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TWO DAYS OF TURKEY

With the busy month of October behind us, the even busier month of November is on deck. No matter how you slice it, the two-day Turkey Meet and auction is the second longest continuously running train meet west of the Mississippi. There are bigger and arguably better shows during the fall season, but from its humble beginnings as an additional meet following Cal-Stewart, (who gave us our now familiar “Turkey Meet” moniker) the long term camaraderie we have established with our friends throughout the west and southwest, none finer. The October General Meet was smaller than recent months with the fabulous weather, college football and pre-York timing all contributing factors for the lighter than normal turnout. But as we all know out here in the great southwest this is a double edge sword because the great fall weather also means our winter members will be returning soon. Barbara Lautazi and Sally Treichel had some surprises at the hospitality table. I won’t go into the details, but their extra effort brought many smiles of appreciation from those in attendance. If you miss the Meet, you miss the free treats! Sales tables did fill up early and those in attendance dig snag the bargains as we observed quite a few members making a quick trip to the parking lot to secure their new treasure before returning to the hall to continue the hunt for more. President Peiffer opened up the General Meeting stating that there were only a few items of business on the agenda. Secretary Lautazi reported no guests or new members in the past month and also mentioned that he is still collecting names of members who would like to go together and purchase the current season DVD of the Tracks Ahead TV show. As you recall the Division sponsored the series with the Phoenix PBS affiliate because of its broad reach throughout the state of Arizona and because it featured train layouts from Division members Peter Atonna, Angelo Lautazi, and Paul Wassermann along with the Adobe Mountain Railroad Park. Members combining their orders with other members would save an additional five dollars if he gets the required minimum order. Contact Angelo for additional information. Treasurer Herman reported \$50,288.20 in the Savings account and \$8284.62 in the checking account. President Peiffer then had several announcements stating that this weekend was Rail Fair and the Division was running trains on a borrowed module from Dallas Dixon. He turned the floor over to Dwayne Turner who updated the members on the teardown time and expressed a open invitation to the members to come out and play trains this weekend and not only promote the hobby and the upcoming Turkey Meet but more importantly, to have fun playing with trains. President Peiffer then announced that after insuring no

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10 – Division “mini” Meet – Phoenix AZ – 9 AM

November 24 - Turkey Meet Train Swap Meet – 9 AM Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale AZ

November 25 – Turkey Meet Auction – 400+ Lots! – 9 AM Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale AZ

December 2 – Holiday Party – Mesa Marriott – 4 PM (reservation form inside)

January 12 – Division Regular Meet – Phoenix AZ – 9 AM

January 19 – Special Winter 350+ lot Auction – Phoenix AZ - details soon!

conflict with the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders, we would have a November “mini” Meet on November 10, the second Saturday in November. This meet will fall between the Gadsden Pacific TTOM train show in Tucson and the Turkey Meet. Because of the last minute addition the Division was not able to rent our regular meeting room but one very close by. Down the hall in the building just north of our present meeting room is the Faith and Healing Center. It is a similar sized room but does not have the same amount of tables as we normally have available. **We ask all table sellers coming to the November mini meet to plan on using only one table for this month only.** For those of you unfamiliar with how a mini meet runs, simply there is no formal business meeting and no raffle prizes. A few announcements will be made in place of the business meeting, and there will be an educational segment along with lots of free coffee, soda and donuts. Be sure to join us and some of your closest friends who share the joy of this great hobby in November. Next announcement was about the upcoming Rio Grande Chapter’s Pumpkin Meet. A show of hands indicated that several members were going to make the drive to Albuquerque and not only support the Chapter but to have fun in the city that will host the 2019 TCA National Convention. President Peiffer then mentioned our own upcoming Turkey Meet and the need for a few volunteers to staff the front door on Saturday as well as help table sellers unload on Friday. Chet Henry mentioned he had Turkey Meet auction catalogs available for the 400+ Sunday auction. Your auction catalog is your ticket for admission to the auction and many of us look at it as the Desert Division’s version of the “Wish Book”. You might as well get yours now so you can start dreaming about an early Christmas present. Ralph Treichel reported that the Holiday Party was all set and that reservations deadline was approaching. Turkey Meet weekend will be the deadline this year and the form is elsewhere in this issue. With all the announcements out of the way there were no topics for old or new business to discuss, so the meeting moved to the educational segment which featured fall colors or Halloween themes. Since he had the microphone President Peiffer went first with his wide display of Jersey Central cars in fall colors. Angelo Lautazi was up next explaining that he has begun assembling a Halloween themed train set. He spoke of the difficulties of finding cars to add to his collection because it seems that this has become a small niche area in recent years. Marty Wik had a very unique Shamrock milk box and story to go along with it. Gordon Wilson rounded out the segment with a story about a pair of Marx locos that survived being buried and caked in mud. When they were cleaned up not a scratch and the colors were vibrant and almost like new. The final general meet raffle prizes for the year were drawn. Terry Haas was first up and choose a nice Lionel Boxcar, Glenn Hill was the next winner and he choose an operating Lionel Ore Dump Car, Chet Henry followed and choose a book on scenic techniques for train layouts and then Terry Haas’ name was pulled again this time he choose a Lionel factory building kit, much to Ivan English’s surprise when his name was picked he noticed that the final free 2012 Division Hudson ticket was still on the table, Bob Miazga was the next winner and he choose the Lionel over-under arch bridge. Ralph Treichel was the final winner of the day and took home a nice assortment of memorabilia from the recently held TCA convetion in Atlanta. The final \$100 Hudson drawing for the year was won by Chris Allen. There are a few Hudson tickets still left for the drawing to be held during the Turkey Meet on November 24th. They will be for sale at the mini meet and the Turkey Meet so you still have a great chance to take home this postwar classic for just \$25.



Dwayne Turner, Mike Dietrich and Jonathan Peiffer are all smiles as they talk trains



We think Grandpa Rolland LaHaie’s T Shirt says it all

OCTOBER'S EDUCATIONAL SEGMENT



Division President Jonathan Peiffer extolling the many splendors of all things Jersey Central



Division Secretary Angelo Lautazi and one of his new found passions, collecting Halloween themed train cars



Wonder what Division Director Marty Wik is holding in his hand? If you miss a Meet you miss out on some very interesting treasures and even better stories



Gordon Wilson with a great mud caked discovery, two wonderful Marx Monoon loco's that seemed to enjoy the mudpack beauty treatment

November mini Meet Educational Theme chosen by Division Member's

At the October General Meet the membership chimed in with their own idea for November's Educational segment, **"The Biggest Turkey in Your Collection"**. This should be a fun theme that is wide open for interpretation so let's see what appears on the table and the story that goes with it.

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – Oct. 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Jonathan Peiffer at the home of Ralph and Sally Treschel

In Attendance: Jonathan Peiffer, Art Triant, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Ralph Treichel, and Marty Wik.

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report - Bob presented the Treasurer's report. There is \$50,288.20 in the Savings account and \$8284.62 in the checking account.

Membership Report - Angelo reported that there were 285 current members in the Desert Division.

Old Business

Railroad Park Donation - A committee will be formed to investigate possible scenarios for getting the Desert Division involved with the RR Park and the City of Scottsdale.

Rail Fair – Sat. Oct 13. Dallas will be bringing some modules and Terry Bunish is bringing his stand alone layout.

2012 Turkey Meet – Tri-folds are at the Printer. Angelo will print a volunteer sign up list for the next meet and Jonathan will explain what help is needed to the membership. There will be no door prizes and no table top auction.

2012 Holiday Party – set for Sunday Dec 2nd. It was decided to invite the members of the Paradise & Pacific club. The Desert Division will cover the party costs this year even though the other clubs have offered to contribute. Jonathan will contact the P&P to see if they can provide a head count and we will order more gifts if needed. Sally, Shirley and Barbara will be shopping for centerpieces.

New Business

Phoenix Train Station - Marty has discovered that the old Phoenix Train Station is available for use to a non-profit. The BOD will try to follow up and try to get more details.

November "mini"-Meet - Ralph has asked that we schedule a meet on Nov 10 so the membership can be appraised of the latest information on the Turkey Meet and Holiday party. Information has been received that the GCMR will not meet that day. It is a good opportunity to confirm plans and volunteer position. The Board agreed and will schedule the Nov 10th meet.

Next BOD Meeting - The next Board meeting will be held at Bob Herman's home on Wednesday November 7.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm by Jonathan.

Editors Note: These minutes are condensed for publication – See the Division Secretary for the official minutes if you have any questions

DESERT DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012 - 2013

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What is the greatest train show you have ever been too? Having come back from my first York meet and my first Pumpkin meet I have had considerable time to think about this question. My answer turns out to be "the train show I happen to be at." York was an incredible experience my first time. The halls of trains, the mass of humanity, and the relationships old and new all contributed to a wonderful experience. Oddly for the first time in my life I did not even purchase a train item. I did come home with one, but you will have to attend the November mini-meet to hear that story. Having just returned from the Pumpkin meet I can say with conviction that I had the same experience. The only difference was I purchased a few items including one from Gordon Wilson who brought it out from Phoenix. How's that for irony? The most important experience I took away from both meets was the social aspect of this hobby and how enriching it is. The trains are fun and for those of you who know me well, I take my modeling quite seriously. However the people are the most important aspect of this hobby. This hobby is full of wonderful people with diverse interests and talents and the Train Collector's Organization is the glue that brings our diverse interests together so we can share and learn.

Marty Wik asked me if he could ride with me on the drive to Albuquerque and it made the 6-1/2 hour seem very short. Our conversation during the drive covered so many interesting topics and came to know each other much better. Once in Albuquerque we had the opportunity to see the layouts and collections of three Division and Rio Grande Chapter members, David Nycz, Scott Eckstein and Greg Palmer. There were three very different approaches to the hobby and all fascinating and informative. David's layout is a scenic wonder depicting all for seasons with hundreds of cars and what seemed like thousands of people. The eight operating loops of trains all felt in place, but in many ways were secondary to the whole composition of the layout. Scott's layout somehow integrated standard gauge, O gauge and S gauge layouts in the same room in a way that seemed natural. Finally Greg's "prewar" and "postwar" buildings are a wonder in the diversity and rarity of items to be found. I often wonder when Greg powers up his prewar layout if part of Albuquerque goes dark as a result of the wattage of hundreds of original lamps in all of the lighting. A huge thanks goes out to the Rio Grande Chapter and all of its members for putting on a wonderful show.

This edition of the DISPATCH is later than normal so we could report on the Pumpkin Meet so the national elections will be over, but that simply means we must focus on getting the vote out for our very own "Turkey Meet" in its 37th year. The meet is coming together well and Beth Stange is doing another incredible job of getting registrations processed. However, it is the job of every member to step up and help the Division promote this meet and auction! Invite a friend or a hundred to come out and be a part of what will be yet another wonderful show of Desert Division ambition, ingenuity, and hospitality. Table sales are vigorous so if you are thinking of getting a table, act fast! The auction has 431 lots of items to satisfy all interests. I've circled my items in the catalog. Have you? At our October meet many of you signed up to help out at the meet. THANK YOU!!!! We still have some positions that need filling. Let's get the signup sheet full at the November meeting. I can promise you that whatever you elect to volunteer for, the time commitment will be minimal and the expectations clear. What is the chance of finding that unusual unique item that you collect such as I did last year with an entire set of Pennsy two rail scale Walthers heavyweights from the 50's? You will only find out if you attend. Perhaps there is room for a special section of the Dispatch showing "Rare and Unusual Items Found at the Turkey Meet"? It is time for the Division to come together and make this the best Turkey Meet ever.

By the time you read this, you may have heard that TCA National Treasurer, Bill Kotek, has resigned from his long time position due to health reasons. Take the time to thank him for his service to TCA. TCA is in a better position financially that it has been in a very long time due in large part to Bill's expertise in working with TCA staff of solid well planned budgets. Also our very own Dannie Martin has announced that he will step down as the Convention Planning Committee chair after the 2013 national convention. Dannie has been instrumental in helping the TCA have successful conventions for a very long time and has laid the groundwork for several conventions in the future. Thank you Dannie for all the hard work and dedication you have shown TCA. Both of these gentlemen leave large shoes to fill.

In closing, I return to my original thought. The best train meet I have attended is the last meet I was at. Large or small, I have come to know many people in this wonderful organization and that list grows after every meet. We all have something unique about how we approach this hobby that is worth sharing. Don't be afraid to share you hobby. We will all learn something from the experience.



PUMPKIN MEET – 2012

By Gordon L. Wilson, TCA #76-10233

My gosh! How long can our good fortune of incredible weather sitting atop toy train meets last? We just returned from York and now, at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, October 27, we're off to Albuquerque, New Mexico via the Bee Line Highway. There's nary a cloud in the bright blue sky; the sun is shining brightly; and the temperature is telling me to remove my light jacket. The weather forecast for the rest of the weekend says "DITTO." I have to ask again, "How long can this last?"

Our first planned stop is for lunch at the fabled La Posada resort in Winslow, Arizona. This is one of the few (You can count them on one hand) remaining Harvey Houses from the Golden Age of the Santa Fe Railway on the mid-20th Century.

A recommended first stop in New Mexico, if you're driving to the Pumpkin Meet from the Valley of the Sun, is Earl's Restaurant in Gallup. While it's a great place for food, it's an even better place for Native American handicrafts – all authentic and yes, bargaining is expected: take Exit 22 off I-40 East.

Upon arrival in Albuquerque, once you've checked into your motel/hotel, your next move should be to pry an invitation from Greg Palmer for a visit to his "museum." Greg has two all-weather outbuildings, one dominated by Post-War Lionel classics, and another which will put your mind into "overload" with its overwhelming display of pre-War artifacts, from nearly every toy train, toy, and electrical manufacturer of that era. One contemporary item you should not neglect to bring with you is a digital camera.

If you still have some extra time on your hands and wish to imbibe in the culinary arts, we can recommend three of our favorite places in Albuquerque. Number 1 on the list is Rudy's Barbeque at Exit 160 off I-40 East on North Carlisle. Another favorite is Landry's Seafood House, which is located at 5001 Jefferson Street NE, at Exit 229 off I-25 North. The third is Route 66 Diner on Central between University and I-25, a throwback to the 1950's era, both in décor and in menu offerings. Only the prices have been updated.

Now you are ready for the Pumpkin Meet. The Rio Grande Chapter Meet Committee has done all the preliminary work, starting with mega-advertising throughout the state of New Mexico, arranging for dynamite room rates for anyone who wishes to stay at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel in Albuquerque, and having the tables arranged and covered ready and waiting for the vendors at 7:30 on Sunday morning. One of the first things you notice upon entering the ballroom filled with sales tables is a front wall lined with several tables containing a plethora of raffle prizes. Chapter President Palmer began calling the lucky winners' numbers at 9:30 AM and continued doing so every 15 minutes, giving away 2-3 prizes each time, with the last three going off at 2:30 PM. I, luckily, won the Grand Prize!

Proving that the investment in advertising pays, the number of persons who had come through the door by 11:00 AM had exceeded the total number of persons who had attended the 2011 Pumpkin Meet. Scattered around the premises were a number of operating layouts provided by local clubs and Chapter members, including the HO N3 Modular group, the New Mexico TTOS Division, and Jon Spargo.

Jonathan Peiffer and Marty Wik manned a Desert Division table, selling Division items, the proceeds of which were donated to the Rio Grande Chapter for assistance with their upcoming 2019 TCA National Convention Treasury. Among the items sold were Convention prototype cars, excess vehicles from the 2011 Holiday party, and mementos from our 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Table sellers seemed quite happy with the large number of attendees and their willingness to purchase many of the items which were available for sale. We were extremely happy. One thing I noticed about the Pumpkin Meet was the large number of children who accompanied their parents

to this Meet, and how they gravitated toward Jon Spargo's layout, which seemed to offer many opportunities for them to become "Junior Engineers."

Not only did we have an absolutely wonderful time at this well-run train show, but also it was financially quite profitable. Personnel in charge were extremely helpful and hospitable. Scenery, both coming and going, was a train-lover's delight, as I-40 and BNSF more or less parallel one another nearly the entire round trip distance between Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Winslow, Arizona.

If you have never taken the opportunity to spend an overnight in Winslow's Harvey House, La Posada, the Pumpkin Meet will afford you the opportunity to do so. Only 2½ hours from the Valley, it offers a combination of fine dining, ambiance, history, and a never-ending stream of trains. You can do nothing but whet your appetite for a weekend of being in love with this hobby. We've already made our reservations for next year's Pumpkin Meet. Won't you join us for dinner at Rudy's on Saturday night, next year, about this same time?



Inside view of the Albuquerque Sheraton Downtown at the Pumpkin Meet



Children just can't get enough of John Spargo's module layout



The "Business end" view of Greg Palmer's pre-war layout room



Sunrise at La Posada. This is always a "must stop" for us either for the night or a meal

MORE PUMPKIN MEET PHOTOS



Another view inside the Pumpkin Meet. Division members were treated to a private layout tour.



Chapter President Greg Palmer visiting Christie and Gordon Wilson's sales table



You can easily lose count of all the cars and people on David Nycz's layout



The magic of Greg Palmer's layout is when the lights go out and the layout lights up



Scott Eckstein's recently updated layout was also a stop on the private layout tour



A typical view on I-40, BNSF in the pumpkin paint scheme

TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

The TCA Rio Grande Chapters 6th Annual Pumpkin Meet was greeted by a brisk Fall morning, and a 72 degree day. We also greeted over 200 people who bought, sold, and operated Toy and Scale Trains. The Pumpkin Meet at the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel was a great success. We are still crunching the numbers but it looks like we made a \$200.00 profit and had an additional 55 adults and 30 more kids through the door this year. This year we also sold a record 41 tables, so with our hard work the show continues to grow. I would like to thank many people for their help but I do not have room to list them all in this article, however the show would not be the success it is without them so in no particular order I will list a few members now and the rest in the next issue. First, I would like to thank Bill Spofford, who sets up the Hotel and helps with Hotel arrangements. Without Bill there would be no Pumpkin Meet. Next, thanks go to John Trever, for without his help we might not have had our great ads in the Albuquerque Journal. Chapter Vice President VP George Swajian, for donating his service running off several hundred flyers for free, and of course Bill Harris the Chapter Treasurer, for all the expert help to keep monies straight throughout the whole process. I would also like to thank John Anderson, Everett Hagan, Don Kuster, Carl Soderberg, and Bill and Bonnie McIntyre for all their help at the door. A very special thank you also goes to Scott and Elaine Eckstein for donating the handmade blankets to the Raffle. Most importantly, I would also like to thank all the Members who bought tables, for without you the sellers, there could be no show. Out of town guests came from El Paso, Lubbock, Denver, and our Division HQ the Phoenix Metro area. Our annual Pumpkin Meet is the only meet in the area that attracts members from the three states in our Division and even a few from Rocky Mountain Division as well. I would personally like to thank Gordon and Christie Wilson, who have always travelled from Fountain Hills, purchase a sales table, purchase raffle tickets and donate to the Chapter. This year Division President Jonathan Peiffer and Division Board Member Marty Wik not only attended the Meet but volunteered help with the raffle and manned a donation table. The proceeds from that table all went directly into the Chapter's treasury and their efforts helped push the Chapter into profitable show. We will start planning for the 2013 Pumpkin Meet this month with a Chapter Board Meeting. The Meet had many highlights including Gordon Wilson winning the Grand Raffle Prize which was the Lionel Dealer Demonstrator Diesel Locomotive. Only a few of the Dealers in the US received this demonstrator loco to show off Lionel new operating system. Jon Spargo, Jonathan Pieffer, and numerous Chapter Members won several raffle prizes. Please think about donations to next year's Raffle. I would like to relate one story about one of the TCA Rio Grande Chapters goals when we formed, community outreach. George Swajian sold a very expensive American Flyer Train Set to a young boy for only \$20.00. George had a discussion with the young man and felt he would take care of the set so he sold it to the boy for \$20.00 as it was all what the youngster could afford, and feels he now has addicted another young person with Toy Train Fever. What a great thing for TCA and our Hobby. I think we should take his example and find several kids at the upcoming Division Meet the Turkey Meet and get some of them involved as well. I will go over the Pumpkin Meet in the Winter issue of the Dispatch. Thanks to everyone for a great Pumpkin Meet.

Our next regular Meet is January 19th at 10:00AM at our new location the Los Altos Christian Church 11900 Haines N.E. in Albuquerque, NM. We need input on the 2013 Pumpkin Meet, such as advertising, pricing, so plan on coming to the Meet on January 19th. Also please bring items for the show and tell, we will have a lot of time to look at interesting items. We hope to see all of you on January 19th at the Los Altos Christian Church at 11900 Haines N.E. See all of you there.

FALL YORK PHOTOS



National Toy Train Museum and headquarters of the TCA



Literally a FLOWER BED by a nearby TCA Museum's "creative" neighbor



Autumn Foliage in rural Pennsylvania



The Golden Nugget flea market in Lambertville, New Jersey

---- A FEW MORE OCTOBER MEET PHOTOS ----



YORK MEET – October 2012

by Gordon L. Wilson, TCA #76-10233

In the far reaches and lost annals of philosophy, some wise sage opined, “We never realize what we truly miss until we are without it.” So it was for me at this most recent Eastern Division York Toy Train Meet. Ironically, neither of the “missed” images had anything whatsoever to do with toy trains. This was my 72nd York Meet since joining the TCA in June of 1976 and it was one of the most enjoyable for yet another non-train reason: Mother Nature. For the first time in recent memory we didn’t have to fight gale force winds or dance between the drops of rain, hail, or sleet. Except for a very brief period on Friday night, we were treated to Arizona-like blue skies, with nary a cloud and brilliant sunshine. Those of us from the Grand Canyon State received praise and credit for bringing with us such wonderful weather.

Roughly 13,000 lovers of Toy Trains began their week searching for that elusive missing collectable at a multitude of private York area Hotel and Fire House private meets. Many journeyed eastward from York to Strasburg and TCA’s Headquarters, Library, and Museum to hear the Manufacturers’ forums and previews on their latest products on Wednesday afternoon. As was said, the weather was perfect, which only added to the turnout.

Christie and I spent a great deal of time renewing old acquaintances in the 7 large halls of the York Fairgrounds. Among those visited were Selma Levin, John and Eva Upshur, Bill Sivley, Dale Schafer, Dave Horner, Don Shaw, Dave and Susan Shaw, David Yost, Fred Claassen, Tom McComas, Angela Trotta-Thomas, Roger Carp, and Carl Swanson. Christie came away with many door and raffle prizes for the Turkey Meet, many of which are being transported back to Phoenix by the Upshurs.

One “downer” did occur during an Executive Committee Meeting. TCA Treasurer Bill Kotek, also a Desert Division member, submitted his resignation due to health reasons. I know we all wish Bill the very best in his efforts toward a full and complete, speedy recovery. The TCA BOD had an Emergency Meeting and elected Robert Mintz to fill out Bill Kotek’s term. Bob has had a successful CPA business on Wall Street in New York City for over 30 years and is the current Editor of TCA’s On-Line e*TRAIN Quarterly Magazine, a post he has held for the past 12 years.

Over the three-day York Meet, even though I do have a rather extensive Post-War collection, at York one can usually find something “rare and unusual.” Yes, I had to look long and hard, but find it I did. My paper collection is now even more nearly complete than it was.

Now, back to those “missing images” which made this York so special to me. If you’re originally from the Northeastern United States, you too will know of what I speak in the autumn of the year. This year, for some reason, the colors of the leaves on the trees were especially vibrant. The reds and oranges were radiant! The yellows simply glowed like a ripe lemon. It was as if I was a kid all over again – I didn’t realize how much I really missed those fall colors. Yes, I’d seen them in each of the past 24 years I’ve lived in Arizona, but I’ve never remembered them being so “ALIVE” before. It was like I was seeing them for the first time. What a thrill! What a sight!

Then there was the second “image” which was a sort of “home sickness auditory recall.” As a Graduate student I attended the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. It has one of the finest choirs in the world. When I was there, we sang with the New York Philharmonic twice, Boston Symphony, and New Haven Symphony under James Levine, Seiji Ozawa, Krzysztof Penderecki, and Leonard Bernstein. On October 21, Christie and I went to a Philadelphia Orchestra Concert with the Westminster Choir performing Verdi’s Requiem. The choir is even better and the memories came back – in droves.

The next day we repeated a 40-year tradition with a sojourn to Lambertville, New Jersey’s iconic flea market, known as “The Golden Nugget.” Ironically, this is where we would meet the late Cole Gibbs on a Sunday morning before we moved to Arizona. Lambertville also happens to have one of our favorite breakfast “haunts” anywhere, known as The Full Moon.

Yes indeed, this was a very special York Meet for me, one I’ll cherish for years to come. York Meets for me are always more than just train meets. They are about family, friends, and special things to do in a special area of the USA. If you’ve never been to one, plan to make a vacation out of one. You will not regret it. Call/contact us for some ideas. We’d be glad to point you in a zillion directions.

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I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the TCA Desert Division 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 _____

Make check payable to: Desert Division TCA

Mail Registration to: Beth Stange, 8619 E. Chaparral Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

NO MAIL REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 16, 2012

FEES:

Registration* \$5.00

*(1 Registration fee included in First Table Fee)
(Children under 14 FREE)

Spouse or Guests ____ x \$ 5 ea \$ ____

Table Fee ____ x \$ 25 ea \$ ____

Auction Catalog ____ x \$5 ea \$ ____

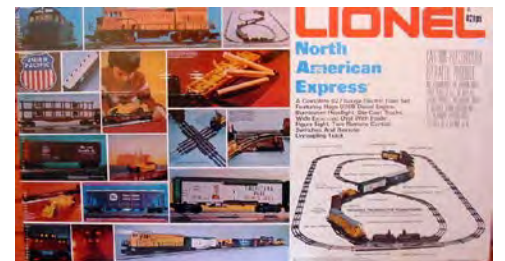
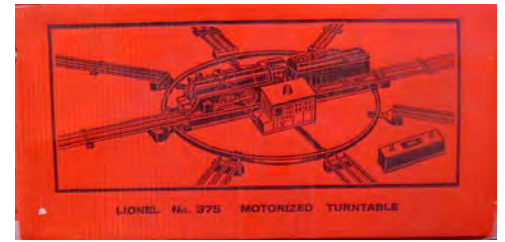
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NOVEMBER "mini" MEET ANNOUNCED

Mark Saturday November 10th on your calendars for a November "mini" Meet. NO business meeting, but bring items for the educational segment. The theme will be "The Turkey's in Your Collection". **NOTE: due to limited table availability we ask table sellers to limit themselves to only ONE sales table.** Same location only the room is changed to the Faith and Healing building just north of our regular normal meeting hall. Look for the signs.

2014 HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 2, 2012

Mesa Marriott
200 N. Centennial Way
Mesa, AZ 85201

4:00 PM: Meet and Greet (cash bar available)

5:00 PM: Dinner

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

Chair: Ralph & Sally Treichel

Reservation deadline: November 25, 2012



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Make check payable to Desert Division TCA and send this form and check to:

Ralph Treichel
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Adults: \$25.00

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DESERT DIVISION DISPATCH “BACK PAGE” - Latest News

The Toy Train Museum in Strasburg Pennsylvania, is undergoing an upgrade to their HVAC system. This will require the dismantling of the Standard Gauge layout for the 2013 season. The Toy Train Museum will remain open during the upgrade however visitors will have to “pardon our dust” while the much needed repairs and upgrades on the twenty year old system are completed.

Desert Division will have another 350+ lot auction in mid January. The auction is scheduled for the third Saturday, January 19, 2013 at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, where the Division holds its normal monthly meetings. More information and an auction catalog will be coming shortly. This auction will be in addition to the Pizza Meetza auction in April.

Desert Division has joined (actually we joined quite some time ago) a very elite group of TCA Division's and Chapters on Facebook. To receive the latest news or for just a bit of fun “like” us on Facebook to keep up with all the latest. You can also visit our website, www.tcadd.org where our webmaster of over ten years, Angelo Lautazi, has done an outstanding job of archiving Division history and keeping the wide spread membership of Division members updated with the latest news. We hope our facebook page will become yet another outreach to the community and keep the general public informed of our meets and other events of interest.

Information about the upcoming TCA National Convention in St Louis will be in your January issue of the Headquarter News. Be sure to look it over and register for some of the great tours on tap.

DIVISION MEET LOCATION

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| November 10 | Division ‘mini-Meet’ - 9 AM - Room change - follow signs |
| November 24 | Turkey Meet Train Show - Chaparral Suites - 9 AM - 3 PM - Scottsdale , AZ |
| November 25 | Turkey Meet Auction - Chaparral Suites - 9AM - 3PM - Scottsdale, AZ
Auction Catalogs available now - Contact Chet Henry |
| December 2 | Holiday Party – Mesa Marriott – 4 PM - Mesa, AZ
<u>RESERVATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 28</u> |
| January 12 | January Regular Division Meet - 9 AM |
| January 19 | Winter Auction - Special 350+ lot Auction - information and catalog soon
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - Phoenix, AZ - Time TBA |
| January 19 | Rio Grande Chapter Meet - 10:00AM
Los Altos Christian Church 11900 Haines N.E., Albuquerque, NM |



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