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# Desert Division

## *DISPATCH*

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## FALL AUCTION & CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL WRAP UP THE YEAR

Editor's note; as I reported with the election material this edition of the *DISPATCH* is several weeks late because of my computer issues. While struggling not only to keep the Division functioning as much as possible our family financial, medical, and photographs were also stored on the computer. Luckily for me I do regular backups so those things were preserved, but restoring from a backup was only part of the fix. Upgrading from Windows Vista to Windows 10 has been anything but intuitive for my old brain cells to comprehend. (yes, I know, I should have bought a iMac) That and finding all the original disks with my licensing codes, serial numbers, and all those different passwords... Well this has been a real journey. I apologize to those of you who may have missed important events or shows that may have resulted in the tardiness of this issue.

The October Meet is usually the kickoff for a busy season of train activities and events, not just here in the Division but across the hobby as well. The October Meet has collided with Rail Fair over at the Scottsdale McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park and this year we could really see the effect of our lower membership. Tables were setup by those sellers who arrived early, but we advised them to setup only those

tables that they needed because early indications were that we would have a light turnout.

I want to thank Barbara Lautazi who attended her first meet in many months because of a work schedule change. I was trying to cover for Janet Mattern who was out of town and Barb noticed me struggling with the coffee pot and jumped right in and took over. Your timely cup of brew at the October Meet was a result of her taking over.

President Allen called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM with about 36 members in attendance. As noted with so many members belonging to the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders, Paradise & Pacific, and others many of our members were already at the park volunteering and sharing our joy of toy trains with the public.

Secretary Angelo Lautazi reported that we gained another member within the last month and our new total membership now stands at 258.

Treasurer Bob Herman gave the Treasurer's report showing Savings at \$27,799.50 and Checking account balance of \$9,210.29. Chris reported that the most recent Rio Grande Chapter fundraiser sales have us only 17 units away from breaking even. This important fundraiser will be the first funds that will

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 28 – **Desert Division Fall Auction** - 350+ Lots – 8 AM Preview – 9 AM – Auction starts

Dec. 6 – **Christmas Holiday Party** – 4 PM No Host reception – 5 PM Dinner Service  
**RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> – NO AT THE DOOR ADMISSION**

Jan. 8 & 9 - **GPD TTOM Toy Train Show** - 1PM – 6 PM Fri & 9 AM – 2PM Sat – Tucson, AZ

Jan. 9 – **January Desert Division Meet** and Annual Business Meeting –  
8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Phoenix, AZ

become available to the 2019 Convention Committee as they begin to make their plans to host the convention in Albuquerque.

Still talking about financial matters, Chris discussed that the HO/G Auction that was held in September was a financial success. The Auction Committee met following the auction to discuss how it went and if it should be continued. One of the observations were that the G gauge community continued to support the auction and came out in force however the committee felt that there was little interest from the HO community for us to repeat. Going forward the Auction Committee will accept G gauge items but work them in with our regular auctions as we have in the past. The committee will only accept HO items that they feel have broad appeal to our bidders and that can be integrated in with our normal auction cycle. They recommended to the Board that no further separate HO/G auctions be held in the future. The committee's recommendations were accepted and approved by the Division's Board of Directors.

On behalf of the Division Election Committee, Gordon Wilson took the floor to accept nominations from the floor for the upcoming election. The following officers are running unopposed; Chris Allen Division President, Mike Dietrich Division Vice-President, Bob Herman Division Treasurer, Angelo Lautazi Division Secretary. Gordon then went on to explain that he only had names for two Directors at Large and he needed another nomination from the floor. There was a spirited discussion about the future and direction of the Division and the need for new input and commitment from new members to step up and become part of the Board of Directors. Four members stepped up and placed their names in nomination. The names of all the candidates were placed in a hat and then drawn for ballot position. Running for the office of Director at Large as they shall appear on the ballot; Marty Wik, Paul Wassermann, Brad Martin, Greg Palmer, Terry Haas, and Scott Russell.

**Editor's Note;** you should have received your ballot via First Class Mail by now, be sure to place your TCA number on it and get it in the mail to be postmarked no later than Monday November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Under general announcements Chris reminded everyone that table reservations for the November 1st Pumpkin meet were due by October 19<sup>th</sup>.

The fall auction is scheduled for Thanksgiving Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. This auction is of primary interest to train operators as many items are of recent manufacture and still mint in the box. There are a few specialty items, such as the Thomas Kincaid On30 Christmas set and Spirit of America set, numerous Dept

56 items and mixture of pre and postwar Flyer and Marx. For the operators there are three MTH Z-4000 transformers, numerous MTH Premier engines including a Hudson, the Coors Silver Bullet set mint in the box, two Lionel "General's", buildings, and track just to name a few. The catalog is available on our website so if you don't have a copy, be sure to stop by and browse it. If you love operating trains, this is your auction!

The annual Christmas Holiday Party will be on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Since this is the last meet of the year Chris reminded everyone to get their reservations in early. We will again share the evening with members from the GCMR and P&P clubs.

Because of the light attendance at the meet, we had a light attendance for the Educational Segment as well. Gordon Wilson thought of two things that come into play this month were fall colors and Daylight Savings Time. He combined them very nicely and brought in a Lionel colored bank that was shaped like a locomotive. Unfortunately, Gordon recounted, he couldn't remember where or when he added it to his collection and has not seen another like it.

Chris Allen also played off the color of autumn and brought in a SP Daylight GS-4, HO scale. He told the story about picking up the item recently at a Division auction to go with some Daylight cars he has in his HO collection. The odd thing about the engine was the box it came in, it was marked for the Freedom Train locomotive. Like Gordon, Chris couldn't remember what auction he won it at so if you have a Lionel HO Freedom Train that you won at a Division Auction, check your box. If yours says Daylight, let's trade!

Barbara Lautazi was the mystery greeter. She awarded the ten free raffle tickets to Larry Melvin. It certainly pays to wear your name badge to the Division Meet as Larry was soon to find out.

Winners of the Raffle prizes in no particular order; Hudson Ticket Angelo Lautazi, (yes, that is no misprint, this is the second month in a row Angelo's name was drawn and he picked the "freebie ticket") Lionel B&O Boxcar Don Locke, Lionel Milwaukee Road Boxcar John Wiley, Lionel Western Pacific Boxcar Ivan English, Lionel CP Boxcar Don Locke, Fire Engine Larry Melvin, Lionel Semi Truck Terry Haas, Gulf Tank Car Jon Hinderer, Lionel Lehigh Valley tanker Larry Teresi.

The winner of the Hudson Hundred was present this time. The last time his name was called Sam McElwee was somewhere else. Lady Luck must have heard his plea, rarely do we get second chances for the Hudson drawing each year, but Sam took home a fresh Franklin for supporting the Division and buying a Hudson raffle ticket.

## PICTURES FROM THE OCTOBER MEET



We don't know what Don McCombs and Glenn Gordon are doing on their phones, but it makes for a good photo



Auction Chair Chet Henry with his back to the camera is updating Pres Chris on the auction



Not a lot of table sellers but those that were there looked busy



A good reason to attend our next meet, a free cup of coffee and time to relax with friends



Gordon Wilson with a Lionel bank that had a strange resemblance to a truck rather than a locomotive



Who says lightning doesn't strike twice? The biggest smile of the day came from Sam McElwee who said, "I'm here I'm here!"

## **TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – October 7, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Bob Herman

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Phil Todd on teleconference David Nycz

**Approval of Agenda** - The agenda was approved as distributed

**Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes** – The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**Treasurers Report** - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account has \$27,799.50 and Checking has \$92210.29. Bob submitted the Income/Expense report for September 2015. Bob noted that the sales for the C&TS car are not included in the report but he will correct this as he gets the current sales figures. Bob further reported that our recent eBay sales of surplus convention cars was \$700. During discussion of the budget Phil Todd noted the budgeted amount for \$1,000 for our annual donation to TCA National and asked if it had been paid yet. Bob replied that it had not as we usually wait for a worthwhile program to donate the funds to instead of the general fund. After a brief discussion the board was in agreement that the donation would be made to National as planned for in the budget. Chris would investigate where the funds could be put to good use.

### **Old Business:**

**Rio Grande Fundraiser Sales** – We had a slight surge in sales last month, with the total number sold presently standing at 209 units. Chris will mention the car sales at the October Meet. John Upshur stated he would take a case to York to try and sell and Dallas Dixon would take a case and have them available to Paradise & Pacific members. David asked Chris to bring four cases to the Pumpkin Meet where they would be for sale and that he would take up to the Rocky Mountain Train Show and sell from his table.

**Arizona Toy Train Show** - Chris reported that he was getting many questions on the status of the ATTS and that is why he did a recent article in the newsletter. The article explained the situation with the hotel and why it was decided to skip the show this year. Chris is still searching for a venue where we might be able to hold a swap meet show early in the year.

**The HO and G gauge Auction** - The HO/G gauge auction was a financial success but there was a poor turnout of HO bidders. The G gauge items had a better response. The board was advised that the Auction Committee met and decided that in the future G gauge and high quality HO auction lots will be included in our O gauge auctions and we would not accept future HO consignments but rather refer them to other model railroad clubs in town.

### **New Business**

**Fall Auction** - The fall November “Turkey” auction has 350 lots of O gauge. Setup is planned for Friday and overnight security is already in place. Flyers will be distributed to local train stores in the Valley.

**Winter Auction** - The winter auction is set for Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. Setup is planned for Friday and there will be overnight security. It is at capacity and will feature a nice mix of quality pre-war, postwar, and modern era trains.

**Railfair October 10 & 11** – Chris mentioned that turnout at the Meet on Saturday would most likely be light with the club not participating in Rail Fair and many of our members, who belong to operating clubs in town, will be doing volunteer work at that time.

**Fall Elections** – At the present time no office is being contested. This means that the officers running can be voted in by acclamation. The Board wishes to mentor new members as potential officers so it is hoped that at the Saturday meet will new members will decide to run for office.

**Christmas Holiday Party** – There is no November Meet this year so it will be important to keep members informed of the deadline for the reservations which is December 1<sup>st</sup> for the annual Christmas Party

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. This is the last Board meeting for 2015. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on January 6, 2016 at the home of Chris Allen pending the election returns.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi



## President's Message

This is a very busy time of the year for me. Starting with the Rail Fair in Scottsdale, then off to York, Albuquerque for the Rio Grande Chapter Pumpkin Meet, Sahuaro Central, GPD TTOM in Tucson, Cal-Stewart in Ontario, Our auction, train show and Christmas Party.

It wasn't always this way. In fact for the first decade or so of being a Division member my fall train season was setting up the train module at Rail Fair, Chris Town Mall, the Turkey Meet, the auction the following day and then wrapping up the season with the Christmas Party.

I learned a lot by talking with other club members and the members of other clubs while we ran trains, and even more from the Meets and auctions.

I've told this story a few times so excuse me if you have already heard it, but after one very exciting auction where I spent more than I should on what seemed like a bargain in every lot, Tom Stange came up to me afterward and said, "Chris, just what do you collect?" Hardly looking up from all my new treasures I was wrapping up to take home I said, "All of them!"

In the years that passed, I've slowed down and with the help and patience of several friends, began to focus my collecting tastes and habits. And while Laurel may think that I still collect "all of them", I've thinned and trimmed, have as many shelf queens as runners, and even a few "extra" that I now take to shows to find new homes.

I find that has even changed over the years. What started out as just one table of trains for sale has blossomed into three or four tables at the larger shows and yet if I don't sell because of time constraints I find myself going to a show with no other intent but to chat with friends and renew friendships.

This year with no fall train show in Phoenix it seems it bit weird. My boxes are already in storage waiting for the spring season to begin. I mean, there has "always" been a show in Phoenix in November or December. Well yes, but not quite accurate. Since 1977, when the 1<sup>st</sup> "Thanksgiving Tinplate Toy Train Meet" was held at the Ramada Inn in Phoenix we have only

missed one other year besides this one and for much the same reason, scheduling conflicts. At the time it was not really that big of a deal because both TTOS and TCA had meets all the times and members bought and sold trains at every event, meet and party.

In fact it wasn't until Fred Hunter's term as President that train sales were discouraged at the Christmas Party and during my first term we went a step further and included the Spring Picnic as well.

Buying and selling trains is part of our heritage. You make new friends, make great deals and learn from your mistakes. Very few table sellers sit still for a whole show. They move about, chat, get caught up with folks and families make new friends and hear about others who are going through a tough time in their life. This hobby brings us together and keeps us in touch with each other.

For over forty years, previous Presidents and officers of this club have worked to maintain the social aspect of being a TCA member. It is my desire and goal to see that we continue this great tradition.

In today's world of the internet and instant searches, you can buy a train, research its rarity or just find out how much the thing is worth from your phone, tablet or PC, but there is no marketplace for friendship. Sharing the joy of finding or acquiring a long sought after piece to add to your collection or running a prototypical train or even a train that captures the imagination of others cannot be replaced with a few keystrokes.

Being a member of Desert Division is so much more than buying, selling, collecting and operating. I hope this season finds you sharing your love and passion of our hobby with friends and family.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris", with a stylized flourish at the end.

## RIO GRANDE CHAPTER SEPTEMBER MEET PICTURES



Dale Shaffer and Tom Lawler were keeping the customers happy



We caught Jim Trever restocking his table and Jonathan Peiffer making a sale when I stopped by



"The Parts Guy", DeLon Freije was busy most of the day



Raffle prizes galore! And information on how to join TCA and the Chapter



Jon Spargo had his great train portable train layout. A video of this layout in action can be found on our facebook page



Scott and Elaine Eckstein had tables full of layout buildings that found new homes at the end of the day (The Mohave #332 and #341 also found their way back to Mesa)





## TCA Rio Grande Chapter News



The Rio Grande Chapter held another successful Pumpkin Meet on Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>. The setup went quick and modules from the New Mexico Narrow Gauge Modular Club, TTOS New Mexico Division and member Jon Spargo were up and running to the delight of children and adults alike. A steady flow of fellow train enthusiasts and the public kept the table sellers busy for most of the show.

We would like to thank all who volunteered and helped plan the event or who gave a few hours or even the whole day. We had a few glitches but I don't think anyone knew about them but us.

We look forward to seeing you in January!

**Meeting Dates for 2016 at Los Altos Church 10am:**  
January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, and September 17.



Greg Palmer had a great idea, put together train sets from a bunch of your low cost items and price them so a family to afford to buy one



Since yours truly had sales tables as well, I had to run around and quickly take pictures before the show opened up for the day, which is why things look so quiet



Scott Eckstein working on getting the long consist outbound on the large TTOS New Mexico Division layout



One of the many highly detailed scenes from the New Mexico Narrow Gauge Modular Club's layout

## ABOARD AMTRAK'S COAST STARLIGHT

Ernst W. Wullenweber, Jr. TCA #73-5442

It seems like ages since Gordon Wilson has regaled us with any of his stories of train-related travels so I thought I'd fill the gap with a couple of my own.

Many years ago, before air travel was more affordable by the common folk, before the U.S. government discovered it and before Amtrak, I had the unforgettable pleasure of making a couple of short and some longer cross-country trips via the rails. The first one was between Utica, New York and Chicago, the final destination being Great Lakes Naval Training Center. The trip was a short one so it meant sleeping in the reclining seats of the coach car.

After graduating from boot camp and taking two weeks of home leave, I boarded a train (the California Zephyr?) in Utica, bound for San Francisco and the Navy's ET"A" school. This time, due to the length of travel time, I was fortunate enough to travel in a "sleeper". Each roomette had its own fold-down bed and a full compliment of toilet facilities. This particular train was well populated and had three dining and two lounge cars. Buster Keaton was also traveling on the train and I saw him a couple of times in the dining car.

This particular train traveled the northern route through Salt Lake City. The trip was spectacular and traveling through the Rockies was quite something: through many of the mountain passes the view from the window was straight down for hundreds of feet.

The food aboard the train was excellent and the porters were very attentive to the passengers; one never lacked for anything. The ride was comfortable as were the sleeping accommodations.

After that, most of my traveling was by air or car. I made myself a promise that some day in the future, I would take another train trip before rail travel disappeared. I had been favorably impressed.

Earlier this year, because my wife had always wanted to visit where her father was born and where her father's parents lived, we decided to take a trip to Ft Steele, B.C.

So during the last week of June and the first week of July, we embarked upon a trip by rail to Seattle,

traveling by car through Canada and returning home from Calgary by air.

Be forewarned, that planning and making reservations before-hand is the ONLY way to go. And don't reserve a roomette at either end of the sleeper car; they're less spacious than ones in the middle of the car. Pay particular attention to the size and weight of your luggage; the stairways to the second deck roomettes are VERY steep and narrow. Otherwise, leave your luggage in the vestibule and take only the essentials up to your roomette. And don't forget that the price you're paying for a ticket includes your three meals per day.

Railways have followed the airlines in that they have packed more passengers unto each car. Consequently, the rooms are smaller (compared to their sizes in earlier years) and less comfortable.

Ah, yes! The earlier cars. The earlier cars were made heavy on purpose so as to make the ride more comfortable for the passengers. Making the cars double-deckers with the roomettes ten or twelve feet above the rails has made side-to-side movement much more noticeable.

Albeit a bit more expensive, traveling by rail is a great, relaxing way to get from one place to another if you're not in a hurry or don't have to be anywhere by a specific time. It's also a great way to see parts of the country one wouldn't see otherwise.

But for our trip, the train gods were not smiling for most of the way.

To begin with, Amtrak's Coast Starlight train left Los Angeles on 25 June two hours behind schedule.

During the first evening's meal, the grill upon which steaks and certain other foods were prepared, broke down and remained so for the entire trip. That meant that the highly touted Black Angus steaks, which were part of the menu could not be prepared. Consequently, the remaining selections on the menu were consumed at a faster rate and when it was time for the last evening meal to be served before arriving in Seattle, there were no menu selections left, only prepackaged sandwiches and a few snacks.



Due to the heat along the coast, the top speed of the train was restricted so the train couldn't do much to make up for the late departure. Excessive heat is known to have caused rails to bulge outward and cause derailments.

There were two fires along the roadbed which made it necessary for the train to slow down for the fire crews.

Unbeknownst to us, we had been assigned to one of the end roomettes of our sleeper car. As mentioned earlier, the accommodations were a bit cramped but we survived and were even able to make use of the shower. The beds were fairly comfortable as was the ventilation system

Most if the electronic systems for I pads, cell phones and the internet were available in the lounge car so our grandchildren could be occupied with their games and other passengers could remain connected to the outside world.

The Amtrak staff was very courteous and attentive and the cars were kept clean and neat.

In 2016, my wife and I will be attending a family reunion "back East" and we're seriously planning on taking the train on our east-bound leg of the trip. Cursorily, the east/west Amtrak sleeping cars are different in that community bath and shower facilities are used versus facilities located in each roomette, as they were on the Coast Starlight. Stay tuned for that report.

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## **GOING TO CAL-STEWART?**

### **A NOVEMBER TOY TRAIN TROIKA!**

by Gordon L. Wilson, TCA 76-10233

How fortunate we are here in Arizona! Fantastic weather; superb highways; great restaurants; affordable major motels; and 3 consecutive weekends with lots of TOY TRAINS from which to choose!

The Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Museum gang open their annual fall meet at the Tucson Convention Center on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM and continue it on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Nearly across the street is a very reasonably priced Fairfield Inn by Marriott that includes a full hot breakfast, pool, spa, and free parking. Directly in front of the Convention Center is a "Greasy Spoon" appearing restaurant. Looks can be deceiving! Great food and super service – Trust me!!

The next weekend is the famed Cal-Stewart Meet, no longer in Pasadena, but an hour closer to the Desert Division at the Convention Center in Ontario, CA. The Meet is open November 21-22, but smart people arrive on the 20<sup>th</sup>. A one-minute walk from the West

entrance of the main hall is a Residence Inn by Marriott. Its rates are equal to, or lower than, those offered by

Cal-Stewart, plus they offer free parking and a full free breakfast in their Breakfast Room. They also have 2-room suites for about \$140.00. Downtown Ontario and nearby Rancho Cucamonga offer every variety of restaurant imaginable.

Finally, the 3<sup>rd</sup> big Toy Train Bonanza is right here in Phoenix. The Desert Division's Turkey Meet Auction on Saturday, November 28, will offer some 350 lots of trains. The preview will start at 8:00 AM and the bidding at 9:00 AM. All you need to participate is a \$5.00 catalog. Restaurants and motels abound in the area near Glendale Avenue and I-17, as the auction will be held at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Maryland Avenue, Phoenix.

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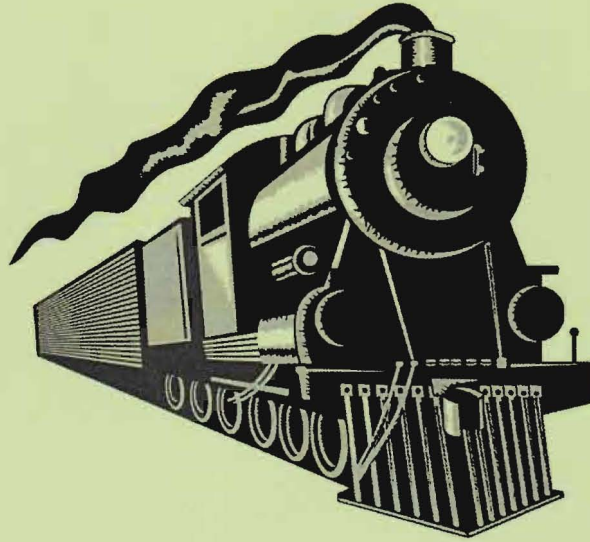
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# **TOY TRAIN AUCTION**

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**WANTED:** Neon Lionel sign used in hobby stores – I have the bell now I am looking for a cradle and yoke for a 12” locomotive bell – semaphore working or pieces – Call me Chris Allen 480-820-9559 [sparkyshome@cox.net](mailto:sparkyshome@cox.net)

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FOR THINGS THAT DIDN'T FIT ELSEWHERE or BREAKING NEWS



We had a member of the public show up looking for information on selling Marklin "N" gauge and pressed him into service to select the ballot positions for our election



Another view of the TTOS New Mexico Division and some of the many new landscaped "scenes" that have added a lot of zip and flash. They really look good



Here's a close-up view of the Lionel "locomotive" that Gordon Wilson brought to the October Meet



If you have a Lionel HO Freedom Train but a "Daylight" box, "Let's trade!"

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