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# Desert Division

## DISPATCH

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## NO SUMMER HEAT DETERS THE DESERT DIVISION

The June meeting was preceded by Art Triant winning the 50-50 drawing. President Jonathan Peiffer called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone. Secretary Fred Hunter introduced guest John Meyer, while the Rio Grande Chapter boasts a new member: William Moffatt. Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings balance is \$28,289.88 and the Checking balance is \$17,318.68.

Chris Allen was named the new Desert Division Historian. He is looking for gifts that were given at early Desert Division Holiday parties, including clowns and other items that he will photograph and return. He will also be scanning the early issues of the newsletter/Dispatch, and preserve them on CD. Anyone with pictures from early meets, picnics and swap meets should send them to Chris. Angelo Lautazi has set up a link on the website so that you can forward your historical pictures and items of interest from the past 40 years of Desert Division activities to Chris.

The Great Southwest Toy Train Expo, formerly known as the “Turkey Meet,” is moving along with the goal to attract larger numbers to the fall event at the Mesa Convention Center. Contact is being made with other train clubs to show their trains. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will meet in August to further discuss events for the year 2011.

For the Education Segment, Jonathan Peiffer showed a GG-1 shell that he is converting to GG1 #4879, the last GG-1 to run in service. Its final assignment was to pull other GG-1's into the yard for retirement. Based on how much wear the locomotive had seen after 40 years of continuous service, he will be using a dremel, a ball peen hammer, and numerous other tools to create the “used a lot” look to match pictures presented with the shell. He also brought a nearly completed NJ Transit project engine with replaced scale couplers, new paint and decals, and hand fabricated hand-rails. A picture of the prototype showed what the final project would look like.

Marty Wik discussed his car mover from about 1920. Car movers were used to move rail cars from one location to another by one person setting the wheel in motion. It was a long lever with a steel wedge on one end that pivoted. He discussed how common it was in the '20's and '30's for early teens to find work moving cars around a yard without the need for a locomotive or engine crew. Bob Dennison mentioned that he used this type of device when working for the New York Central Railroad.

Raffle Prizes were awarded as follows:

Chris Allen

Hudson Raffle Ticket

Angelo Lautazi

TCA Bear and Guide to Tourist Railroads book



## COMING UP....

**AUGUST 14 – “Beat the Heat” Meet – Prescott, AM – 9 AM**

**SEPTEMBER 11 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM**

**SEPTEMBER 18 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM**

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

**OCTOBER 9-10 – Railfair – Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM**

**OCTOBER 30-31 – “Pumpkin Meet” – Albuquerque, NM**

**NOVEMBER 27-28 – Great Southwest Toy Train Expo (Turkey Meet) – Mesa, AZ – 9 AM**

Ivan English	Calendar and CD
Earl Rasmussen	CTT's
Terry Haas	Lionel 9211 Penn Central Box Car
Diane Martin	Lionel 69-163 SF Lighted Caboose
Katie Elgar	K-Line 33 <sup>rd</sup> National Convention Banquet Car
Bob Dennison	Figures, Billboard, and Track rulers

The Hudson ticket drawn this month belonged to Greg Palmer, who wasn't present. He received a check for \$25. Spring Raffle winners were as follows:

First Prize – MTH Railking Scale SW9 Switcher with PS2	Terry Haas
Second Prize – Lionel Operating Draw Bridge	Katie Elgar
Third Prize – American Flyer 769A Aircraft Beacon 3/16" scale	Fred Hunter

The meeting adjourned to a Barbeque Luncheon, given by the Convention Committee to thank all the members who helped to make the 2009 TCA National Convention such a huge success.



First Prize - Terry Haas



Second Prize – Katie Elgar



Third Prize – Fred Hunter



Everyone's a winner – BBQ lunch!

The July meeting was opened by President Jonathan Peiffer, who introduced new member Dan Hickey. He has opened a new train shop inside the old Mervyns building at 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Thunderbird Road. Currently he has small scale trains and some 0 gauge. Division member Len Gordy was visiting from New Jersey. Each person in attendance received a free raffle ticket.

The Great Southwest Toy Train Expo report was given by Rick Stein. We need a firm commitment from other clubs to show their trains.

Jonathan Peiffer talked about the Baltimore Convention. Division members who attended the Convention included Jonathan, Chris Allen, Gordon and Christie Wilson, Katie Elgar, Jerry Sienkiewicz, Doug Gilliatt, Fred Hunter, Jerry Calkins, Selma Levin, and Bill Jenkins. Chris Allen mentioned the new Rules and Regulations that were adopted at the Convention. This document is available on the TCA website.

For the Education Segment, Jonathan Peiffer showed his competed NJ Transit car. He also displayed an Ammeter from an E-8 diesel which indicates the amperage of the traction motors. While 10 amps of power are a lot on a ZW transformer, the Ammeter ranges from 0 – 1200 amps of power. Angelo Lautazi brought in a Banquet Car from the Baltimore Convention, a gift from the WB&A Chapter for his assistance with their Convention. Terry Bunish talked about his 1952 catalog from the All Nation Line Hobby Shop in Chicago, IL. All Nation had been a coin store from 1923 until 1959. It went by the name of All Nation Coin & Model, then later dropped the coin part. In 1972 Bill Pope took over. Since Bill passed away last year, the family is now selling the assets. Terry announced that he is looking for a magazine from the 1950's called "Whistle Stop."

Raffle prizes went to the following members:

Brad Martin	Calendar and Magazine Video
Dave Brown	K-Line Container load and figures
Angelo Lautazi	Lionel 6-29916 Toy Fair Box Car
Sam McElwee	Lionel 6-17963 Domino Sugar Car
Glen Hill	K-Line K5137 Ashley's Birthday Car



Top: NJ Transit car  
Bottom: E-8 Diesel Ammeter



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fresh back from Baltimore and the TCA National Convention at the end of June, I want to thank everyone in the Division for allowing me to represent the Division and our Chapter at the National Board of Directors Meetings. I find it hard to believe that I could not wait to get back to Arizona for the better weather.

The meetings were enlightening, fun and even interesting as far as meetings go. The most important thing to know from these meetings is that there will be no dues increase this year. The never ending sewer project was complete and awaiting a few inspections to be operational in early July. A new Rules and Regulations Manual was adopted and it now replaces the old Board Policy Manual. My overall impression of the meetings is that value to the members was the key to most of the discussions that occurred.

A new committee has been formed at a National level specifically for Chapter formation. While we still have some work to do to get our Australia & New Zealand Chapter up and running, there are some exciting opportunities closer to home to help us grow the Division, while promoting value to our more distant members through Chapter affiliation. More on that when there is more to tell!

Especially for those of us in the West, the National Toy Train Museum is actively seeking ways to make the Museum more relevant through better online access to the collection and research materials for members. Also, there are some great new programs being run by the National Toy Train Museum. One excellent program was run recently by your National Development Director, Jane Boyce. She has given permission to use excerpts of her report to the National Board and photos for all of us to read. This event for kids was a great success and hopefully one of many more.

As far as Division business, the new TCA policy requires that National review any proposed bylaw changes for conformance with National policy. Your bylaws committee has made an excellent effort to create a new set of bylaws that are comprehensive and good for the future of the Division. Expect to see the first publication of this six page document in the next issue of the Dispatch and please read it and provide any feedback you have.

There is some change on the horizon for Desert Division as we move forward into the New Year. Due to continual IRS changes in the law, we will need to incorporate as a 501(c)7 company. What

does this mean for the Division? It really changes very little to the activities of the Division. The biggest change is we will no longer be incorporated under National TCA. Instead, we will be a self incorporated Arizona non-profit organization. There will be many benefits to this, but it will require a little more paperwork at the end of the year and require that we have annual audits of our finances and have an active audit committee that convenes once a year to validate the results of our corporate audit. We also will need to form a small committee to arrange for our legal filing to incorporate in the State of Arizona. Having just completed a new filing for my own corporation last April, this is not an arduous process, but one that will need attention as we move forward.

It was once said that the only thing that changes is change itself. While we have some work ahead of us to move the Division to the next level, it is worthwhile work and we will be in a better position because of it.

The annual tradition of escaping the Valley and trekking to Prescott for the "Beat the Heat" meet is soon upon us and I hope to see many of you there. As always there will be great tours highlighted by Peter Atonna's layout and collection. I am sure there will be something different to see this time again.

In closing, it will be September before we realize it and there will be, as always, lots of tasks to accomplish. In between everything going on, I have plans to scratch build my first caboose, having spent the last month gathering research materials including reprints from the 1939 Model Railroader in which a set of O scale plans appeared. Whatever your passion in trains, take time to enjoy it!



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## RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

Hope all of you are having a great summer. It has been a hot summer for sure. In this issue you will see the photos from the New Mexico Rail Fair Chapter Meet in May. This was another great Meet, and the folks that put on the NM Rail Fair are helping us advertise the Pumpkin Meet to more people. I will go over more at the September 18th Regular Chapter Meet and Meeting.

In preparation for the Pumpkin Meet Toy Train Show and Swap Meet-Auction, enclosed in this issue of the Dispatch is the Pumpkin Meet Notice and registration form. If you are coming to the Meet and want a table please fill out the form and send in your check as soon as you can. We still have a limited number of tables, and last year we had 54 tables. We hope to be able to have over 60 tables this year. Also on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM, we will have the Pumpkin Meet Dinner. The menu selections are on the flyer. If you are coming to the dinner please fill it out and send in the check ASAP. We need to know how many dinners are needed so we can have the Sheraton Uptown Hotel prepare enough food. The Pumpkin Meet weekend starts with the dinner Saturday night, at 6:30PM, and then the Meet will take place on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00AM to 2:00PM. The Auction will take place from 2:30PM-5:00PM or when the Auction items run out. Speaking of the Auction, we need Auction items. We have only a few committed, and since we do not have a large number of lots we will not have a Catalog of Auction Items. However, you will also be able to auction your table top items after the main Auction. Once again, please contact me ASAP at 505-898-3840 if you have items to put in the Auction. The Chapter will get 10% of the final selling price; the rest will go to you. Paul Hurford and Tom Lawler have agreed to help me with this Auction, which will be advertised in CTT, the TCA National Headquarter News, Craig's List, and the Albuquerque Journal, plus other news outlets with press releases. We urge you to buy sellers tables, come to the Dinner, and provide items for our first Auction. We also will need help with various Pumpkin Meet activities: Front Door check-in table, Raffle Donations, distributing Meet flyers to various businesses, and other jobs that come up during the planning of the Meet. The Chapter Board of Directors will have a Meeting in August to go over all the Pumpkin Meet plans and needs. I will be calling each Board Member to confirm a date.

On a side note, did you get your July issue of the Train Collectors Quarterly? Ross Jordan has a great article in it. Be sure to read your copy when it arrives.

Remember the Regular September Meet and Meeting on September 18th at 10:00AM at the Sombra Del Monte Church at 2528 Utah N.E. in Albuquerque, NM. Bring items to show and tell at the Chapter's Educational Segment. We always have a great time seeing your Toy Train and Model Railroad items. We will also be going to the 2926 Locomotive restoration site for a tour by Jon Spargo. This will take place after the Meet on September 18th. Looks like we have a lot of stuff coming up. So get your toy train items ready for sale, buy a table, put some Auction items aside, and get ready for a great October Weekend with the Dinner on Saturday night, the 30th, and the Pumpkin Meet and Auction on the 31st. Hope to see all of you at the September 18th Chapter Meet and Meeting at 10:00AM.



Left: Paul Hurford prepares his table at the NM Rail Fair Meet.  
Center: NMRA Clinic on Scenery – for children of ALL ages.  
Right, sales items: Railroad Art  
Trains  
Railroadiana





# Prescott's **Beat the Heat**

## **Model Trains & Old Boys Toys**

# ***SWAP MEET***

**Saturday, August 14th, 2010 9am to 1pm**

**Adults \$4.00, under 12 free with adult**

**At the Prescott Activity Center 800 E. Gurley  
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## **The Central Az Model RR Club**

For information call: Norm Delucchi 928-445-5379

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**Table sales subject to availability**

**1 free admission with each table**

**Dealer setup time 7am to 9am-No Early Public Admission**

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Tables \_\_\_\_ (Limit 4 tables per seller) @\$23.00 each \_\_\_\_  
Helper Name \_\_\_\_\_ @ 4.00 each \_\_\_\_  
Helper Name \_\_\_\_\_ @ 4.00 each \_\_\_\_  
Lunch Reservations (sandwich, chips, soda) \_\_\_\_\_ @ 7.00 each \_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_

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Norm Delucchi, 242 Thoroughbred Dr, Prescott Az. 86301-6688



## NIGHT AT THE MUSUEM!

For those of us out West, we don't often see what happens at our National Toy Train Museum. Development Director, Jane Boyce, recently developed a wonderful program for children entitled, "Night at the Museum" and it was a great success. With her permission, an excerpt of the event in her worlds is reprinted here for everyone to read. It is important for us all to remember that the Museum belongs to all the members and while we don't get to travel there as much as we would all like, there are some very worthwhile things happening in Strasburg.

Jane's email to the national board is as follows:

*I just wanted to take a minute to share with the Board the awesome success of our "Night at the Museum" event held this past Friday night to Saturday morning.*

*We ended up with 23 children and their parents/grandparents/mom's and dad's signed up for the event. One little boy came down with the flu at the last minute and couldn't make it, so our actual total was 22 children. We had an interesting mix of boys (16) and girls (6) from as far away as Texas and Virginia. The girls truly gave the boys a "run for their money" in the enthusiasm department and particularly enjoyed helping to wire the layout!*

*The actor we had hired who portrayed Joshua Lionel Cowen was awesome. Parents and children alike hung on his every word and parents commented later that they – and their children – are more likely to remember the history of toy trains because of his enthusiasm and entertaining approach.*

*The event was an enormous success with everyone (parents AND children) commenting on how much they enjoyed it. It was so heartwarming to see so many children so excited about the hobby and enthusiastic about the layout they created overnight.*

*But the thing that made it the most memorable for me was when a little boy was getting into a car in the parking lot on his way home and was asked if he had had fun by the person driving. His eyes lit up as he answered,*

***"It was SO much fun!!!  
I'm going to do this  
EVERY year forever!!!"***

*Now that's a future TCA member!*

Jane M. Boyce







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RIO GRANDE CHAPTER  
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 31st  
SWAP MEET 9:00AM TO 2:00PM  
AUCTION 2:30-5:00PM  
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\*THERE WILL BE A TCA RIO GRANDE CHAPTER DINNER ON SATURDAY\*  
OCTOBER 30TH AT 6:00PM, AT THE SHERATON UPTOWN HOTEL FOR ALL  
TCA MEMBERS AND THE TRAIN SHOW TABLE SELLERS RSVP 10/22/10.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TCA# \_\_\_\_\_

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TCA MEMBER TABLES # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$10.00EA \_\_\_\_\_

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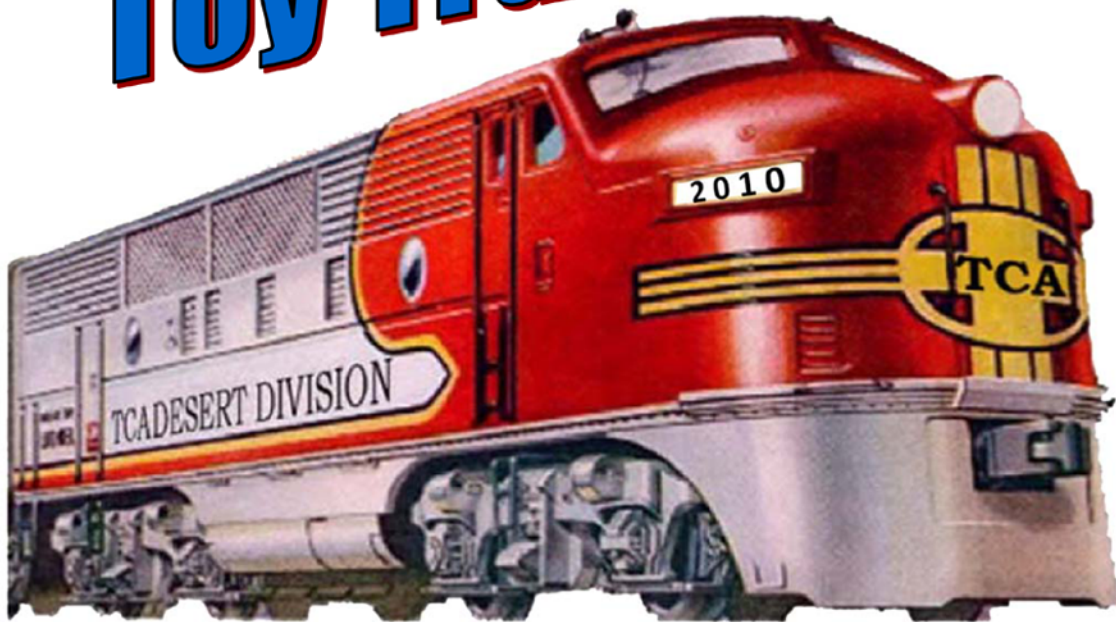
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# **DESERT DIVISION TCA Great Southwest Toy Train Expo**



## **Mesa, Arizona**

**Celebrating 35 Years in the Desert**

**Saturday November 27th**

**Sunday November 28th**

**9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

For Additional Information and Registration

Contact: Bob Herman 480.948.2730

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## **“PASS ME, PULL IN FRONT, and SLOW DOWN!”**

by Gordon L. Wilson, TCA #76-10233

It has been well over 10,000 miles, 3000 photos, and eight weeks since we last set foot in Arizona. We drive to TCA's National Conventions, this year's being in Baltimore, Maryland. However, unlike all previous ones, none has ever taken so long, been through so many states (or countries) and none ever caused the purchase of a new car in its anticipation. To paraphrase the words of a now deceased world “despot,” this was going to be “The Mother of all Cross Country Trips.”

I shall not bore you with interminable minutia, but will try to point out some highlights (and pitfalls) that happened along the way. I have a wide variety of interests, which make a trip like this far more palatable on our highways and byways than at 35,000 feet. First of all is TIME. You CAN drive across the USA in 3-4 days, BUT you aren't going to see much more than service stations, rest areas, and motels. Using the local, state, Federal and Interstate Highways, you will find incredible scenic vistas, points of history that the History Books rarely mention, State and National Parks, and a myriad of other things you never expected. I love Travel, Sports (mostly Baseball), Grand Opera, U. S. History, Railroads (all sizes), and Good Food.

From when we left Fountain Hills on June ,1 until we returned for a few days in late July (to put out the Summer issue of the Dispatch), we traversed over 10,000 miles in a brand new, bright red, SUV. We chased Billy the Kid and Aliens across the plains of New Mexico after visiting the site of scores of telescopes near Socorro, NM, the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, called Very Large Array, or VLA for short. This also led to a visit to Rio Grande Chapter member John Spargo's home.



In the “Hill Country” of Texas, we followed long freight trains along I-20 to the Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, and walked through the youthful home of President Lyndon Johnson. In Round Rock, Texas we saw minor league baseball at its finest from an exclusive Diner's Club and then went north to Fort Worth for a spectacular performance of Mozart's Don Giovanni. Here we were invited to a VIP reception by a member of the Opera Guild's BOD, who happened to be seated next to us. Sometimes you just get lucky.



Fresh Baltimore seafood

The NCAA Women's Softball World Series in Oklahoma City took a week and was won by UCLA. Lambert's Café in Ozark, MO is on the “101 Places to Pig Out” and has rightfully earned that distinction! Sights along Route 66 included the Round Barn of Arcadia, the largest Ball of Twine in the world, and a huge rocking chair. More opera in St. Louis and Philadelphia followed, as did baseball at Yankee Stadium in New York City and Citizen's Bank Park in Philly. The TCA Convention in Baltimore was a pleasant stop to renew acquaintances with TCA members, ride trains, visit with friends and relatives, as well as visit historical sites and cities such as Washington, DC, Baltimore, Annapolis, and the Naval Academy. We rode railroads, ate scrumptious fresh seafood, and visited the Smithsonian Air Museum.

After the Convention we took a cruise to Bermuda, a place we last visited in 1985. Traffic has increased in this island nation by tenfold. We used the ferries and the buses to get around to the various cities and sights, including the smallest drawbridge in the world and the sandy railroad path, which is all that is left of trains in Bermuda. It was a very relaxing visit and we were able to take a unique trip in which we donned diving helmets and actually walked on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean!



World's smallest drawbridge



Battleship Cove features the USS Massachusetts.

Back in the USA, we went back to New York and baseball at the NY Mets new park, Citi Park – next to where the 1964 World's Fair took place. On the way to Christie's sister's home in Vermont, we made three stops. One was at Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA, which housed the Battleship USS Massachusetts, plus several other major ships. Not far away is the home of former Desert Division residents Ed and Denise Micale. We stopped by for a pleasant visit before moving on to Greene, Maine to meet with a high school friend of mine who had been a sports writer for the Newark Star Ledger in New Jersey. While in Vermont, we also took a trek into Quebec to visit another former classmate of mine.

Once again, back in the USA, it was back on the road again, this time taking a ferry boat across Lake Champlain into New York State and on to Cooperstown for a visit to the Baseball Hall of Fame and yet another opera at the Glimmerglass Festival. Heading west we once again stopped for a visit with former Desert Division resident, Gene Smith, in Maumee, Ohio. Then on to Chicago and a baseball game in timeless Wrigley Field. From here I just had to go to northeastern Iowa and visit the site of the baseball field from Field of Dreams, so we did!

Next it was on to Minneapolis and the last of the Major League fields I needed so I could say I'd seen a ballgame in all 30 of them. But before going to Target Field, we just had to go to breakfast at Mickey's Diner in St. Paul, MN. It was in the Twin Cities, after the ball game at Target Field, that the weather turned bad. It rained so hard we had to pull off the road to ensure our safety!

South to Des Moines was next; and a highly touted restaurant, The Machine Shed, was a major disappointment. The rain was still bad. A side trip to Atchison, Kansas, took us to Amelia Earhart's childhood home on the banks of the Missouri River. From here we headed southwest to Kansas City, MO and met with Andy Dubill at the Arabia Steamboat Museum, a real MUST SEE in Kansas City. We had dinner at one of America's premier barbeque restaurants, BRYANTS. From here it was a short drive to one of my favorite places in the USA, Wichita, KS. We have long time friends who live there and they always take us to the 4<sup>th</sup> oldest professional ball park in the USA, the one in Wichita. This time a semi-final game in the Amateur National Baseball Congress Tourney was on the docket. The next night we went to a wonderful performance of the musical, Annie.

We were now in the home stretch. Dodge City, KS is west of Wichita. It's the town made famous by the TV show Gunslinger, but in reality the likes of Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp were there first and gave the TV producers most of their subject matter. We spent the night in the railroad town of Dalhart, Texas. Albuquerque, NM and a visit with Rio Grande Chapter President Greg Palmer was next, as was another minor league baseball game. I was able to obtain an autograph of the opposing team's manager, ex-Philadelphia Phillies player, Don Money. A final stop, for lunch, was made the next day at La Posada in Winslow, AZ. La Posada is a restored Harvey House Restaurant and Hotel and is yet another MUST DO for anyone reading this article.

This is a highly undetailed account of an 8-week 10,000 mile trip through 29 states and 3 countries. I've omitted much detail and restaurant names and will be more than happy to share these "items" with anyone who might stop me and ask about them. This truly was "The Mother of all the Road Trips" we've ever taken.

The title, "Pass me, Pull in front, and Slow down," is indicative of driving patterns on our Interstate Highways. Not only is it frustrating at 75 MPH, but also quite dangerous!

### HISTORIAN'S CORNER

from Chris Allen, TCA #95-40850

Watch each issue of the Dispatch for news about the Division. Next month there will be a brief history. There will also be news about the proposed Bylaws changes, which will be printed in the newsletter before you are asked to vote on them. The ballot will go out in November, with responses due by December 1. If you have moved or changed your address, be sure to let Christie Wilson know so that the ballot arrives at your home in a timely manner. Bulk mail is neither held for you nor forwarded. Results will be announced at the Holiday Party and will appear in the Winter issue of the bulletin.



Field of Dreams in Iowa



Mickey's Diner in St. Paul, MN



Amelia Earhart's childhood home in Atchison, Kansas



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## RAILROAD



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| August 14      | "Beat the Heat" Meet and Layout Visitations – Prescott, AZ – 9 AM  |
| September 11   | Turkey Meet Planning Meeting – 8 AM, followed by the Regular Division Meet<br>Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM |
| September 18   | Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Sombra Del Monte Church, Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM<br>Contact Greg Palmer 505-898-3840                           |
| October 9      | Turkey Meet Planning Meeting – 8 AM, followed by the Regular Division Meet<br>Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM |
| October 9-10   | Railfair – McCormick Stillman Railroad Park – Scottsdale, AZ   |
| October 30-31  | Rio Grande Chapter "Pumpkin Meet" – Registration flier in this issue.<br>Contact Greg Palmer 505-898-3840                                |
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