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PRESCOTT BEATS THE HEAT

Tradition reigns supreme for the Wilsons on the day of the “Beat the Heat Meet.” For us, that means breakfast at the “4B’s Café” in Black Canyon City – Exit 242 on I-17 North. What is so special about this restaurant whose exterior resembles a World War II blockhouse? How about the best pancakes anywhere, and they are about 14-16” in diameter. A half order of biscuits and gravy is sufficient, because a full order is too much to consume comfortably. The rest of the food selections are equally good and anyone leaving “hungry” has only him/herself to blame.

From the 4 B’s Café, it is about an hour to Prescott. Because of an unexpectedly long line assembling well before the 9:00 AM announced opening time, officials of the club opened the doors at 8:45. It is always a pleasant meet, owing to the opportunity to renew acquaintances and friendships. The tables were filled with a myriad of choices for the shopper, and many of the dealers were our own Desert Division members. Christie busily handed out Turkey Meet posters and fliers, making sure there were enough for our friends in the north, those who reside in and around Phoenix, and those from Tucson. After about an hour, the bus from Phoenix arrived, with even more buyers to add to those who drove up and the locals who walked in. After perusing the table tops twice, we opted to head for “downtown” and the antique malls. Several dollars and a light lunch later, we headed for the layout tours. This year there were five of them. We would have time for only three.

Ray Dextrase’s home is a step back in time with his and his wife’s eclectic collections of rare and hard-to-find pre-war treasures. From there it is a short hop to Peter Atonna’s layout, an ever changing display of many gauges and ages, from Pre-War to “00” to American Flyer to the latest offerings from Lionel. Always “under construction,” Peter’s layout is now advertising the soon-to-be-built mine, currently inhabited by aliens he picked up in Roswell, New Mexico. Heading back towards Phoenix, we made a stop at the home of Marlin Benson. Here we were invited into a kingdom of trains, mostly Post-1970 Lionel O gauge. There is the room in which we were greeted, with its array of mugs, Cat’s Meow wood block trains, and a small kitchen for entertaining. From there, we went downstairs to a second room, at the time housing the club’s modular On3 layout. The walls were filled with specialty cars. But the best was yet to come. The third room, and the largest, houses a collection to be envied by one and all. It has plans, tables, and much work yet to be done, but once completed, it will rival anything in the state. Wow!

Our trip home took us past Young’s Farm, for the last time, as the farm has been sold. For “old time’s sake,” we purchased some of their home grown corn – couldn’t be fresher. The timing was perfect, as corn is at its peak in mid August. We wended our way back down the hills into the 100⁰ + heat, recalling how nice it had been to enjoy a day in Prescott, where the temperature was in the 80’s, if only for a few hours. We are already looking forward to next year’s Beat the Heat Meet.

COMING UP . . .

SEPTEMBER 9	DIVISION MEET, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale – 9 AM
SEPTEMBER 16	RIO GRANDE CHAPTER MEET, Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM
OCTOBER 14	DIVISION MEET, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale – 9 AM
OCTOBER 14-15	RAILFAIR, McCormick Railroad Park – 10 AM – 5 PM
OCTOBER 18-20	EASTERN DIVISION MEET, York, PA
NOVEMBER 4	PUMPKIN MEET, Albuquerque, NM – 9 AM
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“BEAT THE HEAT” HIGHLIGHTS



Breakfast at the 4 B's Café is an adventure.



Peter Atonna's latest addition – a mountain scene.



The Hellgate Bridge on the Atonna layout.



There is always something interesting at Peter's house.



Marlin Benson has a three-room display. Above one can see a small part of his collection, very nicely displayed. To the left is the entrance to the third room. Look closely at the trains mounted on the far wall. For each state car, he has a state plate. He says that the wall displays will stay intact after he completes the layout, but that he has other trains to run. In the foreground is the Club's modular layout, on loan for this visitation.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer is always a time of travel for many. Whether it is convention related or family vacations, it is always great to hear exciting tales of train rides, train chasing, or other train related events, such as finds on a summer meet table or e-bay listing. Often times we don't share our train-related events as we don't think they are as important, or as glitzy as some others we have heard. But each one is just as interesting to hear about or see, as the next. Don't be intimidated. It's nice to see new faces during the Education Segment of the Division meeting. Or maybe you could write an article for the Dispatch about your train experience. One or two new contributors each month make for more fun reading! Get involved!

This past month held the infamous "Beat the Heat" Meet in Prescott. Meets like this are a great opportunity to make new friends involved in the hobby, renew acquaintances, and maybe have a chance to find just that right car or see just what someone has done to their layout that may inspire a great idea for your own layout. Maybe you found a treasure and maybe you didn't. Whatever the outcome, it's the adventure that helps make it fun.

I am sure you noticed that the Turkey Meet posters and registration forms are out. Be sure to register, perhaps get a table space or so. The auction catalogs should be available for sale soon as well.

Plans for the joint Holiday Party with TTOS in December are going well. The date will be December 10.

The 2007 TCA National Convention plans are well under way. Denver is a nice spot to go to when the desert starts to heat up. Since Southwest has started flying to Denver, the air rates are very competitive. Start making your plans to attend this convention. Check their website www.rmdtoytrains.org/2007_convention for more details, as they become available.

The coffee club may be a little different at the September meeting. Ruth will be there with coffee and doughnuts, but soda and water may be dropped for this month. The after-meet visits that Don Locke has in store promise to be great fun.

Happy trains,



BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, September 6, beginning at 7:30 PM at the home of Katie Elgar. Members are welcome to attend. Please call 623-580-6957 to be sure there are enough chairs.

CAST YOUR TCA BALLOT

On or about the 1st of September, you will receive in the mail the September issue of TCA's National Headquarters News. Inside will be a "tear-out:" booklet and ballot. The booklet will contain resumes and statements from all the candidates seeking TCA National Office. It is up to YOU to help select the men and women who will lead TCA in the upcoming year.

The Desert Division has two members within its geographic boundaries who have a vested interest in the outcome of this election. Former Desert Division Presidents Chris Allen and Fred Hunter would like your vote. Chris Allen is seeking to become the TCA President-Elect. He currently holds the TGCA office of National Vice-President. Should he be successful, Chris will become the 4th member of the Desert Division to hold the office of TCA President since 1993. Fred Hunter is seeking a three-year term on TCA's Investment Committee. Though running unopposed, Fred would surely appreciate your vote, as that would indicate a "vote of confidence."

We urge everyone to read the resumes and statements of each candidate for each office. As soon as you receive the ballot, follow the directions included with the ballot and VOTE. Once again, we urge you to cast your ballot for both Chris and Fred.

VOTE

DESERT DIVISION OPEN CELEBRATES 18th RENEWAL

Have you ever golfed? Have you ever wanted to see if you could? After all, what could be so hard about hitting a stationary ball with a metal club? Then Saturday, November 4 is the day you've been awaiting. The 18th Annual Desert Division Open beckons your participation.

Yes, 18 years ago the Desert Division began the longest and only Golf Tournament among the 20 TCA Divisions. Our Traveling Trophy will be full following this year's event. Wouldn't you like to see your name engraved on the final plaque? If you don't play, that simply cannot happen.

So, reserve that date right now. We will begin at 11:00 AM and conclude with a dinner and awards ceremony after the match. Saturday, November 4, 2006 is the date. To reserve your space in this memorable event, call Gordon Wilson at 480-837-5344 or e-mail christielwilson@aol.com OR Paul Wassermann at 480-949-1620 and e-mail tinplater@aol.com.

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 September 9. Additionally, if you would like to get one prior to that meeting, contact Chris Allen (480-820-9559 or e-mail sparkyshome@cox.net) or Christie Wilson (480-837-5344 or e-mail christie1wilson@aol.com).

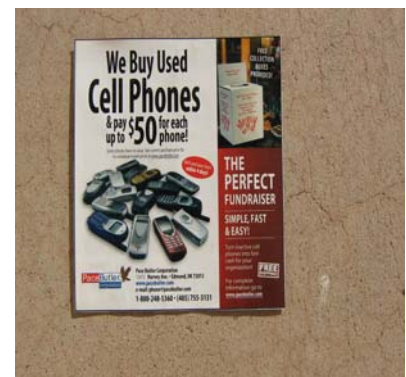


DON'T THROW AWAY OLD CELL PHONES

With all of the new technology available almost daily, many cell phones become obsolete and useless nearly overnight. Don't toss your old, deactivated cell phone away.

The Desert Division is collecting them in conjunction with a recycling program and can turn your old, unwanted cell phone into money for the upcoming 2009 TCA National Convention. Help the Desert Division and clean out your unwanted clutter, all at the same time.

Bring all your unwanted and useless cell phones to our next meeting on September 9 – no chargers or peripheral equipment, just plain ol' unused and unneeded cell phones.



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

By Gregory Palmer TCA #94-39039

It's time again for Toy Trains. The Rio Grande Chapter is looking forward to the coming of this season. Summer is coming to an end and not a moment too soon for the New Mexico and El Paso, Texas areas. The rains came and brought a lot of flooding to various areas of the Chapter. I have not heard of any TCA members having to deal with flood damage, but with flooding in areas of Albuquerque, Belen, Socorro, Las Cruces, and El Paso, I am in hopes all of our members are OK. I will pass on information if I hear of any members who might need help.

Our next Rio Grande Chapter Meet will be September 16th at 10:00 AM. It will be once again at the Sombra Del Monte Church, 2528 Utah, NE, in Albuquerque. This will be the first meet to have tickets for sale for the 2006 Lionel Toy Fair Car. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 5 for \$5.00. The drawing will be at the end of the January Chapter Meet.

At the September 16th Chapter Meet, part of the Educational Segment will be a discussion of transformers and equipment power requirements. There will also be a continuation of discussions of the TCA Standards, plus a talk on fakes and reproductions. We are looking for members to bring items for the Show and Tell Segment. Bring any item you wish to show our members. We also need a member to come forward to open his or her collection or layout for the After-Meet Visitation. Please give me a call ASAP if you are interested. At this meet we will discuss the operation of the Pumpkin Meet on November 4th. We will need help with set-up, take-down, and collection of money at the door. If you would like to help, please give Bill Spofford a call at 505-821-4051. Bill is in charge of set-up of the hall.

I hope to see all of you at the September 16th Rio Grande Chapter Meet at 10:00 AM.

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.



DESERT DIVISION - TCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2006

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SEPTEMBER VISITATION

This month's after meet visitation is one of those "Do Not Miss" affairs. Bring your whole family and their swimwear too! Fair warning – Do NOT order dessert after your lunch.

The TRI-FECTA is what is planned for you in northeast Scottsdale and Fountain Hills. There will be three multi-train operating layouts, three enormous collections, the largest and best-stocked Toy Train Store in the Desert Division, M&M's candy memorabilia you've never seen, and if you wish, Dessert, a Swimming Pool (Play Pool – 5' deep) and a seven-person spa. If you've never seen Fountain Hills' claim to fame, you must stop by to view the World's Tallest Fountain and eat some of the best Pizza this side of Italy at Pisa Pizza on Palisades Blvd. and La Montana in downtown Fountain Hills.

One train spot will stop you in your tracks when you marvel at the scale airplanes buzzing over a figure filled layout. Another location will allow you to see every catalogued piece of Post-War Lionel. At the third venue you will marvel at the toy train merchandise for sale – Z gauge through G; pre-war, post-war, and modern. Plan to spend the whole afternoon. Bring your family, and even more importantly, bring your cameras. This opportunity will not come again until our National Convention in 2009. Maps to the locations will be available at the meet on September 9. Don't miss this one!

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Do you want to save the Division some money and yourself some extra paper? You may opt to receive your monthly Desert Division Dispatch online instead of in the mail. If you wish to receive the newsletter online, please fill out the bottom section of this page and return it to Christie M. Wilson, Secretary, 16231 E. Ocotillo Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.

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YOU CAN HELP

When is the last time you took an inventory of your "disposable" train items? Most of us have such things. Here is a way to help your layout/collection and the Desert Division at the same time. Might your "disposable" items be of value to someone else? DONATE your unused item(s) to the Desert Division's 2009 Convention.

The Steering Committee will then in turn prepare your donation for inclusion in this November's Turkey Meet. The full proceeds of the sale will go into the treasury of the Convention. (Note: The Convention MUST, by TCA rules, have an account separate and distinct from that of the Division.) Please be sure that your name is securely attached to the piece(s). Unless you wish to remain anonymous, your generosity will be noted in the Dispatch. It is hoped that each donation would be of a caliber to stand alone as a lot unto itself.

Any member of our Steering Committee will gladly accept your donated train items. Bring them to the September Meet and give them to one of the following: Chris Allen, Ed Micale, Bill Mack, Paul Wassermann, or Gordon Wilson.

DESERT DIVISION 773 HUDSON RAFFLE

Now in its 17th train season, and the brainstorm of Cole Gibbs, the oldest and best 773 Hudson Raffle in the Toy Train World is continuing this year. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, the Desert Division originated this unique affair in 1989. Here is how it works. First and foremost, all the proceeds derived from the sale of raffle tickets go directly back into the Desert Division's treasury.

One hundred (100) numbered tickets are printed. From February through October they are available ONLY to Desert Division members and their family members. Any tickets remaining unsold after the October Meet are offered to all TCA members. The cost per raffle ticket is \$25.00, which may be considered a donation to all non-winners. Therefore, because TCA is a 501c3 organization, it may be used as a tax deduction.

At each Division meeting from February through June, plus September and October, a ticket is drawn that is worth \$100 cash, if the person whose name is on the ticket is in attendance. The selected stub is then returned to the entire group. Theoretically, the same ticket could win each time.

In November, at the Turkey Meet, the final drawing is held and the winner of the Hudson is determined. This year we are pleased to offer a Boxed, Like New/(C8), 1965 New York Central 773 Hudson and Tender. Buy your tickets and give yourself a chance to win a nice new green picture of Ben Franklin.

TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION RIO GRANDE CHAPTER



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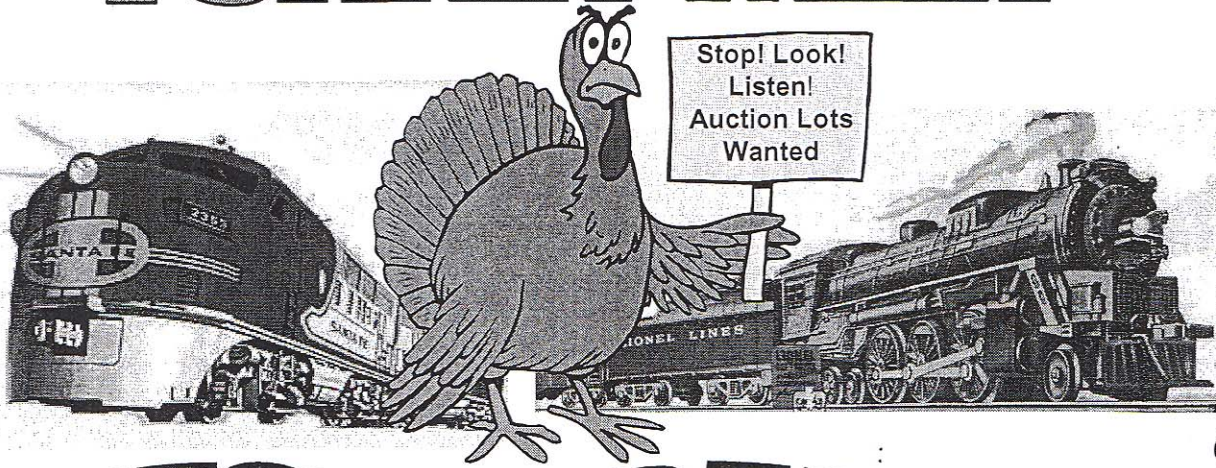


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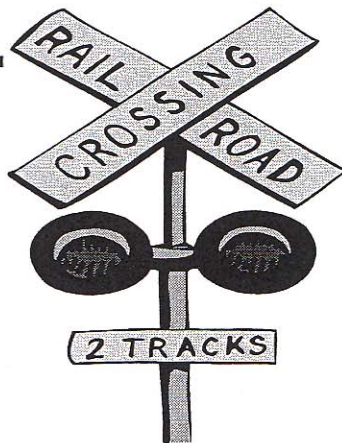
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FOR SALE – Atlas “O” Gauge Freight Cars from early 1970's - \$25 each or 4 for \$80. NEEDED – Curved track and switches; will trade straight track from my layout. Call Bryan Jewell at 602-234-6970.

WANTED – Industrial Rail IDMU4004 CNW Hoppers w/Coal. Building a consist – can use as many as possible. Contact Bob Johnston, 623-582-2110.

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.

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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.

WANTED – Motor for 616 Flying Yankee power car or 636 City of Denver power car. Will buy complete power car if reasonable. Call Marty Nickerson at 928-778-4294.

FOR SALE – Lionel 390E Freight Set – 5 cars restored - \$750.00. Santa Fe with 15 cars, Mint - \$650. 400 E Reproduction Engine – Mint - \$800. Contact Sam Testa, 17541 Camino Confianza, Sahuarita, AZ 85629, or call 520-625-8303.

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

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November 25-26	Turkey Meet & Auction – Convention Center – Mesa – 9 AM – 4 PM both days Contact: Bob Herman – 480-948-2730

PADE PROMOTIONS

Have You **PADE** Your Way?

Purchase raffle tickets

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Donate something to the club

Enlist to help

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

Thank you everyone who has donated a cell phone, baked a pie, donated a raffle item, or helped behind the scenes to make the 2009 TCA National Convention the best one ever. Donations are also being accepted for the Turkey Meet, with proceeds going towards the 2009 Convention Treasury.

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