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Desert Division

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YOU ARE INVITED!!

June 25, 1971 – The most important date in the history of The Desert Division. Yes, 40 years ago on that day, the Train Collectors Association welcomed its 14th Division into its midst. The rest, as is said, “Is History!” And what a 40 year history it has been.

As a member of the TCA and the Desert Division, you and your guest(s) are invited to help celebrate our “Ruby” year anniversary with your fellow Division members on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at The Chaparral Suites Resort and Conference Center in Scottsdale, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Throughout this year during each monthly meet the Anniversary Celebration Committee has been making available a unique commemorative memento for each member attending that particular meet. Well, that tradition will continue still again at our Celebratory Banquet on October 22. Each place setting will contain a die-cast 0-gauge figure specially designed by James Spellmire for the Desert Division. In addition, an extremely attractive milk chocolate 40th Anniversary wreath will be at each place setting. For the purpose of determining door prize winners, each banquet place setting will also have one half of a Raffle Ticket with a unique number on it.

Each “round of eight” dinner table will house an incredibly attractive Table Centerpiece, hand crafted by our own Professional Wooden Toy Maker, Bob Herman. One lucky member of each table will take that Centerpiece home at the end of the evening. (A photo of the Centerpiece is on the next page of this issue of the Dispatch.) As we pen this article there is a real possibility that another Division memento could find its way onto each Banquet table. However, we won’t know that for sure until much closer to the actual October 22nd date.

We will be offering two types of limited auctions as fund raisers to assist in the cost of putting on this Division’s Celebration. First will be a Silent Auction of a few items unique to the Desert Division. We have recently discovered some “Celebrate Arizona” cars, thought to be completely “sold out.” There will be a set of two (2) Apache Beer Reefers in consecutive numbers and a “Wavy Flag” Celebrate America Mint Car; rolling back to the 1996 25th Anniversary will be a low number Step Van, and finally, the prototype of the Banquet Table Center Piece.



COMING UP....

SEPTEMBER 10 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

SEPTEMBER 17 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM

OCTOBER 8 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

OCTOBER 8-9 – Railfair – Railroad Park, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM

OCTOBER 13-15 – Eastern Division Meet – York, PA

OCTOBER 22 – 40th Anniversary Party – Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale, AZ – 6 PM

OCTOBER 30 – Pumpkin Meet – Sheraton Uptown Hotel, Albuquerque, NM – 9 AM

NOVEMBER 5 – Gadsden-Pacific Train Show & Meet – Tucson, AZ – 9 AM

NOVEMBER 26 - Turkey Meet Swap Meet– Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM

NOVEMBER 27- Turkey Meet Auction – Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale, AZ – 8 AM

DECEMBER 11 – Holiday Party – Mesa Marriott – 4 PM

We will also have a very limited “Live Auction” that will feature original Railroad Artwork by award-winning artists Diane Rodriguez and Angela Trotta-Thomas, two special Lionel Bridges featuring our 40th Anniversary Logo by TrainWorx, and a special donation to our Division from Lionel, LLC.

Our featured entertainment/guest for the evening is a man whose reputation needs no introduction to most of you. Arizona’s own Hall of Fame Historian and Story Teller, Marshall Trimble, has promised us an evening of stories, tall tales, and railroad ballads for as long as we can tolerate him. For those of you who have been fortunate enough to have seen Marshall perform elsewhere in the past, we’re sure you will agree that to have him as our Special Guest will be a special treat.

It is our hope that you will quickly fill out the accompanying form and reserve your place(s) for this Gala Celebration. The cost of \$25 per person is a small percentage of the total cost, as we hope the generosity of our members in supporting our Commemorative Hopper Program and the two auctions will bring this celebration up to a break-even mark. To help encourage an early registration for the event, if you register by September 30, 2011, you will be eligible for a drawing at the October 8 Meet. We will draw the names of two (2) persons and refund each one of them one full dinner celebration cost of \$25.00.

To conclude the evening, we will select the winner of the Prototype 40th Anniversary Ruby Hopper and Jewelry Set, plus determine who will win the select pieces at each Banquet Table. This will truly be a Celebration you will NOT want to miss. Don’t delay – reserve your place(s) for the 40th Anniversary Celebration on October 22, 2011, NOW!



Banquet Table Centerpieces
Designed and constructed by Bob Herman

OCTOBER 40th ANNIVERSARY GIVE-AWAY

During this Desert Division 40th Anniversary celebration year, we have strived to provide our membership with an interesting perk/gift at each regular monthly meet. Here is an advance notice of October’s gift!

While the final due date for Anniversary Banquet reservations is October 8, 2011, in an effort to encourage early registration, we will select at the October Meet on October 8, TWO (2) names of persons who have reserved their dinner reservations on or before September 30. Each of these two persons will receive a \$25 refund (the cost of one dinner reservation). There is a caveat to this drawing. Just as all of the previous gifts have been available only to those in attendance at the meets, so too will this one be. To be eligible for the \$25 refund, the equal of one free 40th Anniversary Banquet ducat, you must be in attendance at the meet, or assisting the Division in its Railfair obligations during meet time.

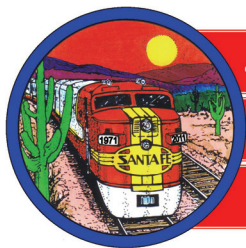
Use the form on page 3 of this issue of the Dispatch to reserve your place at the Banquet and to be eligible for the drawing.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

As with the National Convention, the Desert Division will be staffing a sales table at Eastern Division’s York Meet in October. The purpose of this venture will be an attempt to liquidate much of our inventory from the 2009 Convention. Several of us who will be tending to this table will be flying to York and will take some of the items in our luggage. However, we do have some heavier items that we prefer not to have to ship, thus saving the Division money and precluding the possibility of damage in shipment. We know from past experience that many Desert Division members will use the York meet as an “excuse” to take a leisurely autumn vacation back East.

If you should happen to be one of those persons, or if you are a York regular who drives to York, might you consider helping the Division out by transporting an apple box or two for us? The boxes will be securely pre-packed and labeled. All you will need to do is make a pre-arrangement with Gordon or Christie Wilson as to where and when a delivery point would be convenient for both parties. Hopefully everything will sell, but in case it doesn’t, might you also be able to transport the leftovers back to Arizona at your leisure?

We would appreciate hearing from you regarding your ability to assist the Division. Please contact Gordon or Christie at 480-837-5344 or send an e-mail to christielwilson@aol.com. Arrangements will not be completed until after September 18. The Division appreciates any assistance you might be able to provide.



40th Anniversary

Desert Division

TCA

Desert Division 40th Anniversary Committee
Banquet Dinner Reservations
1119 W. Plata Ave
Mesa, AZ 85210

40th ANNIVERSARY DESERT DIVISION DINNER RESERVATION

(Return this entire form, or register on line – see note below.)

Name _____ Phone No: (_____) _____ - _____
(Please print) Area Code

Address _____

(_____) Zip Code

Person(s) attending with me: Name(s) _____

Dinner Choice(s): (Please indicate number in blank before choice.) Dinner cost is \$25.00 per person.

- _____ Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
_____ Cashew Crusted Chicken Breast
_____ Pacific Rim Salmon
_____ Vegetarian Lasagna

Number of Dinners _____ at \$25.00 for a Total \$_____ enclosed.

Please make checks payable to: Desert Division, TCA

Return this form with your check prior to October 8, 2011 to:

Christopher Allen, 1119 W. Plata Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85210

OR

Should you wish to use your credit card, access: www.tcadd.org beginning on September 1, 2011.
Fill out your choices accordingly. NO RESERVATIONS TAKEN AT THE DOOR. Thank You.

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Sorry, but I cannot attend.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While the weather outside for us desert dwellers may not indicate it, fall is nearly upon us in spite of the continued triple digit temperatures and idle threats of rain. Desert Division is also gearing up to finish out the year with lots of activities that are both traditional and new!

On the business side of the Division, we have nominations for TCA National Officers due by October 1. If anyone is seeking a National office, please contact me, as your Board of Directors will be voting on nominations for National office at our September 7th BOD meeting. Additionally, I have appointed Chris Allen to be the nominations committee chair for our Division Board of Directors. Every position is up for election this year and I encourage everyone in the Division who is able to attend a majority of the meetings to consider offering his or her name to Chris. As a Division we thrive by growing leaders from within to continue our great traditions as well as introduce new traditions that will be celebrated for years to come. Nominations will be taken through the October Division meet and we will vote in November with the results announced at our Holiday Party.

As always, our October meet will be the same weekend as Railfair. We hope to be able to run trains on modules for Railfair as we have for many years in the past, but we need volunteers who are willing to set up on Friday, operate on Saturday and Sunday, and assist with teardown on Sunday. If we cannot get enough members to volunteer to make this happen, we will not be represented during this important public event. Please contact me if you can help out and let me know what time slots you are available. This event is fun!

Turkey Meet planning is well underway and we are looking to have a great meet. Art Triant is going to be talking to you soon to ask you where you can help on the various subcommittees that help make this event a success for the Division and the community. There is a registration flyer on page 10 of this month's *Dispatch* and tri-fold mailings will be going out in September. Please reserve your tables early with Beth Stange, our Registration Chair. With our new venue and with a single day meet and second day auction format, we should easily sell tables. The pricing is very attractive for anyone who wants that extra table or five so we can fill Chaparral Suites to capacity and put on our version of the Greatest Show on Earth.

While planning for our Turkey Meet is ongoing, final planning for our signature event this year is mostly complete for our 40th Anniversary Event. We have been celebrating our 40th year as a

Division in various ways throughout the year, but it all comes to a climax on the evening of October 22nd. Reserve the date! The Division will be having an excellent dinner and program that features Arizona's state Historian, Marshall Trimble as our keynote speaker. He will provide an evening of entertainment that is sure to delight everyone. Anyone who has heard his stories of Arizona history through word and song understands what a special evening this will be. This is a time when we can as a Division step back from all our hard work and enjoy the fruits of our 40 years of service to the TCA and the hobby. This is an event that members and spouses will equally enjoy.

We are continuing to sell "Ruby Hoppers" to support this event, so reserve yours soon. This special edition hopper, plated in pure copper has additional graphics that recognize 40 years of Division history including a professionally made decal carefully applied one at a time by your Division president. The simulated ruby load is the most prototypical representation of a load of rubies that has ever been done in 1/48th scale. Order yours before it is too late!

And finally, it is not too early to remind everyone of our Holiday Party. The committee has set the date as December 11th to eliminate any conflicts with our Tucson members and we hope to see everyone attend.

With everything going on, what's happening with the very topic we gather around, trains? With cooler temperatures, I suspect that those of us with garage layouts will be back at work in the coming month or so. My largely unused train room is awaiting completion of some projects and the beginning of some new ones. As many of you know, I have been planning a New York & Long Branch based layout for many years. I hope to see the beginnings of this come to fruition in the fall. Having made the decision earlier this year to render this layout in two rail DC O scale certainly changed my collecting habits, but the basic concept has remained in place. Like many I'm sure, I simply need to get it going and make some real progress! As you read in my message last month, I promised Tony Saulina progress on a repaint project and progress WILL be shown at the September meet. What can you bring and share to educate others in the Division about what you collect, operate and enjoy? See you all on September 10th.



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA# 94-39039

Hope everyone has had a great summer. Mine was very busy. Your Chapter Board of Directors also had a very busy summer. They met in July and August planning your 2011 Pumpkin Meet, as well as planning for the 2019 TCA National Convention in Albuquerque. The next regular Meet and Meeting for the TCA Rio Grande Chapter is September 17th at 10:00AM at the Sombra Del Monte Church. There will be an operating session on the Jim Spatafora Memorial Layout at 9:00AM downstairs, then meet upstairs at 10:00AM. We have a lot of important business to conduct, as well as a very special guest, the President of the Desert Division, Jonathan Peiffer. So please plan on being there.



We will go over the plans for the 2011 Pumpkin Meet. We need help with the door, and Auction, as well as ideas on advertising and getting the word out to the public. We also want to have a great show and tell session for our education segment. So please bring something that you have in your collection to show the members. We also will go over the slate of Officers for 2012-2014. If you would like your name placed on the list, please contact our Secretary Scott Eckstein or myself before the September 17th Meeting. We will also discuss the 2019 TCA National Convention here in Albuquerque. So this is a very important Meet and Meeting. By the way feel free to bring Toy Train items to sell as well.

Our After Meet Activity will be going to the TTOS NMD Auction at St Paul's Church at Moon and Constitution N.E. It starts at 1:30 PM, and you can get information from Chapter Member Tom Lawler at 505-294-0298. We have a full day of Toy Train fun planned. Start at 9:00AM and operate your train on the Jim Spatafora Layout at Sombra Del Monte Church, downstairs, or sell your trains upstairs. Then at 10:00AM, upstairs, the Meet and Meeting will take place. Then at 1:00PM go to the Toy Train Auction at St Paul's UM Church at Moon and Constitution N.E. Hope to see every member at this very important and fun Meet.



ELECTION OF 2012-2013 DESERT DIVISION OFFICERS NEARS

It will soon be time to elect new Desert Division officers for 2012-2013. All offices are open for the election to be held this November, with the winners announced at the Holiday Party in December. Do you know of anyone who would be a good candidate? Would you like to be on the Board of Directors? Contact Chris Allen, Election Chair, (480-820-9559 or e-mail sparkyshome@cox.net to let him know your nominee(s).

RAILROAD



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WANTED – CTT – October 2009, Lion Roars – August 2001 and October 2002. Keith Swett, 480-332-0255 or e-mail k-swett@cox.net.

FOR SALE – Prewar accessories. These are from the 1941-1942 time when Lionel could not get the silver needed for their paint and all parts normally painted silver were gray. #313 Bascule bridge, complete with the frame, OB and interior inserts - \$500. #165 magnetic crane. Sadly, the Bakelite base had warped and cracked, so has been glued. However, the metal parts are in great condition and it operates perfectly. With OB \$80. #164 log loader. The red paint on the roof had flaked off, so I have repainted it; otherwise, this piece is all original and in great shape. Note, I found out that the prewar version in wired differently than the postwar version. \$110. Peter Atonna, 928-636-4228 or e-mail mjatonna@gmail.com

See other ads on Page 11.

RUBY HOPPER RAFFLE

In addition to the custom designed Ruby Hopper Cars (See order form below), there is one special car, the prototype, number 1. With the car comes a ruby jewelry set, including earrings, ring, and necklace. The ring will be sized to fit the winner, after that winner is announced. The entire collection, jewelry and hopper car, will be raffled off by the Committee from now until the Anniversary Party on October 22, when the lucky winner will be announced. Tickets, which cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5, will be available for sale from now through the gala Banquet on October 22, 2011.



GET YOUR DESERT DIVISION RUBY HOPPER NOW!

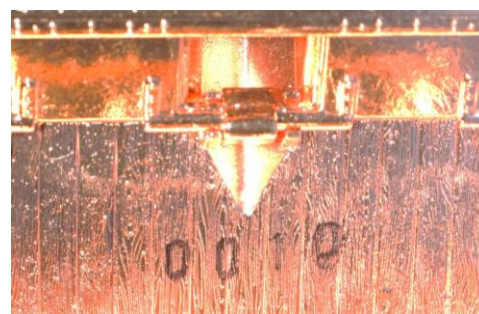
Have you purchased your 40th Anniversary Desert Division Ruby Hopper made from Copper, yet? There were but 104 of them made, but as this is being printed the number is far closer to 50 and they are selling very well. To insure that you have your commemorative memory of the Desert Division's Celebration as a Division in the Train Collectors Association on June 25, 1971, be sure that you place your order today.



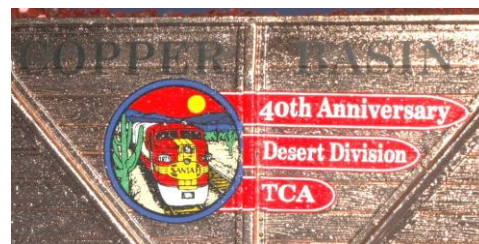
Thanks to Nick Ladd, these cars were specially constructed for K-Line by Lionel out of real Copper. They are similar to the cars which were used as Banquet Table prizes at the 55th Annual TCA Convention held at the Phoenix/Scottsdale Desert Ridge JW Marriott in 2009. There are differences, and they are significant. First of all, the loads are a sparkling Ruby, which is the jewel associated with all 40th Anniversaries. One end of the Hopper is emblazoned with data about the formation about the formation of the Desert Division, plus each car is individually numbered from 002 to 104. The same number appears on its box. Upon the sides of the Hopper is a small decal which discreetly shows off the Division's 40th Anniversary Logo. The hatches on the bottom of the Hopper are spring loaded and actually work, manually. The total weight of this car is in excess of two pounds, so it is quite substantial.



You would expect to spend in excess of \$125.00 for such a special car, and at that price it would be a bargain. However, we can offer it to you for the unbelievably low price of just \$ 65.00, if you can pick it up at one of our meets in September or October, or at the Banquet on October 22, 2011. Should we need to ship it to you, we ask that you add an additional \$10.00 to the cost, which is below what it will cost us to ship it to you, but the Division has agreed to pick up the difference.



Fill out the attached form and send your check made payable to: TCADD to the following address: Christie Wilson, 40th Ruby Hopper, 16231 E. Ocotillo Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268 – 4950.



Your Name _____ TCA Number _____

Your Address _____

No of Ruby Hoppers _____ @ \$ 65.00 each; Shipping @ \$ 10.00 each; Total = _____

I will pick up at a Desert Division train meet in September, October (circle one).

Signature _____

HISTORIAN'S CORNER – THE MISSING ARTICLE

by Chris Allen - Historian@tcadd.org

For many years I worked both as a volunteer and later chair of the old Division modular layout. In those days the module ran Standard gauge, postwar on an old ZW, and later TMCC/ProtoSounds. For the first fifty years TCA had been mainly about the “C”, or rather the collecting side of toy trains. However, recently a new awareness that most operators have amassed a rather large collection themselves and that even our tinplate forefathers enjoyed playing with current production trains, the operating side is garnering its own following in our Association.

The collecting side of toy trains is usually broken into categories such as pre-war, post-war, MPC, modern, etc. but from the operating side of things it is really the old, shall we say AC powered layouts vs. the new layouts powered by a variety of digital circuitry. For months I have been promising an article I remember written by Division member Bill MacDowell. I remember how he solved a rather common annoyance using a very minimalistic approach for use on those old Standard gauge and postwar layouts.

That annoyance? The rather unrealistic operation of the Lionel 154 crossing signal using the 154C contactor. As you may remember the contactor was attached to the track and as the metal wheels of the train ran over the connector it made or broke the connection for a herky-jerky flashing of the 154 crossbuck. Bill solved this situation by using the 145C contactor used on a variety of crossing gates and an automobile turn signal flasher. The turn signal flasher provided a more realistic appearance of alternating lights on the crossbuck and I have used his circuit with slight modifications over the years for a wide variety of projects for “old school” train layouts. I also sent a version of it to a friend wanting an inexpensive approach to wire up a real railroad crossbuck using common automobile parts. For those of you who like blinky light projects, Bob Herman also wrote an article on how to install a “free standing” flasher in Lionel #83 and #87 crossing signals. I have been unable to uncover Bill's original article but Bob's appeared in the June 1998 issue of the DISPATCH.



Being a baby boomer has afforded me the opportunity to watch the explosion of electronics into our hobby and more realistic operating accessories. I also see blinking LED's appearing in a wide variety of children's toys. Using the creative approach that both Bill and Bob have shared with us, I now use a rather inexpensive flashing light kit in an inexpensive “junk crossbuck” I bought at a swap meet for my grandson to use as a night light, as a free standing attention getter at sales tables, and set up on portable layouts. Come to the September meet and I will have a variety of them on display in everything from nightlights to Marx. By the way, October is fast approaching. Keep a look out for a wide variety of inexpensive LED's to appear in local stores from everything like safety strobes to pumpkin “flames.” Use your imagination, and create your own layout project, and then share it with us.

I have been remiss in acknowledging the contributions of numerous members helping me fill in the gaps of the Desert Division's last decade. Ivan English donated a thumb drive full of pictures from the Lionel Train Centennial Celebration along with the Apache dynamite “G” boxcar, Brad Martin donated a cap from the 2009 convention to go with the cap from 1997, and I continue to get photos from a wide variety of members.

DESERT DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2011

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BOD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on September 7 at the home of Fred and Shirley Hunter, beginning at 7:30 PM. Members are welcome to attend. Please call 480-947-3639 to be sure there are enough chairs.



TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
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TURN IMMEDIATELY SOUTH INTO

PARKING LOT NEXT TO GRANT INN

EARLY REGISTRATION: 8 FT. TABLES ARE \$25.00 EACH

TABLES RESERVED AFTER OCT 15TH WILL BE \$30.00 EACH

TABLE RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID. SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO GPD TTOM

TO: BUD STEWART 13325 E. PLA. EL ALGODON TUCSON, AZ 85749

Questions? Contact BUD STEWART at (520) 749-0228 (leave Message)

OR EMAIL bud@at.tuccoxmail.com

Vendor Badges must be worn for free entrance into the hall. Vendors will receive two badges for the first table and one per additional table up to four badges total. Set up will be 7:00 am Saturday. A snack bar/lunch counter is available in the hall. Vendors still set up at 3:00 pm will be participants in a raffle. First prize: GPD Ore Car / Second Prize: GPD Box Car

Public is welcome. There is a \$5.00 admission at the door for adults. Children under 16 are admitted free.

To register please cut bottom portion, fill out completely and return with payment to Bud Stewart at the address above.



November 5^h 2011 Meet Registration Form

Name

Address

Phone

Number of Tables Requested

Number of helpers

Total Enclosed



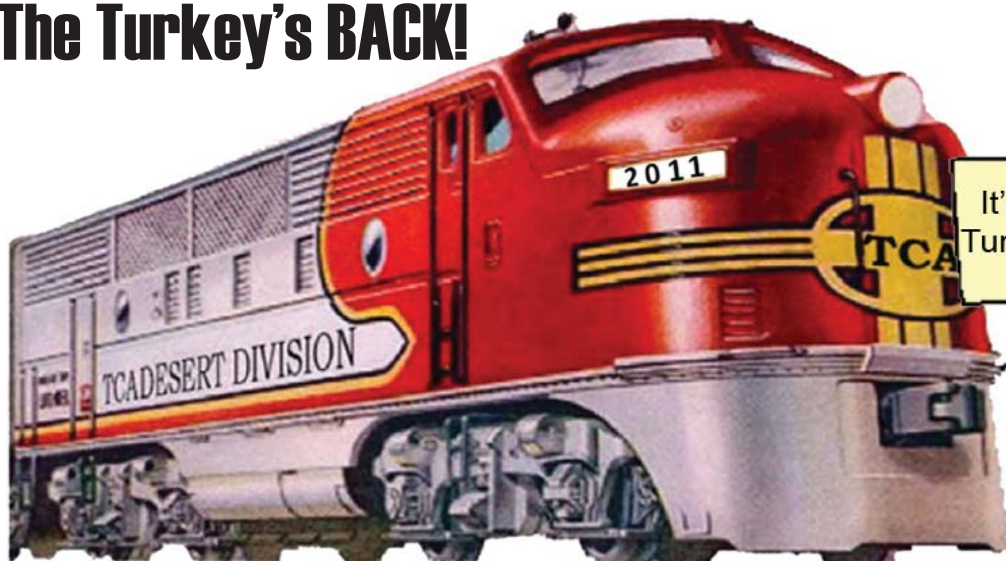


Desert Division Train Collectors Association 36th Annual Turkey Meet

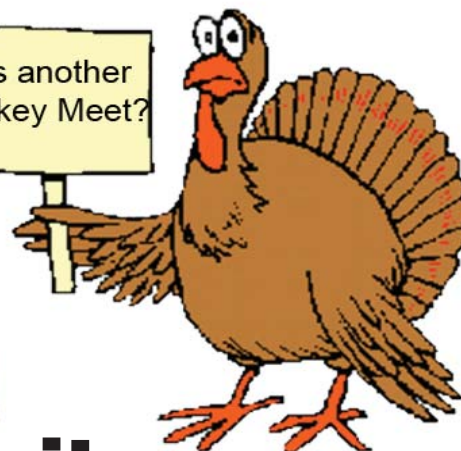


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For additional information and registration contact: Beth Stange 480-947-5663

Saturday, November 26th

Sunday, November 27th

Swap Meet: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Auction: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

REGISTRATION – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY



NAME _____ TCA# _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SPOUSE _____ GUESTS _____

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the Great Southwest Toy Train Expo 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 20, 2011

FEES:

Registration* \$5.00

*(1 Registration fee per table included in Table Fee)

(Children under 14 FREE)

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

Table Fee ___ x \$25 ea \$ ____

Additional Tables ___ x \$20 ea \$ ____

TOTAL Enclosed \$ ____

Reg# _____ Date Rcvd _____

Chk# _____ Chk Amt _____

RAILROAD



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