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# Desert Division *DISPATCH*

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## FALL TRAINING SEASON HAS BEGUN

September brought out the locals as well as several visitors from afar. Len Gordy (West Orange, NJ), Jim Troutwine (York, PA), and Bill Jenkins (Carlisle, PA) were all in attendance. We also welcomed Steve Vaughn, who joined TCA in August, and Bob Sorenson, who is looking for Marklin collectors in the area. Boyd Reasor's aunt, Carrie Barnes, joined us, as did Rolland LaHaie's guest Bob Mayer and Dave Brown's guest Roy Swart. Greg Palmer and his sister came down from Albuquerque, representing the Rio Grande Chapter.

After an hour of trading trains and tales, the Business Meeting began. Treasurer Bob Herman announced that we have \$11,262.91 in savings and \$5395.91 in checking, with \$175.65 earmarked for the Trains for Kids program. As 15% of monthly raffle sales go into this fund, we encourage all members to support this activity.

President Katie Elgar announced that this year's Holiday Party would be a brunch on Sunday, December 10, at the Marriott Hotel across the street from the Mesa Convention Center. The cost is \$26 for adults and \$16 for children aged 2-12. Infants under the age of 2 are free. The meal includes Southwest Chicken and a Steamship Roast of Beef, salads, potatoes, and desserts. There will also be a cash bar available. As a fund-raiser for the Holiday Party, we have procured the Lenox engine and caboose. These are being raffled off, with tickets available as early as today and the prize awarded at the Holiday Party. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Fred Hunter gave a Turkey Meet update. Posters and fliers have been distributed all over the Division, and tri-folds are in the mail. Fred requested that if anyone knows of a club or group with a train module who would be willing and available to display at the Turkey Meet, please contact him. Arizona Big Trains plans to be there with their "egg liners" and other items that appeal to kids. Tin Plate Trackers, TTOS, Peter Atonna are already committed. Jonathan Peiffer volunteered to be in charge of the Desert Division module, so it will be there as well. Set-up is currently scheduled for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, starting at Noon. Volunteers are asked to contact Fred to let him know that they can be there. We have negotiated a special room rate with two hotels: The Mezona Inn is \$64 per night with breakfast; the Marriott adjoining the Convention Center is \$69 per night, but reservations must be made by October 25. When making your reservations, mention that you are with the Desert Division of the Train Collectors Association in order to receive the discounted rate.

Anyone who wishes to put an item into the Turkey Meet as a donation to the 2009 TCA National Convention should see Chet Henry. There will be no charge to the member, with the entire selling price going into the Convention Treasury. As we are a 501c3 non-profit organization, the Division Secretary, Christie Wilson, will send any donor a letter for tax purposes.

Greg Palmer, representing the Rio Grande Chapter, thanked the Desert Division for all the work done to help form this sub-group. He explained their raffle particulars, including the prize (a 2006 Lionel Toy Fair Car), the cost of tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5), and the drawing date (January 2007). As a gift to the Division, the Rio Grande Division will send 10% of the proceeds back to us, earmarked for the 2009 TCA National Convention.

### COMING UP . . .

<b>OCTOBER 14</b>	<b>DIVISION MEET, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale – 9 AM</b>
<b>OCTOBER 14-15</b>	<b>RAILFAIR, McCormick Railroad Park – 10 AM – 5 PM</b>
<b>OCTOBER 18-20</b>	<b>EASTERN DIVISION MEET, York, PA</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 4</b>	<b>PUMPKIN MEET, Albuquerque, NM – 9 AM</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 4</b>	<b>DESERT DIVISION GOLF TOURNEY – Mesa, AZ - NOON</b>

Chris Allen had the newest shirts available for sale, as described in the September bulletin. Each has the Convention Logo stitched onto the left side. Ladies may purchase V-necked camel colored shirts for \$30 each; men's golf-style shirts (NO pockets) are \$32.50 each. After this order is sold out, we will investigate reordering from Antigua and/or going elsewhere to find a company that DOES offer shirts with pockets. At that time, other color options may also be available.

Chris also has the Division's supply of Entertainment Books. The book contains many coupons good through December 31 of 2007. One need only look through it to find enough bargains that the book pays for itself within the first few uses. These books sell for \$25 each, with proceeds going to support the 2009 TCA National Convention. We will sell them through the Turkey Meet. At that time all unsold books will be returned to the company.

Paul Wassermann spoke to the Division Fund-Raiser cars for which we are taking pre-orders. This offering will be two beautifully decorated Lionel boxcars, one with the Grand Canyon Railway logo and the other with the Verde Valley Railroad logo. This two-car set sells for \$95, with proceeds going to the 2009 TCA National Convention. Currently we have a contract with Lionel to produce a minimum order of 200 sets. An ad will appear shortly in Classic Toy Trains magazine promoting this offering. If we do not meet the minimum order, there will be no cars, but we still have to pay for the ad; therefore, we urge everyone to purchase this two-car set to support the Division in this endeavor. Suggestion: Scott Russell suggested that maybe the two railroads illustrated on these cars would be willing to buy some, even though it would mean breaking up the sets. This is an option that could be investigated when we see how well this item sells.

Our cell phone collection program proceeds well. A second batch has been sent in. Anyone donating a cell phone is advised to be sure it is deactivated and that all personal information has been deleted from its memory. All proceeds from this program go to the 2009 Convention Treasury.

On a sad note, it has been decided NOT to participate in Railfair this year. We just could not persuade enough people with train set-up and repair skills to run it. As Fred Hunter said, "Shame on us!" However, President Elgar said that next year we will begin to ask for volunteers in May to be sure to have enough workers on hand for this two-day event.

Our Bylaws change, making all elected offices two years in length, passed. In addition, we were in violation of National Bylaws with our statement that a two-thirds majority was needed to pass an amendment. This has been changed to agree with TCA National's policy of a simple majority of the votes cast to pass any amendments to the Bylaws. Now a committee, made up of Earl Rasmussen and Bob Johnston will carefully inspect our current bylaws to see whether there are any other contradictions or areas of conflict with National or our own Bylaws. This committee will report to the Division if there are any changes to be effected at this time.

Gordon Wilson, soon to be the TCA National Membership Chairman, otherwise known as "The Train Cop," asked for the Division's thoughts on marking your trains with "invisible ink," seen only under a black light. We have access to a pen with the black light in the end of the cap. It was hoped that this might make it easier to solve membership complaints. However, Paul Wassermann pointed out that this is a great way to identify your trains in case of theft. The National Business Office could sell this item, but it was suggested that the Desert Division sell them and keep the profits within its boundaries. Gordon asked for a show of hands as to how many people might buy this pen at a possible cost of \$10 to cover the pen and the postage to ship it. About 15% of the members present indicated that they would buy such an item. Beth Stange suggested putting a label on it indicating that it came from the Desert Division. Maybe if we place a large enough order, the company could do this before packaging the pens.

Our Silent Auction item this month, a signed Angela Trotta boxcar, was won by Ed Georgevich.

Ivan English announced that anyone interested in a Sunday drive should go to Tucson on October 22, when the Gadsden-Pacific Division Toy Train Operating Museum will have the dedication of both their new facility and their new Rio Grande Caboose, as well as the celebration of the club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding organization of the Museum. Festivities go on all day, with the Dedication at 2 PM, and it's all FREE.

The Educational Segment had a wide variety of items on display. First was Earl Rasmussen, who brought in a 62 year old Gilbert Erector Set 8½ Model Ferris Wheel and a 2004 Meccano edition. The Gilbert is larger and runs faster; whereas the Meccano is smaller, runs on batteries, and has a beautiful box. Surprisingly the Meccano is all metal except the gears. Fearing that a 62-year old cord might be hazardous, Earl replaced the electric cord on his Gilbert Ferris Wheel before bringing it to the meet.

John Craft brought in a Voltamp #2222 mid-sized 10-wheeler. Before 0-gauge, there was 2" gauge, made by both Voltamp and Carlyle & Finch. Voltamp decided to go out of the train business and into the medical equipment field, later selling out to Boucher in 1922. As far as its engineering is concerned, it has a huge motor with fields on both ends. On top of where the bearings would be are oil holes for lubrication. A similar looking engine was the prize of Rolland LaHaie, who spent the winter in Kansas. Looking for something to do one day, he went to TJ Maxx, where he found a huge box of Mega Blocks. Looking inside, he discovered about 10,000 pieces and three pages of instructions. He decided to take it home and "work on it later." After about a week of nine-hour days he finished it. It is made to its own gauge and, interestingly, the driving gear and pilots and trailing truck are different gauges, making it nearly impossible to run on any track.

Greg Palmer brought a pre-war engine, asking who manufactured this o-gauge, electric locomotive. He bought it at a Cal-Stewart auction about two years ago and began researching immediately. It is not in the Marklin or Bing books. Cole Gibbs suggested that maybe it was made by Corette, and definitely European. Bob Mancus offered to research it further and let Greg know what he learns.

Richard Gayle brought in a “bottom of the box” item. His cousin in Atlanta, GA, deals in antiques. In one of the boxes he procured there were two HO live-steam engines, instructions included. The fuel is added to the tender, where there is a small flame which converts it to steam, which drives the engine, letting it run for about 1 minute. The sticker indicated that it originally came from a store in Phoenix, which dealt in imports. These two engines are beautifully encased in glass inside a wood frame. Ivan English suggested that George Sokol in Tucson has some 0-gauge live steam and might have some more information on Richard’s HO acquisitions.

Bob Mancus brought in a Dorfan Crane. This one was sold on E-bay as pieces. Bob immediately saw possibilities for this “junk,” so he bid on it. Keeping in mind that Dorfan Cranes usually sell for \$6,000 to \$10,000, Bob got a steal at \$300. After an investment of about two weeks, Bob has a working crane. The base was totally disintegrated, so Bob built a new one, however, the rest of it is original. The boom functions, but it needs a gear to make it rotate fully. This is probably the only fully assembled Dorfan Crane in the United States that, when you put power to it, it works. Tony Hay, when he learned of this restoration, called the restorer “Genius.” Paul Wassermann called it “truly a Phoenix, arising from the ashes.”

Paul Wassermann brought in a CP Marx Set (the Holy Grail of Marx collecting), one of the rarest clockwork engines Marx ever made. This one is electrified, with cars named for Canadian cities, the same cities mentioned in the Marks guidebooks. Next he exhibited the ultimate clockwork set, a #26 Flyer, with the Erector bridge, as shown in the catalog. IT has three switches and an American Flyer turntable, plus the ½ section with the bumper, as illustrated in the 1924 Flyer Catalog.

Larry Melvin, the Mystery Greeter, announced that John Wiley would receive the ten free raffle tickets for being the friendliest member to him this morning. Rebecca Peiffer pulled the first raffle ticket. Prizes are as follows:

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| Paul Wassermann | Hudson Raffle Ticket   |
| Fred Hunter     | Lionelville Suburban House   |
| Gordon Wilson   | I Love New Mexico box car (donated by Greg Palmer)                                     |
| Ivan English    | Ready-Made Toys trailer carrying “Lionel” automobiles                                  |
| Len Gordy       | Popcorn tin and DVD (Great American Scenic Railroads)                                  |
| Fred Hunter     | Raffle ticket from Southern Arizona Transportation Museum<br>(donated by Ivan English) |
| Greg Palmer     | K-Line Rio Grande boxcar   |
| Bill Jenkins    | Coors Light True-Value Bank  |

Melissa Peiffer pulled the winning Hudson Ticket, belonging to Ken Barnes. As he was not in attendance, he will receive \$25.

This month’s visitation to the North Scottsdale/Fountain Hills could be called a tri-fecta, with Bill Mack, Gordon Wilson, and Ken Burling all opening their homes to club members. In addition, Ken Burling’s new store was open for all to visit. A suggested eatery is Pisa Pizza in Fountain Hills.



Earl Rasmussen’s Ferris Wheels



Richard Gayle’s HO Live-Steam Engine



Bob Mancus with his Dorfan Crane

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## 2009 CONVENTION SHIRTS – ON SALE NOW!

Yes, you have been patient, but the wait was worth it when you see how the logo came out on our new 2009 National Convention Shirts. The quality is what you would expect from Antigua in the popular maroon color for men and a light khaki color in a true women's fashion cut for the ladies. These pictures do not do these shirts justice, (I'm a train collector, not a photographer!) so you must see them in person. Quantities and sizes in our first offering are limited to what we have on hand and we are still selling them to you at over 30% below suggested retail to help us promote the upcoming convention. Be sure to contact Chris Allen at the September meet. He will be selling these at \$32.50 for the men's and \$30.00 for the women's shirts, with proceeds going toward the 2009 National Convention.



## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARRIVE EARLY **STOP! READ THIS!** **YOU JUST MIGHT CHANGE YOUR MIND!**

So often we hear from members (and others) that the Entertainment book is something, "I can't use; we don't go out to eat very often." While that may be very true, if you have children or grandchildren, the chances are it's NOT true. The Entertainment book is a whole lot more than just discounted "fine dining" at fancy restaurants. Bet you didn't know that such fast food places as Burger King, Jack in the Box, Whataburger, Sonic, Subway, and Quiznos are participants in the Entertainment book program. Those, and dozens more of the fast food, pizzeria/sandwich shops can save you bundles of money when you are out and about.

Ever take in a movie? With today's prices, wouldn't it be nice to cut the entrance fees in half? For special occasions, do you ever send flowers to a family member, a friend, employment colleague? Again, 50% off would certainly be welcome, wouldn't it? Do you do your grocery shopping at Safeway or Bashas? Does your automobile ever need an oil change, new tires, or a wash? Significant savings can be had through the Entertainment program.

Trips to other cities can get expensive, can't they? Wouldn't it be nice to get a hotel room or a rental car or an airline flight at prices significantly lower than even your travel agent can get for you? All of these things, and more – sporting events, both the ones you play and the ones you watch – are included in this book. So are admissions to most of the area's museums and cultural organizations.

So there! The \$25 investment you will make in this book will serve a dual purpose: 1) you will save yourself and your family a large sum of money on everyday types of things, not just "fine dining"; and 2) you will be contributing to the Desert Division's Convention Treasury and in return receive an item of value good 24/7/365. Entertainment books will be on sale at the Regular Desert Division Meet on October 14. Additionally, if you would like to get one prior to that meeting, contact Chris Allen (480-820-9559 or e-mail [sparkyshome@cox.net](mailto:sparkyshome@cox.net)) or Christie Wilson (480-837-5344 or e-mail [christie1wilson@aol.com](mailto:christie1wilson@aol.com)).



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Finally the weather we have waited all summer for is arriving! Time when we can get back into the train room in the garage without having to have the jet fans going, or worry about the a/c bill going way up again! This is not a problem for those of you that have interior train rooms, but don't worry, you're not missing much. We are all just happy to be training again as well as seeing our winter residents and members returning to the valley!

Fall is also a great time to take in some of those train rides, like the Verde Valley, when the leaves have started to fall. The color and the wild life are abundant and the open air cars are a treat!

The Fall train season has a lot of events coming up. Of course, there is October York, then in November is Cal-Stewart, as well as Desert Division's Turkey Meet.

The Turkey Meet is our largest event and one that offers a great opportunity to buy and sell trains. It also gives you the chance to help out your Division. Jobs range from setting up the hall on Wednesday, helping out with running trains on the module, tearing down on Saturday and setting up for the auction on Sunday. A lot of helpers are needed and appreciated to make this event successful. There will be sign ups at the October meet to give you the chance to help out with this all-important event! While you are at it, check in this issue for registration forms and sign up for a table to perhaps sell some of those trains, or train-related items you don't run or use anymore. The auction is also a great event! Just reading the auction catalog is not enough, you need to be there to see some of the great items that are in this year's auction!

Your Desert Division is once again selling the Entertainment Book. Right across from the Convention Center is Sluggo's Sports Grill, which has a coupon in the book. Going over there either before or after the set up on Wednesday has become a tradition for many of us. Or you can use the coupon on Saturday for lunch while shopping at the Turkey Meet.

Also on sale are the new Division shirts bearing the new logo for the convention. Currently they are available in maroon for the men and a brown shade for the ladies. Don't miss out on purchasing the latest shirts!

Plans for the Christmas/Holiday Party in December are underway. Look in this issue for reservation form. Check out the Lenox Train to be raffled-off at the party! We are already selling tickets for this train. You do not need to be present to win, but you do need to buy a ticket! Santa has already booked a visit to the party for the young and the young at heart!

The cell phone collection is going well for the Convention Fund raising. We even had an out of state friend of the Division send us a cell phone to help out.

With so much great stuff going on in your Division, be sure to attend the next meeting to keep informed and get involved.

Happy trains!



## 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DESERT DIVISION OPEN "Come Join the Fun"

High Noon was a great movie with Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly. Well, we won't have any Hollywood legends teeing it up at our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Desert Division Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, November 4, but we do hope we'll have the pleasure of YOUR company.

Yes, we start at Noon on the Royal Palms Golf Course at 1415 E. McKellips Road in Mesa. This starting time will allow all who wish to do so to attend the train show in Phoenix prior to golfing. There will be prizes for such things as the Ugliest Socks, Longest Worm Burner, and Most Memorable "Weird" Shot. Of course, we'll be serious too, with such golf icons as Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and Longest Putt. One final special award will be given to the golfer scoring Closest to the Temperature, and of course there are prizes for those who shoot the lowest scores, with and without the handicap.

Say you don't play well or often? No problem! We use the Callaway Handicap System, which literally evens the field between the everyday player and the "once in a while" linkster. When we finish, around 4 PM, we will journey a slight bit eastward to Cindy's Arizona Café at 124 E. McKellips Road for dinner and awards.

The cost for 18 holes of golf with Electric Cart will be \$25.00. Your dinner will be whatever you choose from the modestly priced and wide variety menu. We need to have commitments from all who wish to play on or before Wednesday, November 1, 2006.

You may contact Gordon or Christie Wilson at 480-837-5344 (e-mail [christie1wilson@aol.com](mailto:christie1wilson@aol.com)) OR Paul Wassermann at 480-949-1620 (e-mail [tinplater@aol.com](mailto:tinplater@aol.com)). Should you need the use of a set of clubs, tees, and golf balls, don't let that stop you. Gordon and Paul have plenty of extras for our use. Just let them know before November 4.

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## RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

By Greg Palmer, TCA #94-39039

Fall was in the air in Albuquerque as the Rio Grande Chapter held its September 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meet. Almost half of the membership of the Chapter attended. We welcomed new member Bill Spofford to his first Rio Grande Chapter Meet. (He and Marty Molloy joined TCA this past summer.) Guest George Domeny filled out the membership applications for the TCA and Desert Division during the September Meet.

The educational segment included Paul Hurford talking about the two new Lionel books by David Doyle, produced by KP Productions. The books are great guides with good clear pictures of all the Lionel equipment produced from 1945-1969. The Standard Catalog is a large bound soft cover book, while the Warfans Field Guide is almost pocket size. Both books are a “must-have” for collectors of Lionel Post War trains. Doyle has also published a book on Lionel Pre-War equipment. All of the books are available from your local hobby shops or bookstores. We also went over the new TCA Restoration Standards. I brought a restored Dorfan Passenger Car for rating. This gave everyone an opportunity to evaluate a restored item. I also brought a bag of Colber Coal I purchased during my trip to Phoenix for the Division Meet, and a 154 Crossing Signal, which is the rare variation with the 151 Semaphore base.

The regular meeting was brought to order. Jon Spargo brought the members up to date on the March Las Cruces Show. Work is being done on finding a hall and dates. Ted Hamler and Jon Spargo are the Meet Coordinators. Late March is the target date. It depends on obtaining the hall with 50-60 tables. The 2007 TCA Convention in Denver and the 2009 TCA Convention in Scottsdale were talked about, and the 2009 Convention shirt sale was discussed. An update on the 2006 Toy Fair car raffle was conducted. Also the Pumpkin Meet on November 4<sup>th</sup> was discussed. About 14 tables have been presold so far, with inquiries from Phoenix, Tucson, and the Denver area. The flyers have been distributed all over, including in the Desert Division Dispatch. Turkey Meet flyers were passed out, and are now in the local hobby shops. Members were encouraged to travel to the meet in November.

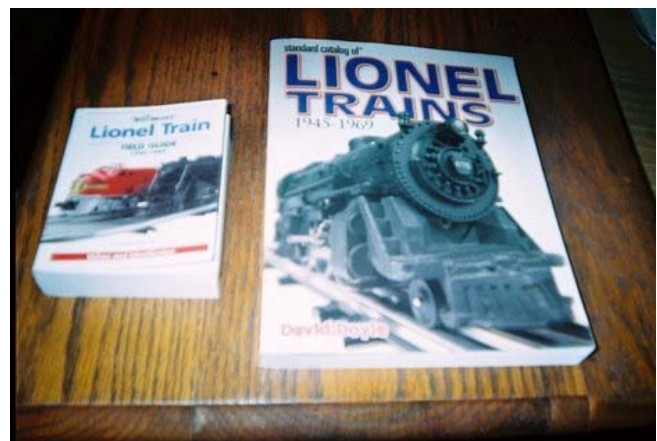
The meeting adjourned, with no after meet visitation. I hope after the January 20<sup>th</sup> Meet we will have a home to go to. Hope to see all of you on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Pumpkin Meet.

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**LATE FLASH:** This news just came in. Greg Palmer’s layout appears on page 19 in the Photo Album Section of the November issue of Classic Toy Trains magazine. In a note to the Dispatch Editor, Greg explains that Chris Allen and Katie Elgar urged him to send photos to Roger Carp of CTT. He did, and one of his photos was selected for the upcoming magazine. Greg states, “I think the Desert Division has one of the best assortments of collections and layouts in the TCA. I have seen many photos of Division collections in CTT. If the September 9<sup>th</sup> after meet visit to North Scottsdale/Fountain Hills collections is any indication, the Desert Division does have a lot to be proud of.”



Greg Palmer’s Marx Happy Time Train Set, in its original box from Sears, next to his Lionel 154 crossing Signal and bag of Colber coal from Phoenix.



Paul Hurford told the members about these two books on Lionel Post-War Trains, both by David Doyle.

# TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION RIO GRANDE CHAPTER



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## PUMPKIN MEET



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# TCA/TTOS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2006

It's time to make your reservations for the Annual TCA-TTOS Brunch. This year the Brunch will be at the MARRIOTT MESA, 200 N Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ.

In addition to the brunch there will be door prizes, a gift for each member, member's guest and any children in attendance. Raffle tickets will be sold for numerous raffle prizes, as well as for a very special separate raffle. There will be Mystery Boxes auctioned off, as well as table centerpieces. As usual, a visit is expected from Santa.

You will again have the opportunity to reserve your table ahead of time, by listing on your reservation form the ten persons who will sit at the table. You and they must name the same persons for this to be assured. Even if you don't have 10 people, you are welcome to the Party! Just fill out your information on the form below and send it in! Also please specify if you require any handicapped accessible seating (ADA).

Send in the form below to make your reservation for the 2006 Annual TCA-TTOS Holiday Brunch. Early replies will be appreciated but the deadline is December 1, 2006. There will be NO tickets sold at the door. Hope to see you there!!

Ralph Treichel

Brad Martin

Holiday Party Chairs

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## RESERVATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names and Ages 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$26.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ Children @ \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Children are defined as 12 years and under. There is no charge for children 2 years and under!)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please reserve my seat(s) at handicapped accessible tables.

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MAIL FORM AND CHECK (made out to: TCA DESERT DIVISION) TO: Ralph Treichel, 16802 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85023. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY DECEMBER 1, 2006.**

Festivities start at 11:00 AM. There will be a cash bar. Brunch Buffet will be served at noon. St. Nick will be arriving before the brunch.

This reservation form is also available on the Desert Division website at: [www.tcadd.org](http://www.tcadd.org).



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30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TCA DESERT DIVISION



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# RAILROAD -CHANGE



ANNUAL GARGRAVES SALE – From now until October 15, we can take 25% off the normal retail price of all GarGraves products. But, hurry, I must have the orders in hand by **October 11<sup>th</sup>** as we leave for York the next morning! Peter Atonna e-mail: [mjatonna@commspeed.net](mailto:mjatonna@commspeed.net).

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REPAIRS - Pat Eiff, 28 years of toy train repair experience, does train repairs in his home. Also trains for sale. Call him at 480-816-9624 or visit his website <http://www.toysthruetime.com>.

FOR SALE – Replacement bulbs for your trains – over 80 different ones in stock. Also carry common Lionel parts: e-units, drums, brushes, coupler knuckles, etc. Call DeLon Freije 602-525-0745.

FOR SALE – Out of print Greenberg books: Lionel, American Flyer, Marx, etc. Please call Bruce Greenberg at 703-461-6991 (9-5 Eastern Daylight) or visit my web site, [sykesvillehistory.us](http://sykesvillehistory.us), for a current list.

FOR SALE – Train table 4' x 8', with grid box frame and saw horses - \$100. Also track and switches. Bryan Jewell - 602-234-6970.

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

FOR SALE - Do you want quality, good-looking, versatile shelving to display your trains? RAIL RAX is the way to go! Contact Bill Mack, 480-391-3336 for an incredibly low price quotation.

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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.

FOR SALE – Lionel and AF Pocket Price Guides. Contact Gordon Wilson 480-837-5344 or e-mail [christielwilson@aol.com](mailto:christielwilson@aol.com).

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**COMING EVENTS**

- October 14 Regular Division Meet – Drinkwater Clubhouse, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM  
October 14-15 Railfair – McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale, AZ – 10 AM – 5 PM  
October 18-20 Eastern Division Meet – York, PA  
November 4 Desert Division “Open” Golf Tournament – NOON/12 PM - ?  
Contact: Gordon Wilson – 480-837-5344 or Paul Wassermann – 480-949-1620  
November 4 “Pumpkin Meet” – Rio Grande Chapter – Sombra Del Monte Christian Church, Albuquerque,  
NM – 9 AM Contact: Greg Palmer – 505-898-3840  
November 25-26 Turkey Meet & Auction – Convention Center – Mesa – 9 AM – 4 PM both days  
Contact: Bob Herman – 480-948-2730  
December 10 Holiday Party – Marriott Mesa, 200 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ – 11 AM  
Contact Ralph Treichel – 602-863-6985

**PADE PROMOTIONS**

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

Thank you Ivan English and Greg Palmer for your donations to our September Raffle prizes. Ruth Elgar was ably assisted in the kitchen by Barbara Lautazi, keeping coffee, sodas, and donuts fresh and available for all to enjoy. The cell phone donations, Entertainment Book purchases, and donations to the Turkey Meet earmarked for the 2009 Convention are always welcome.

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