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SUMMER IS OVER?

With all the record breaking heat we have had this year not only in the Valley of the Sun but throughout the entire country, it is hard to believe that fall is just around the corner. But as I flip my calendar over to September, there it is, fall, and just three short weeks away. That of course means just one thing, TRAINS! East coast or west coast, it doesn't matter, fall is the official start of the train season wherever you are. Out east they have York, out here in the west it's the Pumpkin Meet, Cal-Stewart, the Turkey Meet, and the Coyote in Tucson. Yep, I sure love the fall. To kick things off here in Arizona the fellows up in the Prescott area started things off with the annual Beat the Heat Meet. This event sponsored by the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club has been going on since Moby Dick was a sardine. (Sorry, just heard that line on TV and had to work it in) As Laurel and I were driving up to Prescott this year we were discussing a variety of things when I had an epiphany of sorts. In July I was at the "In the Heat Meet", a locally sponsored independent meet here in Phoenix. Just as our July mini-meet is a just for fun, no business meet, this local meet is something of an anomaly, a toy train meet in summer, in Phoenix. Who would go and more importantly who would show up to buy trains when it is 110° outside? Yet, show up they did and as I was talking to many of our Division members who had sales tables, there they were, the wives of our members. Sitting ever so faithful next to this (self-proclaimed) crazy old guy who still collected, played with, and traded, toy trains. It was at this show as I was talking to many of the wives, that I realized how integral they are to our hobby or at least or enjoyment of it. Without getting myself into too much trouble here I will say that most times when I am selling trains my wife Laurel is right by my side, logging things into the ledger and keeping the records straight. I used to tell her that any show that I sold more trains than I bought, was a good show. When she is with me she has a tendency to make sure we have nothing but good shows anymore. My lunch menu is also different when my wife is around, a salad and water, rather than a burger, fries, and a beer. As I was explaining all this to Laurel on the trip up to Prescott I kept telling her there was a story in there somewhere. She just gave me "that look", if you have ever been married you know what I mean. It is a work in progress to be sure, but I know that over the next few months I'll be speaking to the wives who attend our meets to find out their side of this phenomenon. The September Meet

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

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

September 15 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM - 10 AM

October 6 & 7 – Rail Fair McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park – Scottsdale, AZ

October 13 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

October 28 – 6th Annual Pumpkin Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 9 AM

is shaping up to be rather special as well. There is much on the docket so plan on attending if you can make it. Turkey Meet Auction catalogs will be available for purchase and this edition of the *DISPATCH* has your registration form for both the Pumpkin Meet and the Turkey Meet so get your tables early. Although there is much to look forward to, let's look back at the past summer and a great day up in Prescott courtesy of the CAMRC, it was a great day!

Photo's courtesy Mary Jane Atonna and Paul Wassermann



Peter may no longer be a "collector", but he has quite a "collection" for sale



The bus stops here. The riders from the GCMR bus as they arrive at Rancho Atonna



Train Collectors Quarterly Editor Mark Boyd and friend John April visiting from Nor-Cal Division ready for a trip on the Verde Canyon Ry



Bob and Nancy Dennison with big smiles, we wonder if the empty space from the train he brought up has anything to do with it?

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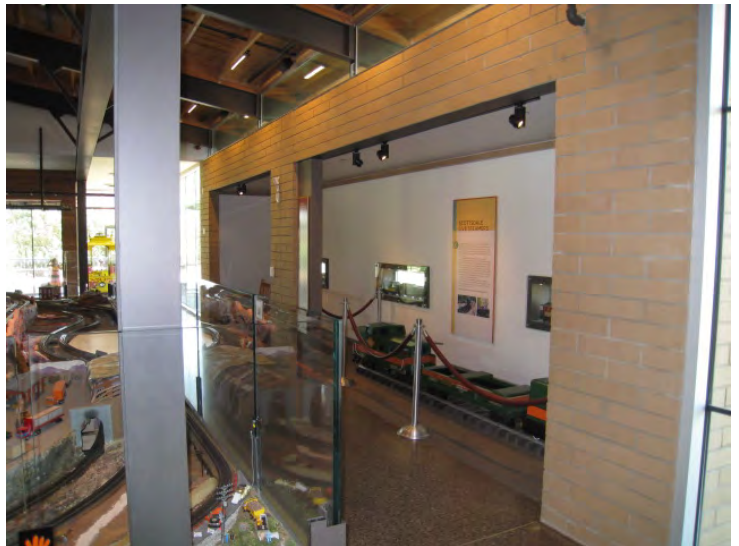
Mary Jane Atonna chatting with Franklin and Nancy Nickerson during the Beat the Heat Meet



Best T-Shirt of the day – Roland LaHaie
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SEPTEMBER EDUCATIONAL SEGMENT ANNOUNCED – “LABOR OF LOVE”

Maybe it's a prized piece from your collection that took some time to find. Maybe it's a kit you put together or train that you weathered or even restored. We all have these “Labor's of Love”, something we put more time into than we should but the end result was something that is special to you. Bring it and your story to the September Meet and tell us about it.



There has been some conversation about the donation for the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. If you haven't been to the park to see the new Railroad Club building, here are two views of the area under discussion. On the left, as visitors enter the building and walk towards the Paradise and Pacific O-gauge layout and on the right a view from the other end of the P&P layout looking towards the entrance.

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting - July 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:45PM at the home of Beth Stange

In attendance; Jonathan Peiffer, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Ralph Treichel, Beth Stange, and Marty Wik

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

Old Business

2012 Turkey Meet – Plans are moving forward. A meeting with the Chaparral Suites is scheduled for July 27th. Marty will contact the Arizona Rangers to check on their status. The auction is set and catalogs will be available at the September Meet. A volunteer list for the event will also be started at the meet.

2012 Holiday Party – The date is set for Sunday Dec 9th. Ralph found a men's gift and Bob has placed the order.

Proposed donation to Scottsdale – The board discussed the member response at the June meeting to the proposal given by Bill Mack on behalf of the Scottsdale Mechanical Society. Member response was varied with the biggest objections being the cost of the donation and a static display case in a room filled with operating trains. Support for the motion was on the grounds of the long history this Division has had supporting the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, TCA's mission statement of education, the availability to secure display items from the National Toy Train Museum, and that the park is a popular destination for families. The amount of the donation was discussed as it would reduce the treasury to just above our yearly operating budget. The vote on the motion regarding the donation was postponed until the September Meet so the board could have the contract reviewed for any potential legal problems. It was decided that the board should explore alternate proposals in the event the original motion is voted down. A meeting will be set up in August with all interested parties at the park to review the contract and discuss other options.

New Business

TCA's "Cuboose" Boyd's Teddy Bear donations – Beth and Greg have determined a need for the bears by the Scottsdale and Albuquerque police departments. Jonathan will check with TCA National to see if they would be acceptable recipients.

Advertising at Fast Eddy's Diner - Katie Elgar provided the costs involved for advertising to be done at this restaurant; by acclamation the board decided not to go forward with this idea.

January Auction – A newly acquired collection will be auctioned in January. Because of its large size it will be offered as a standalone auction with no Train Meet. Cost containment will be critical since the Division will only make its modest auction commission and not have train show sales tables to help offset expenses. Marty offered to store the collection. Tentative date and location for the Auction is Saturday January 19th at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, our regular Division meet location. A separate ad flyer and catalog will be made for this auction and will be distributed at the Turkey meet auction.

The next board meeting will be on September 5th at the home of Beth Stange

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Jonathan.

WE NEED TO BE AT THE RAILROAD PARK!!!!

Jonathan Peiffer TCA# 01-53047

“To develop an appreciation of and to preserve an important segment of history - Tinplate Toy Trains - through research, education, community outreach, fellowship, establishment of collecting standards, and to promote the growth and enjoyment of collecting and operating toy, model and scale trains.”

All Not-for-Profit organizations are required to organize around a cause and a mission. The Train Collectors Association's mission statement clearly states what our mission is, as a toy train club. The opportunity to have a TCA Desert Division presence at the Scottsdale McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park is without question a once in a lifetime opportunity and cannot be missed. There has been much discussion around this proposal, but the simple fact remains that there is nowhere better within the boundaries of the Desert Division to have an ongoing relationship and to fully integrate our mission in a meaningful way that will entertain, educate and inform the public about why this is such a wonderful hobby. While there has been much disagreement over the financial component of this concept, it is clear that there is consensus that it would be wonderful for Desert Division if we could have a permanent presence at the railroad park.

The statistics don't lie about the reach of this unique location. With 165,000 visitors to this building alone in its first year of operation at the most popular city park in the most populous metropolitan area of the Desert Division, the reach is astounding. Imagine if we could get that many visitors to the National Toy Train Museum in a year? As a TCA sponsored display, we would reach the general public and promote TCA's mission many times higher than even the largest train meets. This is an amazing opportunity for Desert Division to leave a lasting impact for generations and it is right in our back yard.

After a meeting with the park manager, Bob McNair, many of the questions that have been lingering have been answered. Our contract to be in the model railroad building would be the same template that the existing clubs in N, HO and O scale currently operate under. It is license agreement with the city of Scottsdale and renewed annually. If Desert Division fails to perform under the terms of the agreement then we may be asked to vacate with 30 days notice. While this seems risky, remember the current clubs operating in the building have been operating for over 35 years and are bound to the same contract. In other words, the only reason Desert Division would be asked to leave is if we failed to do our job. This license agreement comes at no cost.

One of the reasons why the park has been able to function successfully is the Scottsdale Railroad & Mechanical Society, a foundation specifically created to provide ongoing financial support for park activities. This private foundation has successfully funded project improvements at the park since 1971. Desert Division members Bill Mack and Russ Mosser both serve on the board of the Mechanical Society. Any financial agreements are done with the Mechanical Society. Currently the model railroad building has an outstanding loan in the amount of \$500,000 and the Mechanical Society's job is to find donors to help pay that note off. What is not known by many is that there is a donor waiting for that note to be paid off to donate \$1,000,000 for a permanent endowment to support this facility well into the future. It is expected that proceeds from the endowment will pay for the full time staff person required to keep the facility free of charge as well as required building maintenance in the future. This is why donations are being currently sought and is a worthy cause for a train club to support.

While our June meeting discussion was dynamic, it is safe to say that most of the negative discussion revolves around the number of \$30,000 and that a static display will not draw much attention with three world class operating layouts in the process of being constructed. As your Division President I will stand up and say that an immediate outlay of \$30,000 and a static display is not in the Division's best interest. As a non-profit, it is sound fiscal policy to keep about two years of operating funds on hand. Our current annual budget is approximately \$26,000 and has been for several years. A one-time expenditure of nearly half of the Division's funds is not fiscally responsible by any measure. We have another convention to support with our Rio Grande Chapter in 2019 that will require loans beginning within the next few years. At the same time, enough members have visited the park and know without question that the operating layouts get all the attention. That does not mean that we cannot have a presence at the railroad park, we simply need to find a proposal that is mutually beneficial to the railroad park and to Desert Division. Such a proposal exists and can be achieved with thoughtful and enthusiastic discussion and a lot of hard work.

After much discussion with many of you, I offer the following proposal for a workable solution that promotes the mission of TCA Desert Division, provides benefit to the railroad park and most importantly inspires and educates a new generation of train collectors and operators. I propose we create an integrated display that has an operating component that is unique enough to differentiate itself from anything else that is currently in the building and that would be to celebrate our heritage of tin-plate trains. However, simply a train or two on an automatic loop will not be successful, where we have the opportunity to really shine is in the wonderful tin-plate accessories that really provide the most entertainment value. I envision a display with places for static displays of trains and literature, two small loops of operating trains, and most importantly a sea of classic operating accessories the public can operate. Imagine the joy for a child to operate all of this. This will draw attention to our display and at the same time show the hobby off in ways that is compatible with the other clubs in the building yet not compete with them.

This idea brings together the idea of displaying the history of the hobby in an interesting, interactive and informative manner. This idea allows for the operators in the club to be involved as well as collectors. This idea fully meets the mission of the Train Collectors Association and satisfies the need to promote the TCA west of the Mississippi. This idea in a destination location such as the City of Scottsdale and the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park will attract a wide range of visitors from all over the world. This is no small endeavor. We must design, build and maintain a complex creation for the long term. It will require the volunteer efforts of many members, not just a few to make this the success is certainly can be. This is a long term commitment and it requires good planning, teamwork and a bit of faith, but Desert Division has always been able to do this. There is no reason why we cannot now.

How do we fund such an endeavor? First we must fund the cost of the physical display. To provide the level of craftsmanship and security needed for such a project, this will not come cheaply. I propose the Division fund this directly. To satisfy the need of the Mechanical Society to pay off this building loan, I would propose we offer a \$5000.00 donation up front. The third Atlas Beer Reefer is going to run next summer. I propose we tie the proceeds from that project to a second donation. Finally, I propose we offer to provide ongoing support as the Division is financially able to for a long term partnership.

To make this happen, I propose that Desert Division form a special committee charged with the duty of negotiating in good faith with the City of Scottsdale and the Scottsdale Railroad & Mechanical Society to reach an agreement where each party can successfully meet their mission. Should we be successful in our efforts, I propose we modify our by-laws to have a standing committee of no less than five individuals specifically dedicated to getting this project built and the ongoing support and coordination of volunteers required to keep it fully functional.

When all is said and done, what this opportunity offers the Desert Division and all of TCA is an ongoing purpose that our Division needs during a time of change. We are in the unique position to come together over a common cause that integrates our Division, collectors and operators and provides an ongoing mechanism to permanently put Desert Division and the Train Collectors Association on display for the public. We are in the unique position to come together as fellow toy train enthusiasts and make new and lasting friendships over a united effort to show the best of what we have to offer. We are in the unique position of providing the historical context and educational component that is currently missing from this very special location. We have a golden opportunity in front of us and cannot afford to miss it. Let's come together in a way this Division has never done in the past to unite around a vision that will support the TCA well into the future. While we are at it, we can also have a whole lot of fun designing building and maintaining an integrated and interactive display that will benefit the public. What has become clear is that the question is not whether or not we be at the railroad park, the proper question is, "How can we be at the railroad park?" We can and we should do this. It is our time as a Division to shine.

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Signed X _____ Date _____

Make check payable to: Desert Division TCA

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TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

I hope all of you have had a great summer. Your Board of Directors have been busy meeting several times to come up with ideas for the October 28th Pumpkin Meet. Our next regular Meet and Meeting will be at 10:00AM on September 15th at the Sombra Del Monte Church at 2528 Utah N.E. This will be our last Meeting before the Pumpkin Meet, so we must finalize all of our plans and advertising. There is still a need for Pumpkin Meet Raffle Prizes and we are looking for ideas or donations to help out. Of course we can always use your help, even for a few hours or just to give one of the volunteers a quick break. Maybe your spouse or friend can help us greet the public at the door? Please plan on coming September 15th so we can have a good show on October 28th. One of the items on the agenda will be the decision on a new location for our regular meets or stay at our current location. Your input is important in that decision! There has been much discussion over this location or others in the city with cost versus convenience and location all playing into our decision, so let your voice be heard on September 15th. It is never too early to start planning for next year so ideas for after meet activities and how we can continue to grow the Chapter in the future will also be talked about. Remember it does not have to be toy train related and in the past we have visited The New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society to view the progress on restoring AT&SF 2926. I will also conduct a brief discussion on the future of the Toy Train Collecting Hobby, including a Standards Committee Report. But that's not all, we will also update all of you on the 2019 TCA National Convention at the Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town. If it sounds like a lot of business don't forget we will still have a lot of fun things to do at the Meet and Meeting as well. You never know when someone might bring in an item for sale that will tickle your fancy and we always invite you to bring something to show and talk about during our Education Segment. It is always great to see what everyone collects and operates. Don't forget we have a great after Meet activity at the Home of Scott and Elaine Eckstein (two more sneak peeks below) with a tour of his rebuilt layouts. It will take place right after the Meeting ends. So put 10:00AM, September 15th on your Calendar, and I hope to see every TCA Rio Grande Chapter Member there.



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YOU TOO CAN DRIVE TO A CONVENTION

By Gordon Wilson, TCA 76-10233

We've often been asked why and how we drive to the TCA National Conventions rather than fly or take the train. The answer is quite simple. You can't see very much from 35,000 feet and you're extremely limited by the ribbon of rails. The first thing one needs is to have unlimited access to very good road maps and an unending supply of information concerning what types of things you might encounter between your home and the Convention site. Today that means searching the Internet; obtaining and reading through all manner of travel magazines, brochures, and promotional material; and, in our case, having a membership in the American Automobile Association. Not only will the AAA provide you with maps and tour guides for virtually every state and city in the US, but also, should you have any automotive problems along the way, they will be available to assist you.

We start planning the trip nearly a year in advance, mainly because of some of our secondary interests, such as the National Park System. We love to stay in National Park lodges. So do many other Americans. The sooner you can book the date you want in a Park, the more likely you are to be successful in securing your desired date. That is one of our other criteria for driving to TCA Conventions. Make sure you have other interests besides the TCA. Ours include the National Park System; professional baseball, both major and minor leagues; opera; symphony concerts; unusual regional and historic museum sites; American history events; and unusual restaurants about which we've either heard or been told. We try to stay close to the Interstate Highway system, but will deviate from it, if the attraction is interesting enough.

Rest stops? We find that we will use nearly every one of the rest stops along the Interstate highway for two very basic reasons: to stretch our legs and to give our vehicle a brief breather from the high-speed driving. If we cross a border into an adjacent state during regular business hours, nearly every one will have a Rest Area/Welcome Center. NEVER pass up one of these facilities. No matter how well you have planned your trip, they will always have newer maps, more up-to-date information on road closures and detours, and knowledge of things you know nothing about – all of which will prove invaluable to you.

Some states are perennially “under construction.” About the only advice that can be given is, “Grin and Bear It.” In our experience the two most notorious are Ohio and New Mexico. They are sort of like Shea Boulevard in Maricopa County – always under construction, except rarely will you ever find a worker in the work zones. However, you will find patrol cars with police officers writing tickets for speeding violations late on Sunday nights. Just be careful that you do not contribute to the upkeep of their state treasuries.

If you are a seasoned traveler, or if you are just contemplating beginning this adventure, one of the things you should seriously consider is joining one or more of the hotel rewards programs. We belong to three of them: Marriott, Wyndham, and Sheraton/Starwood. All the major chains are basically the same. Each gives you “x” number of points each time you stay in one of their company's hotels and when you achieve a certain point level, you may redeem those points for free nights' stays. Each of them has bonus reward achievements for which you can elect to be a participant – mostly via the Internet. They all offer a credit card and for selecting that card, they give you enough points for a one- or two-night stay. Each has its own benefits, but the one which best suits you, you'll have to determine by comparing each offer. For us, we have found that the Marriott/Fairfield Suites and Wyndham Wingate Suites offer the “biggest bang for our buck.”

We travel with AAA tour books, a National Park guide book, the latest issue of Classic Toy Trains, a Lionel Service Center guide, a Baseball America guide to every major and minor baseball park in the nation, and the Kalmbach Guide to Tourist Railroads in North America. We also happen to subscribe to Sirius/XM Satellite Radio.

Finally, there are a few “It helps greatly if. . .” things along the way.

- A. It would help greatly if you have a vehicle that gets good gas mileage.
- B. It would help greatly if you have a minimum of three weeks to devote to the trip.
- C. It would help greatly if you have friends or relatives whom you could visit and stay with along the way.
- D. It would help greatly if you have an itinerary filled with things to do so that you can limit the number of hours driving each day to a maximum of 6. Beyond that we find ourselves being fatigued and bored.

With TCA Conventions projected from now through 2019, these road trips will take us to such great cities as St. Louis, Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, Houston, Providence, and Albuquerque. However, for next year's TCA Convention in St. Louis, think about going east via I-40 and I-44. That will take you through Winslow, AZ and La Posada, one of the last Harvey Houses of the Santa Fe Railroad past. Albuquerque has Sandi Peak, but

for us it's the World Class Rudy's Bar-B-Que at I-40's exit 160. As you reach Amarillo, Texas, there's the famous "Cadillac Ranch" with all those buried 1960's Caddy's and the Big Texan with its "Free" 72 oz steak dinner. In Oklahoma City, if you've never been to the Memorial for the terrorist attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, you owe it to yourself to stop and meditate. On I-44 near Springfield, Mo, a visit to Lambert's Café and its "Thrown Rolls" is a culinary experience not to be missed. This brings you into St. Louis: just think – Budweiser and the Clydesdales; the Arch; Mississippi River Paddle Wheelers; Mark Twain; Jesse James; White Castle Hamburger stands; Cardinals Baseball; Union Station; St. Louis Opera Theater; and so much more!

You can't see or do all that from 35,000 feet, so plan your driving trip now. Trust us, who do this every year - you will NOT be disappointed. A TCA Convention can be and is a great reason for a wonderful summer, family vacation.



Upper Left – Rudy's BBQ Albuquerque, NM a Food Channel Top 5 BBQ joint - Upper Right Amarillo's Big Texan, where 72oz. never looked so big
Middle Right - Oklahoma City's Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building Memorial - Middle Left Where we are all headed, St Louis and the Arch!
Bottom - No drive on I-40 is complete until you stop at Cadillac Ranch...

Historians Corner – Rail Fairs at McCormick-Stillman RR Park

Photo's courtesy Chris Allen, Peter Atonna, Gordon Wilson



Top left, Bob Kruse kneeling, Cole Gibbs and Peter Atonna back to camera, first Rail Fair 1979. Top right, Cole Gibbs and the original Division layout Rail Fair 1983. Middle left and right scaled down Rail Fair 1989 (note Turkey Meet flyers at corner of table) Bottom left, Ed Micale Rail Fair 1999. Bottom right, Janet Mattern lost in a crowd of onlookers in the center of the picture at Rail Fair 2002. Because of its high visibility and popularity as a family destination, the Division has long supported Rail Fair and the McCormick-Stillman Railroad park.

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BREAKING NEWS!

SEPTEMBER AFTER MEET VISITATION

ANGELO LAUTAZI

The September after meet visitation will be at the home of Angelo and Barbara Lautazi. Angelo's layout has been featured in *Classic Toy Trains* and the PBS TV series *Tracks Ahead* so if you haven't been to Casa Lautazi recently here is a chance to see all the updates to both his collection and layout. Rumor has it that renowned Ftn.Hills BBQ chef Brad Martin will be making a rare guest appearance to turn the Red Hots and flip the Wimpy's so if you missed the show at the club picnic a rare encore performance is in store for you. Seriously, Angelo and Barb's Open House is a great opportunity to see a great layout and enjoy the afternoon with your friends. We hope you can make it to join in the fun and add to the afternoon's festivities.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8	Desert Division Meet - Phoenix, AZ - 9 AM
September 22	Rio Grande Chapter Meet - Albuquerque, NM - 10 AM
October 13	Desert Division Meet - Phoenix, AZ - 9 AM
October 28	Rio Grande Chapter - Pumpkin Meet - Albuquerque, NM - 9 AM Sheraton Uptown Hotel - contact Bill Spofford for information
November 24	Turkey Meet Train Show - Chaparral Suites - 9 AM - 3 PM - Scottsdale , AZ
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