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VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

September is the month in which we elect TCA National Officers. The ballot will be included in your September National Headquarters News. Once you receive it, please follow the directions and send in your ballot. This year there will also be a ballot question. As TCA's membership shrinks through attrition and costs continue to increase, there is a need to ask for a dues increase. The National Board of Directors felt that a \$3 per year would suffice, thus covering increased costs for the publications which currently constitute about 85% of the dues money. Your yes vote will allow TCA to continue to provide the Quarterly and the National Headquarters News to every member.

Additionally, there is a slate of well-qualified TCA members running for the various offices. For the Investment Committee, Newt Derby (Lone Star Division) and Wayne Sheriff (Western Division) are vying for a three-year term. Bill Kotek is running unopposed for the office of Treasurer. Both Christie Wilson (Desert Division) and Tom Jaworowski (Cottonbelt Division) are on the ballot for Secretary. Bob Hazlett (Fort Pitt Division) and Paul Edgar (Keystone Division) are running for the position of Vice-President. Cliff Jarrard (Nor-Cal Division) and Ron Stowell (Rocky Mountain Division) finish the ballot, for the position of President-Elect. The office of President is automatically filled by last year's President Elect, Clem Clement.

This is YOUR organization, as strong as the members you elect to National Offices. Please read the resumes submitted by the candidates, choose one for each office, and cast your ballot by the deadline printed in the booklet of information about this election.

VOTE FOR CHRISTIE!!!

by Paul Wassermann TCA 73-5169

The Train Collectors Association is so fortunate to have a person of the talent and ability of Christie Wilson. She was elected, by the National Board of Directors, to fill the vacancy of National Secretary created with the untimely passing of Sarah Lavinus. Christie has filled that appointment with distinction and merit. Those of you who know her can appreciate the precision of her minutes and the promptness of her secretarial duties. When Christie sets about to do something, it gets done, and it gets done now.

Christie is now running, on her own, as an election candidate for the secretarial position. I can think of no one in the entire TCA who could better fill this position. Not only does she have the talent, intelligence, and sense of responsibility to do a great job; she has been involved in the TCA for several decades, filling the Desert Division office of secretary and serving as the "first lady" to her husband Gordon's TCA National Presidency. Christie is widely known throughout our organization and has earned the admiration and respect of all who know her.

As a Desert Division member, I am honored to have been asked to write this supporting document and encourage all TCA members who read this to cast their vote for Christie. The TCA secretarial position will be in the best of hands if they are Christie's!



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HELP WANTED!! - HELP NEEDED!!

Attention ANY Desert Division Member(s) planning to drive to and from Arizona or New Mexico and back for the October York Meet: Please contact Gordon or Christie Wilson immediately – before September 22, 2008. We need your help, both for the Division and for a Wilson family obligation.

Thank you,
Gordon and Christie
480-837-5344
christie1wilson@aol.com

HEALTH UPDATES

Surgery seems to be “the name of the game.” Janice Rasmussen recently underwent lymph node surgery and is progressing nicely. Earl goes in soon for arthroscopic surgery to repair a rotator cuff problem in his shoulder. Cards may be sent to them at 4347 W. Vogel Ave., Glendale, AZ 85302-3837.

Meanwhile in Baltimore, Al Levin is recuperating at home from his most recent hospitalization, but now more recently Selma went in for disk surgery. Your get well wishes should be sent to them at 7121 Park Heights Ave., Apt. 908, Baltimore, MD 21215.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Richard and Mary Ann Gayle. Mary Ann’s father passed away this summer. We also express our sorrow for Margaret Butler, whose son John was taken from her this past July.

DESERT DIVISION - TCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2008-9

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COMING UP...

SEPTEMBER 13	REGULAR DIVISION MEET, Scottsdale – 9 AM
SEPTEMBER 20	RIO GRANDE CHAPTER MEE, Albuquerque – 10 AM
OCTOBER 11	REGULAR DIVISION MEET, Scottsdale – 9 AM
OCTOBER 11-12	RAILFAIR, Railroad Park, Scottsdale – 10 AM
OCTOBER 16-18	EASTERN DIVISION MEET, York, PA
OCTOBER 25	PUMPKIN MEET, Albuquerque – 9 AM
NOVEMBER 29	TURKEY MEET, Glendale – 9 AM
NOVEMBER 30	TURKEY MEET AUCTION, Scottsdale – 8 AM
DECEMBER 7	HOLIDAY PARTY – Mesa Marriott - NOON

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

Where has the summer gone? Just seems like yesterday we were planning for the summer heat, and now we are looking forward to the cool days of fall! This past month many of us were able to travel to Prescott for the "Beat the Heat Meet." If you missed that chance to get there, trading halls were full, layout tours were exciting, and your Division President won the Verde Valley train trip! We're looking forward to taking that one! This meet is always a wonderful time to see the changes and progress in the layouts of our members up in the north and get fresh ideas as well.

Coming up in October will be Railfair at the Scottsdale McCormick Railroad Park. We will be running our trains on the modular layout of the Tinplate Trackers. We will be working on scenery for the unit during the month of September, so check with Jonathan Peiffer or Dallas Dixon about how you can share in this adventure. There will also be a sign up sheet to help run trains. We will need about 4-5 people to help set up on Saturday morning, and 4-5 people to help tear down on Sunday afternoon. We will also need people running trains during the day on both Saturday and Sunday. I know that since we haven't been out at Rail Fair for two years, many of you will be excited to be a part of this again.

There will be a 2-home visit after the September meeting, both of them very close to the Jaycees Hall, so plan on checking them both out after the meeting! We are also looking for someone to chair the Layout Visitation Committee for 2009. Don Locke has done an excellent job of this for the past two years. If you think this would perhaps be something you would like to undertake, talk with Don and he can give you some tips for doing this exciting job!

I will not be at the September meeting, as I will be on the TCA Legacy Cruise to Nova Scotia. Six Desert Division members are going and we are looking forward to sailing away on this adventure! Jonathan Peiffer will chair the meeting. Also the BOD meeting will be held prior to the meeting on Saturday. A good chance for you to drop in and see what is happening on your Desert Division Board!

Happy trains,



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

Hope all of you had a great summer, and that you are all ready for our first Rio Grande Chapter Meet of the Fall Train Season. Summer is a time for vacations and family outings, and the TCA is like a family. Being a member of the TCA has many benefits. One of these benefits is the chance of visiting with members. I was pleased to have Gordon and Christie Wilson visit my home and Train Room a couple of weeks ago, on their way home from a long summer vacation which also included the 2008 TCA Convention. I always enjoy having the Wilsons stop by my Train Room. It is always fun showing off my collection. Thanks Gordon and Christie for coming to Albuquerque. If any Desert Division member passes through Albuquerque, please give me a call; I would be pleased to show off my collection.

We will have our next Rio Grande Chapter Meet on September 20th at 10:00AM at the Sombra Del Monte Church at 2528 Utah N.E., in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We will have important items to discuss, including how to handle the sale of our New Mexico Railrunner Express Lionel style Billboards. We will also go over the planning for our third annual Pumpkin Meet on October 25th. We need to start looking for a deserving child to give our "Train for a Kid" train set to at Christmas time. There will be other issues, including the schedule of Chapter Meets for the remainder of 2008 and for 2009. Please bring items for our Educational Segment Show and Tell. It is always great fun to see what everyone collects and operates, and hear the wide range of knowledge about Toy Trains that our Chapter members have. Also remember you can bring item to sell before our Chapter Meets start. Tables are free, and can remain set up until the end of the Chapter Meet. So, see all of you at our September Meet on September 20th.

Don't forget our Third Annual Pumpkin Meet on October 25th at 9:00AM at the Sombra Del Monte Church, 2528 Utah N.E., Albuquerque, NM. A Pumpkin Meet flyer is included in this issue of the Dispatch. I am also in the process of taking photos of the Brio Train Set and Table donated by the Desert Division on behalf of the Rio Grande Chapter to the New Mexico Ronald McDonald House. The photos will be in an upcoming issue of the Dispatch.

See you at our September 20th Chapter Meet.

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, September 13, beginning at 8:00 AM at the Jaycees Hall. Members are welcome to attend.

BURLINGTON CONVENTION – A GREAT MEMORY

By Chris Allen TCA 95-40580

What a time we had at the 54th National Convention. The NETCA Division of TCA put on a fabulous week for all who attended, and Laurel and I were lucky to be there from beginning to end. Burlington, Vermont, is not the “home base” for NETCA, so if you could imagine Desert Division hosting a National Convention in Flagstaff, you’d get a pretty close idea of all the logistics involved. From start to finish the NETCA volunteers worked hard to handle the unexpected crowd of TCA members who wanted to experience Vermont first hand. What tours did we enjoy the best? Well, my favorites always include food so the Ben & Jerry’s ice cream factory tour and the Dinner Cruise on Lake Champlain stand out. The cruise was well organized and we had plenty to eat along with breathtaking scenery along the way. The weather was absolutely gorgeous for the entire time we were on the boat. Back on shore, the Welcome Party was jammed, and there seemed to be an almost bottomless pit of (you guessed it) more Ben & Jerry’s ice cream!

We found the downtown area to be quite similar to Tempe with the University of Vermont campus located within walking distance. The energy of the downtown area was definitely youthful. Laurel and I felt comfortable, even though my Hawaiian shirt and Arizona tan immediately gave us away as tourists. I had often heard of Yankee hospitality, but to witness it first hand was a real delight. Mother Nature showed us why everything was so green with rain interrupting the golf tournament. Actually the rain didn’t slow us down, but waving metal sticks around the middle of an open field during a lightning storm did not seem like the smartest thing to do.

As for the meetings, much was accomplished including Desert Division getting the approval to continue talking with our neighbors in New Zealand. There was some concern voiced over Patriot Act compliance (on our side, not our new neighbors), but it is something that can be worked out and we will soon begin expanding the rolls of the Division with neighbors 7,000 miles away! Thank goodness our webmaster Angelo Lautazi can email them the newsletter!

Most of the changes had to deal with the TCA Board Policy Book; however, during an open discussion of the future of TCA, two things became very evident. Membership recruitment and retention is not working and because of that lack of membership growth, rising prices are going to necessitate asking the members for another dues increase. Here are the cold hard facts. I joined TCA in January 1995 and my membership number is in the 40,000 range and TCA had a total membership of 30,000. Today, thirteen years later TCA is issuing membership numbers in the 62,000 range, yet our membership continues to hover at 30,000. Where did those 22,000 members go? If we could have retained just 50% of those members we would not be in the financial situation we face today. You will begin hearing about a new membership drive coming this fall. It will be a challenge, but something we are all capable of achieving.

The folks from NETCA and from Burlington deserve our hearty thank-you for a job well done. They were a first class group of volunteers and we had a wonderful time. All of their hard work paid off, and I hope next year at this time we will be hearing the same compliments from members who attended our Convention. It’s time to gear up and roll!

The 2008 Convention in Burlington, VT, featured a Ben & Jerry’s tour.



Chris goes Hawaiian.



Everyone enjoyed the Dinner Cruise on Lake Champlain.



COLE GIBBS MEMORIAL TRAIN

Over this past year the Desert Division and many other TCA members contributed to the Cole Gibbs Memorial Fund at the National Toy Train Museum. In April 2008, the ideal train was located, purchased and presented to the NTTM, thanks to the efforts of Marty Visnick and Bill Kotek. This train, the Stephen Girard set as pictured with Bill Kotek and Paul Edgar, will make a wonderful addition to the museum and a wonderful statement to the memory of Cole Gibbs. Cole was a wonderful train person and friend and it was an honor to participate in this endeavor.



THE NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM WISH LIST

Each Division has received a list of items that are needed at the Toy Train Museum. The Museum is vital to the preserving of toy trains as well as the tax status of the TCA. It is the education segment. It also provides a wonderful museum of toy trains available to members and the public as well.

The list of needed items runs the gamut from a hammer drill to an audio system, a computer system, to a 2500 SF Building for storage. If anyone wishes to see the list, it will be available at the September meeting. Rather than focus on one item we would wish to support purchasing, why not consider the Desert Division sending the Museum a sum of money and let them determine the part of the list they need next? This will be on the agenda for September meeting.

Remember the Toy Train Museum will preserve the history of Tinplate Toy Trains for generations to come. We need to do our part to help support the Museum and its efforts.

RAILFAIR IS BACK!

After a two-year absence, the TCA Desert Division will have an opportunity to operate trains during the upcoming Railfair during the weekend of October 10th, 11th and 12th. Thanks to the generous offer of Division members Dallas Dixon and Roland LaHaie, the Tin Plate Trackers have signed up to run a 24' x 12' module. Yes, that is a large space and your help is needed!

We will need volunteers to be active in helping make this a reality. Specifically we will need a total of five or six volunteers to assist with set-up and take down. Setup will be Friday afternoon or evening, the 10th. Take down will be during the afternoon of Sunday, the 12th. This is probably a 2 hour commitment of your time. Operators are welcome too as we will want at least three people operating the layout at all times. We've got to keep those trains rolling! We are asking operators to sign up for blocks of time in increments of 2 or more hours to have an idea of how many people to expect at any one time. Regardless, all are welcome to attend and help in any way they are interested.

All 0-gauge trains are welcome. There will be 3 operating tracks with the outer two loops having 0-72 curves. As we have learned from the past, the weather is anyone's guess at this time of year, but there is never a dull moment when operating trains. Come as you are and run what you bring.

If you want to sign up to help, please contact Jonathan Peiffer, jonathanpeiffer@robertsjones.com or call 602-561-4131. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the Division Meet on September 13. We look forward to a great event as we prepare for perhaps an even larger and more detailed module at the Turkey meet.

SPECIAL DIVISION OFFERING ORDER YOUR CELEBRATE AMERICA CARS TODAY

There is a Celebrate America order form in this issue of the Dispatch. Hopefully you will order several of this unique and extremely attractive wavy flag Lionel Mint Car. There are two ways you can buy your car. If you would like to pick it up at a Desert Division meet, you can delete \$5 for shipping and pay only \$64 for the car. If you want it shipped to you, then pay the \$69 on the order form. But, in any case, as a Desert Division member, you do not have to pay the Arizona sales tax. Just ignore it on the order form. Keep this in mind when you place your order.

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TEN WEEKS ON THE ROAD by Gordon Wilson TCA 76-10233

Don't worry, this is NOT going to be a travelogue. To report on the entire two and a half months of travel, I'd need the entire Dispatch. This will be about our train adventures between June 8 and August 18, and there were some adventures.

As always, we drove to the 54th TCA Convention in Burlington, VT. Paralleling us on I-40 from Holbrook, AZ, all the way to our first evening's stop in Guymon, OK, were mile and longer freights of both the BNSF and UP railroad lines. Guymon, OK, was really neat, because the trains came close to our motel. We were so tired, however, that their squeaky brakes and overactive horns didn't interrupt our sleep. The next morning, these same trains continued to follow us into Wichita, KS, as we drove along US Route 54. Wichita has a wonderful static display of "steam power" at a restored depot in "Old Town" Wichita, once a major cow town of the Old West.



Moving north to Kansas City, we were met by TCA member Andy DuBill, who guided us around KC for two days. The renovated Union Station in Kansas City is a masterpiece, not to be missed. It is every bit, in my opinion, the equal of the Union Stations in Los Angeles and Denver. In St. Louis we stopped at its Union Station, but quickly left, as it has now been converted into an upscale shopping mall. What a shame! The only trains here were in toy stores.

My Old Kentucky Home Dinner Train was next. In Bardstown, KY, this restored relic from the past serves fine cuisine while traveling the rails through the picturesque countryside. The next train we encountered was The Gambler's Express as it rambled between Philadelphia and Atlantic City, NJ. While in New Jersey, we paid a visit to Antique Trains in Turnersville, owned by Desert Division member Richard Bimmer. Several purchases, including an MTH poster of the Coor's Beer Train, found their way into my possession.



The Convention in Burlington, VT, was our next destination, with a stop "for old time's sake" at Yankee Stadium. The one thing that's still the same at the "Bronx Zoo" are the "EL" cars of the New York City transit system. They still roll by right field of "The House that Ruth Built" on a regular basis. Not until arriving in Burlington would there be another train.

We were scheduled to ride in the Observation Car of a special train between Burlington and Middlebury, VT. Despite our tickets, an official of the Vermont Railroad Company decided we were interlopers and removed the ten of us from that car. Thanks to the efforts of Dannie Martin, we did receive a full refund AND we all had a wonderful time, none the less. At the end of the Convention, we took the tour to the Canadian National Railway Museum in Montreal, Canada. As advertised, no one was allowed to board the bus without a passport. The items on display included the Flying Scotsman, currently housed in one of the many display sheds at the Museum. The rest of the trains at the Convention were of the toy variety, and on the way back to my sister-in-law's near Philadelphia, the trunk of my car "over runneth" with purchases made for myself and the Division.

During the Convention, we promoted our 2009 Convention at a display set up in the lobby just outside of the trading pits. There are so many people to thank for their help that I'll restrict the names to just three, although the list should be about three dozen in length. Ruth Elgar kept all of us on our toes with her humor, wit, and reminders of what we should and shouldn't do. Setting up and tearing down the display were two times that Christie and I really needed extra help. Up stepped Bill Jenkins, a member from Pennsylvania, and Fred Claassen, a TCA friend from Alabama. Lest I forget, Bob Johnston and his wife Sue graciously carried to Burlington some needed sales items and give-away materials for our display. Christie's sister, Rachel, a Burlington resident, served as a recipient for all of the shipped materials we needed in Burlington. We feel our display showed off very well what we have planned for TCA next June 28 through July 5.



While not a train, please allow me a diversion. Many of you probably watched the Boston Pops 4th of July music and fireworks program on TV. A member of the Pops was a student of mine, in my high school chorus and band. After 25 years, I finally made contact with him at Intermission during that program this year.



Off we went to Europe for five weeks. Our first train trip was in Sweden. I suppose it is called a commuter train, but it lasted about an hour and went from an International Airport serving mostly Stockholm. I picked up some literature which explained it all (in four languages). It took us to a covered Central Station in – where else? – Central Stockholm! I thought we had to cross a street to get to our hotel, but all we really had to do was walk through one door, go around a corner and in another door, and we were inside the Radisson with “registration” staring right at us. After that, in our next two weeks in the Scandinavian and Balkan countries, we saw many trains and light rail transit, but had little or no opportunity to try any of them out. We did the next best thing and took plenty of pictures, however.

In London, I am convinced, if you want to get around quickly and efficiently, you had better learn to use their Underground (Subway) System. If you are going to visit the U. K., before you go be sure you have a London Travel Card. This is available to US citizens only in the USA and may not be purchased in England by a tourist. It could save you hundreds of dollars. Don’t leave home without it! The Underground System is easy to figure out and the pass is also good on the double-decker red buses as well. We used these passes on the average of 10 times per day. What a time saver! What a money saver! The British, on the other hand, may purchase in the U. K. a Rail Pass good in the USA, which we cannot purchase as citizens of this country. Their subways are usually crowded, BUT they run ON TIME and with great reliability. Transfers from one line to another are free. It is the greatest transportation bargain going!

Once back in the USA, trains unfortunately fell off to watching freights run near Interstate Highways, riding them on Excursion routes, or playing with and observing them as toy trains. This was at first a truism along the Schuylkill Expressway in Philadelphia as it passed by the 30th Street Station, Philadelphia’s answer to New York City’s Grand Central Terminal.



As we sped westward toward home along Interstate Highways 90, 80, 70, and 40, we raced freight trains across the country. One stop is always a delight, for it is a “triple play.” In Davenport, Iowa, there is a baseball park for the Quad City River Dogs. To its east (right field) are the river boats of the Mississippi River. Then there is the ball field and a Class A Mid-West League baseball team. Just to the west of the third base line/wall runs the CSX Railroad line. This is my favorite ball park in America.



In North Platte, Nebraska, near Interstate 80, are the main railway yards of the Union Pacific. Just to the south of the yard, the largest in the world, is a viewing tower eight stories high. Should you ever find yourself anywhere near this 501c3 venue, by all means stop. It provides the most breath taking views I can ever remember seeing of any railway site. It is beyond all description, and rarely, as you know, am I at a loss for words.



Finally, on our last night out, and at the urging of Peter Atonna, we stopped at one of the last Harvey House Santa Fe Hotels, “La Posada” in Winslow, Arizona. Our room was less than 100 feet from the five main lines of the BNSF. Trains ran there all day and all night. The ambience of the place was incredible, and to add to the experience, while eating a gourmet meal, who else should be there (also at the urging of Peter Atonna) but George Sokol of Tucson and his wife Chrissy.



We were gone for nearly three months, but I am ready to go again. Trains were a big part of this trip, as I’m sure they will be on any future trips we may plan.



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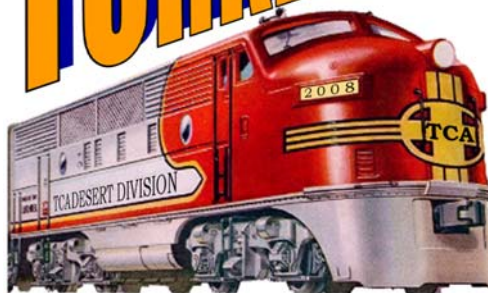
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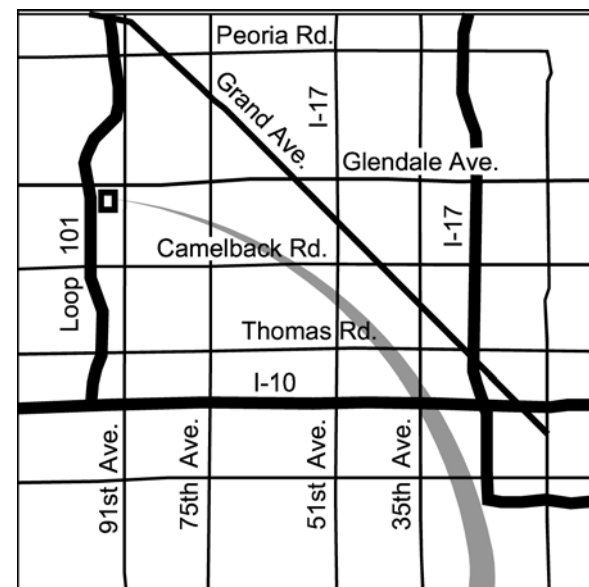
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SUNDAY – November 30

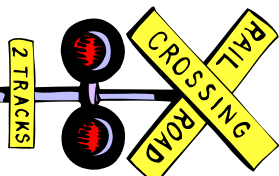
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9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Auction
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Be sure to ask for the "Train Collectors" rate.

RULES

- Seller badges must be worn at all times.
- All sale items must meet TCA policies
- Restoration and reproduction items must be marked per TCA policy
- Table holders must remain setup until 3:00 PM on the day of the meet
- Trading will not be permitted during unloading or setup. Persons not involved in setup will be asked to leave the hall.
- NO SMOKING PERMITTED in trading hall.
- Keep your table covered for security when leaving the hall
- Sellers are responsible for obtaining the sales tax permit from the City of Glendale. The City of Glendale does not permit any number of casual sales, and they will monitor our trading hall. There will be a \$12.50 flat fee for individuals selling with a registered business license, or a \$20.00 one-time fee as an occasional seller. Both are valid up to \$3000.00 in sales and no additional filings with be required.
- "I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the Train Collectors Association (TCA) and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time, especially including all rules and regulations of all TCA Committees and any actions and rulings of all TCA Committees."
- "I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA Member or at any TCA sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacturer's original condition unless I have caused any such item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction."

TCA DESERT DIVISION 33rd Annual TURKEY MEET November 29-30, 2008

TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET - The Toy Train Swap Meet is our 33rd Annual Turkey Meet. The meet features approximately 200+ sales tables of toy trains and related model railroading items for sale by local train enthusiasts. The Swap Meet brings people together with special interests in the model railroading hobby to buy and sell toy trains and train related items of all gauges.

ADMISSION FEE

Admission fee for the event is \$5 cash donation per person. Children under 16 years of age are admitted FREE when accompanied by an adult.

REGISTRATION

Everyone must register. Registration fee is not included in table fees. **Pre-Registered members of TCA, TTOS, LOTS, & LCCA, in good standing**, will be admitted to the trading hall thirty minutes prior to the general public.

TABLE SALES

Tables will be assigned on a first come - first serve basis. The tables are approximately 30" wide x 8' long. Consult posted floor plan for seller assignments. Limited electrical outlets are available for an additional fee and must be requested at registration. Special table requests with friends must be made in writing with pre-registration. Every effort will be made to accommodate special requests. **TRADING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED DURING UNLOADING OR SETUP**

AUCTION

Auction will be held on Sunday with over 300 lots of toy trains. Purchase of an auction catalog is your admission to the auction. All items are auctioned AS-IS WITHOUT RESERVE. All sales are final

COURTESY

All workers are volunteers. Children must be supervised at all times. Parents may be held liable.

We will do our best to make the TURKEY MEET a success for everyone involved!

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BEAT THE HEAT

by Peter Atonna TCA #77-7578

Forget about a train show. Prescott in the second weekend of August is just what attracts weekenders, tourists, and second home people to spend time in the hills and pine trees of the Bradshaw Mountains. Crystal blue skies, temps in the '80s, and fluffy white clouds to keep the sun off were all there.

Oh yes, there was a train show weekend too! The annual "Beat the Heat" Meet, hosted by the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club, offered over 80 tables of sales item and a hall full of happy shoppers. As usual, the excuse to escape Arizona's low desert cities drew a substantial number of TCAers from all over the state to buy and to sell. Several of the Desert Division folk also joined in the annual bus trip to the meet organized by Dave Brown and the GCMR club. With gas prices skyward, this year's bus drew over 30 folks, including wives and grandkids, for the trip to the meet and open houses.



Bob Denison with Nan

For this year, there was a record of six open houses: two large scale outdoor layouts, an HO layout, Mike Nelson's scale O gauge layout, Ray Dextraze's toy and train tin collection, and Marlin Benson's and my tinplate layouts. Marlin was particularly proud that his over 2000 feet of train room at last featured operating trains as his layout is rapidly getting ready to be on the Prescott layout tour for the 2009 TCA National Convention.



Marlin Benson's Outer Train Room



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Peter Atonna's Layout



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| September 20 | Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM - 10 AM
Contact: Greg Palmer 505-898-3840 |
| October 11 | Convention General Meeting – 7:30 AM, and Regular Division Meet – 9 AM |
| October 11 and 12 | Railfair – McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park – 10 AM – 5 PM |
| October 16-18 | Eastern Division Meet, York, PA |
| October 25 | Rio Grande Chapter Pumpkin Meet, Albuquerque, NM – 9 AM
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| November 29 | Turkey Meet Swap Meet – Renaissance Hotel, Glendale, AZ - 9 AM |
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PADE PROMOTIONS

A special thanks to Jonathan Peiffer for producing the Summer issue of the Dispatch. Thanks to Steve Palmer for his raffle prize donation. Also, thanks to everyone who helped in Burlington, VT, to make the Desert Division information and sales tables a success. Bill Jenkins and Fred Claassen have stored the items needed for October York, both materials to promote the 2009 Convention and sale items for the Convention Store.