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SWEET SUMMERTIME

No, I did not misspell sweat, those of us who summer over here in the Valley of the Sun and elsewhere in the southwest have a special love-hate relationship with this time of year. It's almost our annual rite of passage that we survived another one. But let's look back at the June and July meets and start planning ahead for an awesome fall and winter schedule.

The June General Meet was held in the smaller Faith and Learning Center and may have resulted in a smaller than expected turnout, of course the June heat may have also been a factor. But that did not deter our members from munching on the pre-meet goodies Barbara Lautazi had brought in. The coffee corner is still one of the busiest places at the meet .

President Allen called the meeting to order and Secretary Angelo reported that our membership jumped one with the addition of John Broughman who was at the meeting and introduced himself. John said he was new to the hobby and stated he collected all types of trains which brought smiles to all in attendance. Division membership now stands at 285.

Bob Herman was up next and gave the Treasurer's report noting the Savings account had a

balance of \$35,795.39 and the checking account \$4,673.16. Bob also indicated that the December Arizona Toy Train Show deposit was just paid.

Chris then mentioned that the Desert Division Annual report was available on the front table for the members to review. This report is required each year by TCA National prior to the National Convention and is published along with all the other Division's Annual Reports on the national TCA website, www.tcamembers.org. Although a login is required to view the information, you can request one with your current membership. (The site is also a great place to pay your annual TCA dues renewal online) Chris fielded many questions from the members about the state of the Division and also offered to email the electronic version to any Division member that requested one.

Vice President Mike Dietrich then took the floor and conducted the "Name the Auction" contest. Mike reported that there were numerous entries and the selection process began with those indicating their preference. One by one, the list was willowed down until "Hot Dogs and Cool Trains" was selected as being the best moniker for the September Auction. Mike revealed that Ray Pomper had submitted the winning

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 16 – BEAT THE HEAT MEET – Prescott Activity Center – Prescott, AZ
Bus Ride and Show Flyer inside

Sep 13 – September Swap Meet, Business Meeting, Lunch, Member Auction – Phoenix, AZ

Sept 20 Rio Grande Chapter General Meeting – Albuquerque, NM

October 11- 12 Rail Fair 2014 – McCormick Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale, AZ

October 11 – October Meet – 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Phoenix, AZ

October 26 – Rio Grande Chapter – PUMPKIN MEET – Albuquerque, NM – Show flyer inside

name and although Ray was not in attendance his winning half of the Hudson ticket was deposited into the June drawing jar. Good Luck Ray and thank you to all who participated in the contest.

Chet Henry next spoke briefly about the September auction noting that the lots were \$5 each and for the members to bring their auction items in for the members auction on September 13. Peter Atonna is scheduled to be the auctioneer that day.

John Upshur spoke next about the Arizona Toy Train Show. John noted that this year plans to be bigger yet and that advertising for the show is progressing nicely and that following the July mini-meet, a department head meeting would be held to get everyone onboard with the few changes planned. He also asked for help from the membership in donating those \$1 and \$2 slow moving cars on everyone's sales table in all the gauges for the train painting contest that was a big hit with the children last year.

President Allen then addressed the members about the budget issues facing TCA National. There was a lively discussion on the financial condition of the Association and Marty Wik echoed the sentiments of many of those in attendance when he noted that the purpose of any Library is acknowledged for research and not as a money making endeavor. He noted that the Toy Train Museum is advertised and promoted as a tourist attraction and if cannot pay its own way it needs to be shut down. Chris noted that Desert Division has been supporters of both the Museum and the Library but will take the members concerns to heart when the budget is considered in a few weeks.

The educational segment was not announced and a very eclectic collection of items were on display.



A smaller than expected crowd for the June Meet. The room did fill up more than this, but we still wondered where everyone was hiding...

Jonathan Peiffer brought along a surprising collection of GG-1's. Jonathan explained that one was a York find and a kit from 1987 while the other was GG-1 #1, or rather Jonathan's first GG-1 purchase from over 30 years ago. Angelo Lautazi reported about the Big Boy orphan that that showed up on his doorstep. Just like in the fairy tales, someone dropped off this "baby" without a note and left it in Angelo's care. Although he doesn't run any HO, he reported that he would find it a good home or buy a new transformer for it.

The spring raffle tickets were drawn and Terry Haas won 1st Prize and the Lionel Oddessey Demonstrator Locomotive, Phil Todd won 2nd prize and the Lionel Gas Station, and John Hinderer won the Train Order Building from the 50th TCA Convention.

The July mini-meet was held with little fanfare and even fewer members this year but those in attendance noted it was without a doubt one of the most unusual meets on record. The mini-meet was an idea by the late founding Division member Tom Stange who noted that not everyone got away for the summer and there should be at least one event in town for those of us who toughed it out. The Division agreed and beginning in 2003, held a small meet with no raffle prizes and waited to see who would show up. Over the years we have had crowds of various sizes but what made this one so special is that amongst the few members that made it to the meet this July were two potential new members. Imagine if no meet had been held until September, would they have waited that long? Both gentleman were given information on the two other sister clubs in town, information on the Beat the Heat Meet in Prescott and invited to return in September for the auction and a real Division welcome.



You can find just about anything for your layout at a Division Meet



Loren Hess and Phil Todd enjoying a before the meet chat



President Allen addressing the members questions about the financial state of the Division



Table sellers were all set up waiting for the crowd that never quite arrived



What's in the box Jonathan? Actually, it ties in nicely with Peter Atonna's article in this issue, it's a York find.



The puzzled look on Angelo's face says it all. Who would abandon a Big Boy on their neighbors steps in the middle of the night?



This smile means only one thing. Marty Wik won the Hudson Hundred at the June Meet. There were a few false draws until Marty jumped up and said "I'm here!"

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – June 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM at the home of Beth Stange.

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Phil Todd, Beth Stange, on teleconference Greg Palmer and David Nycz

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes – the minutes of the May meeting were accepted as distributed

Treasurers Report - Treasurer, Bob Herman, reported that the Savings Account has a balance of \$35,795.39 and the Checking account has \$4,673.16. The Income/Expense Report was scanned and emailed prior to the meeting. Everyone agreed that the format was acceptable and easier for the Board members who must attend by teleconference to have while the financials were being discussed. Chris reviewed the financials that were being submitted in the Division's Annual Report. TCA National is on a July 1 – June 30 fiscal year and we must submit financial information in our "year-end" report due at the National Convention. The large financial loss was attributed to the Trailer Module project and the initial start-up expenses for the Arizona Toy Train Show. Chris stated he would present the Annual Report to the members at the June General Meeting and answer questions.

Membership Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 284.

Old Business

Pizza Meet – The Pizza Meetza Auction was well attended and the grouping of HO and S Gauge trains allowed for an early checkout that brought in bidders just for those items. The financial results and crowd were quite satisfactory and the volunteers helping prior to the meet made the event run smoothly.

Trailer Update – Scheduling conflicts continue to hamper the work however summer work parties are planned.

September Auction - Mike has received some member suggestions for an Auction name. He will present the results to the members at the June meet and they will vote for their choice.

New Business

Rio Grande Fund Raising Cars - Licensing agreements are being finalized and will be forwarded to Lionel when completed. There are also a few edits to the graphics that Lionel needs to make.

After Meet Clinics – The June Meeting will be held in the smaller Hall at the church so the landscaping clinic will be postponed to provide better space and more member attendance in the fall.

ATTS Update and Direction - The Board will inform Chair John Upshur that all advertising will need to be approved by the board. There will be some registration changes for the upcoming show. This year table buyers will get a free registration and any helper will pay only a \$5.00 admission. Desert Division members who pre-register will get in one hour early. The tri-fold advertising will undergo a major revision to save costs and be more effective. Angelo will look into having online registration.

July Mini-Meet - Ralph and Sally will run the coffee club at the July meet as Barb and Angelo will be out of town.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday September 10 at Beth's home.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

President's Message

I have several hobbies besides collecting and operating toy trains as I am sure many of you do as well. One of my summertime hobbies here in the Valley of the Sun is that of a Weather Spotter for the National Weather Service. I have been certified and need to take refresher classes every two years to stay up to date on current technology and reporting criteria for our monsoon weather. It's a nice diversion from the slow down we all face as we wait for the fall train season to kick in. I am looking forward to the Beat the Heat Meet up in Prescott later this month. To me, that always signals in the beginning of the new train season and a weekend up in Prescott is hard to beat as well!

We will be looking forward to a busy fall season and one with a few changes to our normal schedule the past few years. With the help of Angelo Lautazi and Phil Todd, the module trailer should be ready for a rollout at the October Rail Fair. This will be a two day commitment of volunteers and trains and will be the inaugural debut of our new module. Although there will still need work to be completed once Rail Fair is over, all five mainlines are scheduled to be running so there will be space for everyone to bring out something to run. The outside loop is special GarGraves 5 rail Standard and O scale 072 track that will permit us to run either gauge. The module is also equipped with GarGraves 043 and 054 loops along with two smaller FasTrack O and S gauge loops. Look for a short story about the summer work party we held and the progress on the trailer and then sign up for some operating time at the September Meet.

September will also be the debut of our "Hot Dogs and Cool Trains" Auction. I enjoy the eclectic mix of items that always show up at a members auction and I will have a few interesting lots in there myself. You know some of those slow moving items you have seen on my sales table, well now is your chance to get them at a bargain price. But before we get too far in front of ourselves, let's remember the Hot Dog portion of the September Meet. Desert Division stands

alone among the other Division's in TCA. Not only do we have the World Famous Pizza Meetza, but this year we will add Hot Dogs to our banquet bouquet. Not far from where we hold our Division meet, the folks at the Costco Warehouse will be cooking and preparing Hot Dogs and a few Polish for your lunchtime meal. We will have a few side dishes as well as free sodas so plan on staying for an afternoon of train auctions, or better yet bring in a few items and make a few bucks for the day.

In June I attended the TCA National Convention in Philadelphia. The financial situation for TCA is a major concern for the Board of Directors and we faced many hard choices for the year ahead. We also had a detailed five year financial plan, something that previous National Treasurers had never provided the Board. National Treasurer Bob Mintz is providing information that is allowing us to better plan for the future. Many of you voiced concerns over the Toy Train Museum and felt it should pay for itself or be closed. After several budget cuts the latest figures indicate that the Museum and store which had been operating deeply in the red is currently about break even. This is not a good business model going forward and there is much work ahead, but for the present moment due diligence has stopped the bleeding in that area. During that same Board of Directors meeting it was decided not to immediately hire a person to replace the Operations Manager job that was vacated when John Lupino retired. Instead a temporary Office Manager job was created to insure the smooth day to day operation of the Business Office. Much work continues to unfold as we try to adapt the Association for the challenges that lie ahead. While we cannot stay the course of our predecessors, we must respect the rich heritage and hard work they did while plotting a new course of action to preserve the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Todd", is located in the bottom right corner of the page. The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "P" and a trailing flourish.

A YORK STORY

By Peter Atonna TCA 75-7578

Editors Note: Due to space limitations we were unable to print Peter's story in the June issue.

Well, it is a bit more than just York. This next month is Mary Jane and my 50th anniversary, so like many folks reaching that milestone, we decided to do something special. We don't do cruises, don't fly and are too old to go hiking at Yellowstone. But we do horse and train things. The stars aligned when last month a national championship carriage driving event was scheduled in Southern Pines, NC and spring York was two weeks following. The first question was, could we get to Southern Pines by Amtrak? Yes, it was a stop on one of the Washington to Florida trains.

Traveling in mid April, we hoped that spring would have arrived in the south, so planned to use the time between events to some traveling - a trip to Asheville to see the Biltmore Estate, then to Aiken, SC to visit some horse friends, to Charleston and then north to Pennsylvania to the Longwood Gardens, a DuPont Estate and the Brandywine art museum.

The trip highlights. Leaving from our usual Middle of the Forest station in Williams, two days and a night brought us to our layover in Chicago. We typically have a couple hours in the station before boarding the Capitol Limited, so I planned to take photos from the Roosevelt Road overpass. This is a most famous photo spot street over the tracks leading to Union Station and I had never been to it. Fortunately, the weather was good for a Chicago springtime - in the 50's and windy. The bridge was farther than it seemed from the train, about a mile's walk. But the views of the trains from there are as spectacular as can be.



Boarding our next train a bit later the next evening, we arrived in Southern Pines. I will not bore you with tales of the carriage competition, but will certainly do recommend a visit to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC if you get the chance. Not only the structure itself, but the grounds are spectacular. It was early spring, so the bulbs were in full flower as well as the cherry, magnolia and dogwood trees. Down next to Aiken, SC visiting horse friends but with another (secret) reason for a visit is that they have restored their train station into a local museum. On the second floor, they have built a series of HO gauge dioramas depicting original towns along the railroad from Charleston through Aiken. Each is spectacularly well done and has a short train that actually traverses the entire set of scenes. (If you purchase Model Railroader's "Great Model Railroads" annual, this layout was featured in last year's edition)



Next it was back on Amtrak northbound, through Washington DC to the BWI airport station where we picked up another rental car and overnighted before heading into Pennsylvania. At this point, I have to salute Gordon. We all have read of his culinary (and baseball) travels to everywhere. This time, when learning of our plans, Gordon sent me a note that we must eat at the Olive Garden restaurant near the Baltimore airport. Since we always follow every Wilson recommendation (!), we had dinner there. And Gordon did hit a home run (catch the baseball reference, Gordon?) It was one of the finest, classical restaurants we've been to in some time.

On to Pennsylvania. We stayed at an Econo Lodge, right off Route 30. This is an older facility, but which had been fixed up well and had what we needed - free breakfast and WiFi. It also had the advantage of being just up the hill from the York landmark, the Round the Clock diner where I did get my annual feast of fried eggs and scrapple. Following a couple of days touring, we enjoyed the traditional York week activities - bandit meets on Tuesday, then on Wednesday, lunch on the



Strasburg Railroad and the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum and finishing the day with the TCA museum presentations where we saw Katie present the Desert Division's check to the Museum Library. Following that, what all wait for - opening of York itself. And as you have now heard, the world did spin on its axis. Early Friday morning we heard an announcement that photos are now allowed in the halls! It is amazing how many cameras were busy by mid morning - and not just from cell phones. You've probably seen many photos by now, and I've included a few of mine to share.

Many have said this before, York is a great experience, no matter how much you buy - or don't buy. This visit was pretty slim, one of two postwar items was found, but I'm still looking for a postwar Great Northern EP-5. But, when you visit during the Beat the Heat meet, you may see that my Martians now have some visitors. It was interesting that all three



major manufacturers had slimmed down their display layouts, and each was offering clinics. MTH and Atlas had curtained off areas with seating, but Lionel just had folks gather around their layout, disappointing. I was also hoping to see the new Big Boy on display and demonstrated. But other than the Lionel video, it was nowhere to be seen.



By Saturday morning, it was time to reverse routes and head home. In chatting with Jonathan Peiffer, he mentioned that he was taking the train to Pittsburg to catch the Capitol Limited to Cleveland. We suggested he try to get on the Capitol Limited with us at Washington to avoid changing trains in Pittsburg, in middle of the night in their dreary station. He was able to do so, and joined us for the trip to the BWI station and Amtrak to Washington. One delight of traveling on the Eastern Corridor is that they have LOTS of trains. So, in the half hour wait for our train, we got to watch three go by, including an Acela. At Washington Union Station, we went up to my favorite train watching spot on the upper garage level and again marveled at the world of high density passenger rail facilities.



But soon it was back to reality and home. However, traveling by train gives you a lot more time for the adjustment, not just six hours sitting in a cramped airline seat. Two days and a night, several meals in the diner with a full couch and bed is much finer!

DON'T MISS THE BUS!!!!

It's that time of year again, you live either in the pool or somewhere that's air conditioned. Well for a nice trip up to cool Prescott in August, set aside August 16th and catch the bus in one of four great locations. We'll go to the "Beat The Heat" meet, and then we will visit some great layouts.

The cost is just \$30 for adults and \$12 for kids. There is also an optional \$7 bag lunch. There will also be videos on the up and back. Fill out the form that is in this newsletter, and get it to Dave Brown. If you have any questions, call Dave at 480-650-5336.

One more thing, there is a new layout on tour, and you have to be on the bus to see it. So, hurry up and get your reservation in soon.

THE TURKEY "MEAT" AUCTION IS BACK

We might not have a Turkey Meet any more but why not a Turkey "Meat" Auction? Make yourself a leftover turkey sandwich and bring it along for a good old fashion day of toy train auction fun. On Saturday November 29th the Desert Division will hold a one day 300 lot auction. This auction will be in addition to the Winter of Trains auction that is planned for in January. We are putting the final touches on a catalog that is sure to delight both the train collector and operator in all of our Division's members and friends with items from K Line, MTH as well as modern era and post war Lionel among others. Reserve the date now for both of these upcoming auctions. The November auction is closed but we have a few openings in the January auction if you would like to jump on board. Contact Chet Henry Division Auction Chair for additional information and keep an eye out for the catalogs.

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HERE COMES THE WRECKING BALL!!

By Peter Atonna TCA 75-7578



It is hard to believe, but I started my Paulden layout fifteen years ago. Over that time, you have probably noticed that there have been quite a few changes made. The first major one was ten years ago when I replaced the American Flyer S gauge layout with the "Lowell Branch". Why that? Two reasons, both which still resonate today. The first was that the S gauge layout was pretty much "complete". That is I really only worked on it or ran it when visitors were over. It was like a museum exhibit - static. The second came from discussions with Mary Jane during our afternoon teas in the train room. She wondered why the layout didn't have more vertical scenery, that is, stretching toward the ceiling and toward the floor.

Since I was really enjoying my high rail layout, I thought, why not bring it onto the Flyer table and highlight scenery. An Atlas bridge to cross the aisle made that possible and I envisioned a branch line to the town of Lowell, in the Mule Mountains of southeastern Arizona. To drop the scenery toward the floor, I would build a scene of the Hell Canyon bridge on the BNSF, just north of us here. So, from year five to ten, the Lowell branch was under construction and then in operation.

Five years ago, as you know, the TCA National Convention came to Phoenix and I was honored to host two busloads of visitors from the convention. One of the areas of the hobby I enjoyed was collecting prewar O and Standard gauge and from the beginning a layout to run those trains in a '30s type of setting was planned. But, following the convention, again during our afternoon tea, Mary Jane's question was "what are you going to do for the next five years?" Like the S gauge

layout, I had to admit that the prewar layout was "done" and was run only for visitors - and that fairly briefly since it got VERY noisy! Upon reflection, my response was still that my greatest enjoyment comes from the high rail layout. So, a decision was made, take down the prewar layout and extend the high rail layout onto that table. Hence, five years later, we now have the Ash Fork extension and the Mantisee and Southern On30 narrow gauge railroad.



This spring we took an extended trip to celebrate our 50th anniversary. That trip included horse and carriage activities, touring and the spring York. Travel to and from was by Amtrak. During the trip I was able to enjoy a spectacular view of Chicago Union Station (see my travel article), see several neat new products at York as well as three modular layouts. As my five years are again now up, it allowed us time to reflect about what I still enjoy in the hobby - a great thing to do while watching scenery go by while riding on Amtrak.



Here is the current revelation - the design of the current high rail layout works but does not totally reflect what I enjoy most. That is, like many of us, I like watching trains run. But in addition, as you may note from my recently completed Chicago scene, I also really like big city terminals, complete with a subway.

So, I put ideas on paper and a totally new layout emerged. With minor modifications to the existing benchwork, I could create a double track main line in a folded figure eight configuration by simply closing off the opening between the left and right tables you see when entering the room (for example, one of those York "benefits" was that the Mainne benchwork folks demonstrated a brand new powered lift section so you would not have to crawl under the layout to enter it!)

The visual highlight of the new plan is a seven by forty foot long table, down the center of the room, featuring a passenger terminal, passenger yards, double track

subway, intermodal yards and locomotive facilities. On a second level will be an seven by eight foot depiction of Chicago Union Station (as in my current Chicago scene) and adjacent downtown buildings.



When will this begin? My plan is to start removing items from the layout following the Beat the Heat open house and hope to have trains running on the new layout by next year's Beat the Heat.

Since the new plan does not accommodate many of my existing buildings and accessories, I will be selling them. If you are interested in what will be available, feel free to email me for the list. You can reserve the ones you are interested in. I will also have copies at the open house. Similarly, I will not be able to use the narrow gauge, so all the locos, rolling stock and DCC controls will also be for sale.



TRAILER MODULE UPDATE

By Division Trailer Crew

Two work parties were held in July and the work continues to get accomplished. It is our desire to be running trains at Rail Fair this year and that means we will need your help to come out one of the two days of Rail Fair October 11 and 12. At present the FasTrack 0 gauge and S gauge loops are installed, wired and tested. The 043 and 054 loops are also installed and wiring will be completed during the next work party. The special GarGraves 5 rail Standard and 0 gauge loops will be installed last, although the plan calls for the wiring to be in place when we wire the inside loops. In Addition the signal light tower has been completed and tested as well. It really is bright and will be a real attention getter as it was designed for. At present the Division does not own any S gauge trains so all the Flyer members will need to stand tall and represent. We look forward to bring this project to completion by the Arizona Toy Train Show. See you there!



Angelo Lautazi working on the special bridge section that will allow the module wings to fold up



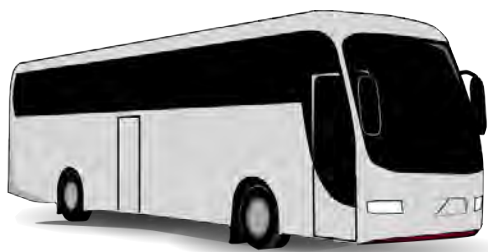
Yes, we live in Arizona and it was over 110° that day, but the first train to run on the module was an Alaska Railway

HOT DOGS AND COOL TRAINS AUCTION COMING!

Remember that the September Meet is set for the once in a lifetime (or maybe for this year) HOT DOGS AND COOL TRAINS AUCTION. This is a member's only auction and lots cost just \$5 each. You can place a reserve on your items but we try to keep reserves to a minimum to keep the auction running smoothly. If your rusty track didn't sell for \$10 on your table it won't sell in the auction either, so try to be realistic and you will not be disappointed. Member auctions are a lot of fun because of all the unusual items that seem to appear out from under your layout. If you have some odd items and would like to place them in the auction contact Chet Henry at 480-838-0783 or bring them to the September Meet. While the auction crew is busy setting up for the afternoon auction you will be able to enjoy a FREE lunch of COSTCO Hot Dogs, along with side dishes and drinks. We will even have a few Polish there along with Brad Martin's world famous homemade sauerkraut and Delores Bean's Baked Bean Quintet recipe. For an afternoon of fun, food and of course trains be sure to join us at the September Meet. 30 minute preview before the hammer falls.

SEPTEMBER EDUCATIONAL SEGMENT

The July meet was lightly attended so in honor of America let's see who can bring out the most patriotic train, car, or consist. The usual ten free raffle tickets will go to the one who pleases our crowd the best.



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FOR THINGS THAT DIDN'T FIT ELSEWHERE or BREAKING NEWS!



The Ft. Pitt Division layout at York this past spring. We have a few extra pictures that didn't fit in Peter Atonna's article



Mary Jane Atonna seems to have found a new friend next to the Scenic Express display in the Orange Hall



Phil Todd was very happy with second place and the Lionel Service Station in the spring raffle



We have blinky lights! The signal tower lights are running on a traffic light circuit and power a pair of 5 watt LED lamps inside of a "Malibu" yard light.

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