were there as well, running trains and handing out brochures and telling the people about the Desert Division of TCA. Hopefully people who picked up our Turkey Meet brochures will come to the show. Hope I didn't forget to thank anyone else who helped out.

Paradise and Pacific has invited us to their cookout at the Rail Road Park on Nov. 11. Call Dave Brown (480-423-8725) if you are interested so they have a count.

The after-meet visits in October were to Bob Keller's and John Wiley's. Bob's layout has many trains running at **all** levels! He uses many Dept. 56 buildings and figures for his scenes and has a unique background of trees as well. Some of the town names Bob uses reflect his past time spent in the Eastern US. Some may look familiar to you, and some may not. But that is all part of building your own empire! Even though John referred to his trains as a test track, he has operating loops of O, S and Standard Gauge in his train room. There is a Ford Dealership with many cars in the lot for sale. John also has a huge display of other trains as well as his unique telephone collection reflecting his years with the telephone company! In the middle of his trains is the bunny that many will remember that John brought in to show a number of years ago.

Don Locke has agreed to coordinate the visitations for 2009 and he has already set up next year's list. Perhaps you are ready to show off your trains to the Division members! Check with Don to see if he has visits in your area that he can pair up with another member. Sharing is part of the train hobby. I always find I can pick up a tip about trains or layouts at these visits.

Barb Lautazi has agreed to sell sodas, water, coffee and doughnuts at the January Meeting. It would be nice to have this project revolving among the members. Since no one volunteered to take it on, I thank Barb and Angelo for stepping up for January.

Speaking of sharing, for the 2009 Convention, the Standards Committee is coordinating a program to showcase some of the work of those who re-furbish trains. There will be a friendly competition of amateur and professional refurbishing in the public display area, with awards! This will not only feature what some of our TCA members can do, but also show the public what can be done with old beat up trains! Making a Gem out of a Junker! There will be more information coming along soon on this.

November starts a new membership drive. President Clem Clement is encouraging us to take our wonderful organization to the uninitiated in our area. Show those who do not know us, who we are and what we love about our beloved TCA. Share your hobby, your fun, and your excitement with a friend, neighbor, family member and community. This membership drive is called "Win Big" Campaign. Divisions and individual members have an opportunity to win prizes from \$50.00 gift certificates to even \$1,000.00 in cash. More information about this campaign appears on page 10.

While at York in October, I was able to get to the National Toy Train Museum and pick up a couple of different items from the museum store for raffle prizes. There are a lot of gift ideas, available for both young and old. Check out the TCA National Link on our website and browse through the store. Right now there are some interesting specials! Also at the NTTM, I was able to locate the Stephen Girard train, for which the Desert Division contributed to purchase in memory of Cole Gibbs. It is a handsome train indeed.

The weather at York was great, and the Desert Division booth did a brisk business selling promotional items. A big **thank you** goes out to the team who did a great job promoting the 2009 Convention! Also, a big **thanks** to Bill Jenkins and Fred Claassen for getting the items from VT to York!

The Turkey Meet is nearly here. Be sure to order your tables soon from Bob Herman. There will be lots of trains running, so bring the kids and grandkids as well as your neighbors. Don't forget to get an auction catalog and check out the great trains for auction!

December brings our Holiday Party on December 7. Look for the Reservation Form at the bottom of page 4. The Marriott puts on a great meal for this event! Don't miss it!

The 2009 Convention Committee will meet prior to the regular meetings January through June. You are invited to attend. Ralph Treichel will be the volunteer coordinator. If you want to help out somewhere with the 2009 TCA National Convention, get your name to Ralph.

Welcome to the cooler weather, a great time to play with trains!

Happy trains!

*Katie*



### 2008 HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 7, 2008  
Phoenix Marriott Mesa  
200 N Centennial Way  
Mesa, AZ

11 AM: Meet and Greet (cash bar available)  
Santa will be there to see the kids under 12.  
Noon: Brunch

Fellowship, Food, Favors, Raffles, Auctions and Fun!

Chair: Ralph & Sally Treichel

Reservation deadline: December 1, 2008

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Please print names of persons attending, giving ages of children 12 and under.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Please check this line if you will need handicapped seating.

Thank you!

## 2009 CONVENTION UPDATES

Volunteer Committee – A newly created position of Volunteer Chair has been filled by Ralph Treichel. Ralph has attended the early morning General Convention Committee meetings before the meets, only to feel left out because he didn't have a job. Now that has changed. When asked if he would consider being Volunteer Chairman, he responded, "Good, I wanted something to do and this is a perfect job for me." If you want to volunteer for any task connected with the 2009 TCA National Convention, contact Ralph (602-863-6985). He will have lists of how many folks are needed in what capacities, and he will be able to assist you by finding the right position for your talents, time, and efforts.

Denim Shirts – The Convention Committee has authorized Brad Martin to investigate costs and availability of long-sleeved denim shirts with the Convention Logo. As soon as that information is available, we will begin taking orders for them. Plan to attend the January Meet with money in hand to buy your long-sleeved denim Convention Shirt(s).

Patches – Did you ask for a Convention Logo patch? Brad Martin is also investigating the possibility of having these made. Watch for the next newsletter to see how much they will cost. Plan to place your order (or pick up your patch if they are available) at the January Meet.

## HEALTH UPDATE

Ken Barnes recently underwent gall bladder surgery. He is recuperating at home. He would appreciate any Get-Well cards you might send to him at 6826 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85014.

## ON ANOTHER NOTE

The following was received from the Rasmussens:

*To the Membership:*

*Janice and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, and prayers during our bout with health problems. We are both "on the mend" but have some time before we will be completely over the worst part. We are both doing much better.*

*Again, we thank you for your caring !!!*

*Janice and Earl*

## WAVY FLAG MINT CAR

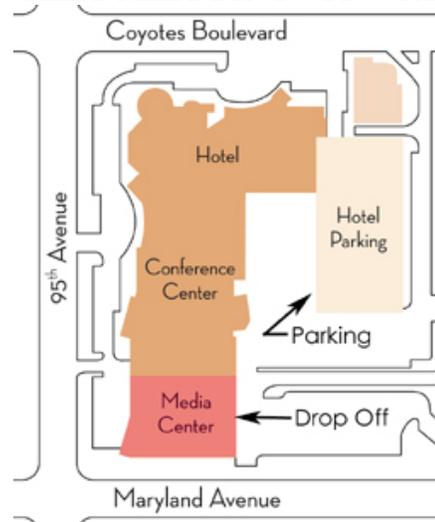
There is a wavy flag mint car order form in this issue of the Dispatch. Orders will be taken until December 15 of this year. As a Desert Division member, you pay no sales tax. If you pick up your car at a meet, you pay no shipping. What a deal! For only \$64, you can have one of these very attractive Celebrate America cars. Use the order form on Page 8 of this issue.

## TURKEY MEET

There is still time to register for the 2008 Turkey Meet. Use the flier on page 9 to order tables and/or pre-register for admission into the Trading Hall. For your convenience, the Drop Off and Parking map is shown at right. The Meet will be held in the Media Center. Parking is available in the Hotel Parking Garage. See the Meet Registration Flier for more information.

Remember that the Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, November 29, at the Renaissance Hotel and Spa in Glendale (9495 W. Coyotes Blvd.), but the Auction will be held on Sunday, November 30, at the Jaycees Herb Drinkwater Clubhouse in Scottsdale (8102 E. Jackrabbit Road).

## 2008 TURKEY MEET DROP OFF & PARKING





## RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

Well, the fall is moving at light speed. October York is now history, and our Chapter's Pumpkin Meet is also history. October York was again a fantastic Meet. Once again I purchased too many toy train items, had too much to eat, and had too much fun with friends. Once again if you have a chance to go to the Eastern Division Meet at York, PA, go. You will not forget it as long as you live.

The TCA Rio Grande Chapter's Pumpkin Meet was a success. Even though table sales were slow early, Bill Spofford, our Meet Coordinator-Manager did a super job calling members and getting about 22 tables sold. Bill gave multiple table holders a free table, saying thank you for supporting the Meet and the Chapter. The big disappointment was the public attendance. We only had around 30 people come to the hall. Our first Pumpkin Meet had around 70 people. It might be the economy or the internet, but we need to look into doing something different with the Pumpkin Meet, in order to attract more public to attend. At our regular Meet on January 17th, 2009, we will discuss the Pumpkin Meet and attendance. If you have any suggestions please come to the Meet and help us come up with a plan. Bill Spofford has some plans for venue changes, so plan on coming to the January 17th Regular Meet, which will be at 10:00AM at the Sombra Del Monte Church at 2528 Utah N.E., in Albuquerque, NM.

Also at the regular Meet we will discuss the proposed Operational Standards for Toy Train Equipment. A separate committee has been set up by the Steering Committee of the Standards Committee, to come up with a working proposal on Operational Standards. I am on this committee, and need input from all of my Chapter members, as well as all TCA members. We have six months to come up with a plan for a formal proposal. Please help me with this and come to the January 17th Meet with your ideas, and if you think we should even have a separate operational Standard on Toy Trains. It is a very important issue for the TCA. We will discuss what we will give as a gift to our Train For Kids Program in Socorro, New Mexico. In addition, we need to give a gift to our Charity the New Mexico Ronald McDonald House. So come to the January 17th Chapter Meet with your mind full of ideas. We need your help.

Please bring educational items for our educational segment (show and tell). This is always fun. Also if you want to bring Toy Train items to sell or swap, tables are free and remain set up for the whole Meet. The New Mexico Railrunner Express Billboard sales are going well. If you want a Billboard sheet they are \$5.00 for a sheet of four Billboards. They look super, and once again thanks to Ross Jordan for all of his hard work, and to John Trever, and Paul Hurford for helping get this project going. If any Division member wants a Billboard sheet, please send a check for \$6.00 to cover cost plus first class postage to me Gregory Palmer, 9633 2nd St. N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87114.

We are investigating having a Holiday Party in December. If we can find a place we will E-mail you via the Rio Grande Chapter's e-mail service via Carl Soderberg, and via the telephone. We will let all of you know.

Hope to see all of you at our Regular Meet on January 17th, 2009.

Scott Eckstein and John Trever discuss possible variations.



Bill Spofford's table of trains and Dinky Toys



Progress on the scenery at the Rio Grande Chapter Saracino Middle School Project – Congratulations to Jon Spargo and Mrs. Phipps' class.



See article on Page 6 of this issue of the Dispatch.

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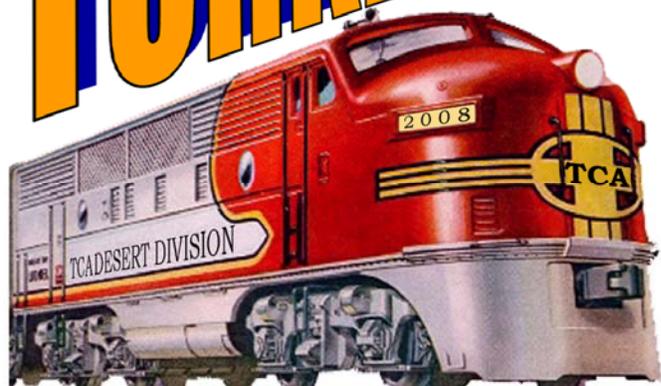
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## 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TCA DESERT DIVISION TURKEY MEET



## GLENDALE, ARIZONA TOY TRAINS

### SWAP MEET

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Auction Catalog \_\_\_ x \$ 5.00 \$ \_\_\_  
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TOTAL Enclosed \$ \_\_\_

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the Turkey Meet in regards to buying, selling, ethics and behavior. I further agree, that in the case of a dispute, the meet chairman, or an impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairman shall arbitrate the matter and render a binding decision. I shall upon the direction of the Meet Chairman, in the case of a disputed sale, refund a buyer's money.

Signed X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## TCA ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE - MEMBERS AND DIVISIONS WIN BIG



The challenge is to increase TCA membership by 1500 to 2000 new members over the next year in the 2009 “WIN BIG” Membership Drive. It runs from November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009. You and the Desert Division are automatically entered to win from \$50 up to \$1000 when a Division member signs an application for a new member. Check out the member, Division, quarterly and Grand Prizes below.

**WIN \$50, \$100, \$200, \$500 - Even \$1000**

### **Member Prizes**

**\$50 Gift Certificates** to TCA Museum Store awarded each quarter to two current TCA member recruiters.

**\$200 Check** awarded at the 2009 TCA National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ, by random drawing from all participating members.

### **Division Prizes**

**\$200 Gift Certificates** to the TCA Museum Store, awarded each quarter to two Divisions.

**\$200 Check** awarded at the 2009 TCA National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ, to the Division recruiting the greatest number of new members to date.

**\$200 Check** awarded at the 2009 TCA National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ, to Division recruiting the greatest percentage of new members to date.

### **Grand Prizes** – awarded at the end of the membership drive on October 31, 2009.

**\$100 Gift Certificates** awarded to top 10 TCA individual member recruiters.

**\$500 Check** awarded to the Division recruiting the greatest number of new members.

**\$500 Check** awarded to the Division recruiting the greatest percentage of new members.

**\$1000 Check** awarded by random drawing from all participating TCA members.

See the November 2008 National Headquarters News or visit [www.traincollectors.org](http://www.traincollectors.org) or [www.tcamembers.org](http://www.tcamembers.org) for complete rules and an application form to get started.

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**AVAILABLE** – **QSI’s QS3000** Conventional 3-Rail Sound System is available in a limited quantity. Two versions available: MTH Conversion for ProtoSounds (1), & for After Market Upgrades. Sound board: \$119 ea. after \$30 Rebate. Additional \$10 Rebate per board purchased for turning in QS 1.0/1.1. After Market Sound System kits – plug into QSI Reverse Units: \$219. QSI Power Guards & Reverse units are available.

**QSI’s QS2p SALE** – Conventional 3-Rail Sound Systems: Top Board: \$69 (Regular \$85); Kit: \$165 (Regular \$189), while supplies last or sale’s end on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Bonus, receive a \$10 Rebate per board purchased for turning in QS 1.0/1.1. The Scaled Tin Rail, Inc., 97 Shoshone Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001. Business Hours: 9 AM – 2 PM, M-F, MST. Art Boynton 928-525-0755; fax: 928-525-1091 (Call to have fax turned on.); e-mail: [stri23oh@npgcable.com](mailto:stri23oh@npgcable.com)

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**FOR SALE** – 2009 Greenberg Pocket Guides, Lionel and American Flyer. Contact Gordon Wilson e-mail [christie1wilson@aol.com](mailto:christie1wilson@aol.com) or call 480-837-5344.

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| November 29      | Turkey Meet Swap Meet – Renaissance Hotel, Glendale, AZ - 9 AM  |
| November 30      | Turkey Meet Auction – Scottsdale Jaycees Hall – 8 AM<br>Contact: Bob Herman 480-948-2730                          |
| December 7       | Holiday Party – Mesa Marriott – Noon<br>Contact: Ralph Treichel 602-863-6985                                      |
| January 10, 2009 | Regular Division Meet – Scottsdale Jaycees Hall – 9 AM<br>8102 E. Jackrabbit Road, between McDonald and Chaparral |
| January 17, 2009 | Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM<br>Contact: Greg Palmer 505-898-3840                            |
| January 17, 2009 | Roadrunner Meet – Tucson, AZ – 9 AM<br>Contact: Bud Stewart 520-749-0228  |

**Have You PADE Your Way?**

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

**PADE PROMOTIONS**

Thank you to everyone who helped at the October York Meet to advertise the 55th TCA National Convention to be held in Scottsdale from June 28 through July 5, 2009. Ruth and Katie Elgar, Gordon and Christie Wilson, Laurel and Chris Allen did yeoman duty at the tables, while Greg Palmer, Fred Claassen, and Bill Jenkins “made it happen” by assisting with the set-up. Chris and Laurel Allen took care of tear down and the prototype cars. Again, thank you to all who helped.

Thank you also to Greg Novak for a year of “kitchen duty.”

Your name can appear in this column. You only need to do something helpful for the Division.