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SUMMERTIME IN THE DIVISION

Well here we are, the first week of June and it is starting to feel like the real Valley of the Sun. Of course not all Division members live in the Phoenix metro area but I am sure that regardless of where you live, you are not looking forward to the upcoming summer. Trains just seem to be a more natural fit for the cooler shorter days of winter. But we will make do and if the turnout for the Pizza Meetza was any clue, the approaching summer train shows will keep us pretty happy.

The May Pizza Meetza was everything it was projected to be with a wide assortment of trains and parts galore auctioned off after a great free pizza lunch. But let's not get ahead of ourselves too quickly and look back at the meeting and the entire day.

President Allen rounded everyone up for an early start which was quite a task since Auction Chairman Chet Henry was busy getting the afternoon auction lots in place and there were plenty of early birds getting a quick peek at the auction lots.

Calling the meeting to order at 9:55 AM the President announced that there was not much new business to discuss this month and that the educational segment today would be the promised "How to Sell on eBay", a real useful self help clinic that we have been asked to do by many members.

Secretary Lautazi noted that our paid Division membership now stands at 241 and that our recent efforts to reconnect with TCA members who are not part of the Division has paid off with an increase of three new members.

Treasurer Bob Herman gave the Treasurer's report with the Savings account being \$27,800.89 and the checking account being \$34,709.71.

Chris reminded everyone that the large amount in the checking account was due to the sales of the Los Alamos car. When payment is made to Lionel, the checking account will decrease significantly.

Editors note; At the time of the meeting, the Division and Chapter have sold 310 units in pre-sales so using the sale price of \$79.99 that amounts to almost \$24,800 of the amount in checking to cover the cost of the invoice. There are other costs as part of the fundraising effort such as shipping and advertising, but overall the project is still on budget to post a profit to the 2019 Chapter Convention account. The first fundraising car, the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad Boxcar, is completely paid off and currently posting a profit to the convention account.

Under general announcements the President announced that December 10th is the date set for the

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3-4 – GPD Toy Train Museum Summer Meet - 1PM - 6PM Fri, 9AM - 2PM Sat – Tucson, AZ

June 11 - **Division Meet** – 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Phoenix, AZ

June 18 – 26 TCA National Convention – Houston, TX – Have You registered yet?

July 9 – July "mini" Meet - 8:30 AM member only swap - NO Business Meeting - NO Raffles

If you're in town and looking to hook up with friends or just a free cup of coffee stop on by

July 23 – GCMR Summer Cactus Meet - 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Phoenix, AZ

August 13 – CAMRRC BEAT THE HEAT MEET – 9 AM – 1 PM Liberty Traditional School – Prescott Valley, AZ

Division Train Show. One venue has been tentatively reserved while two others are currently being reviewed. All locations being considered are in the Scottsdale/East Valley area.

This year's Christmas Holiday Party will feature an upgraded member's gift. The Division Board is working with the Christmas Party Committee to keep costs under control but want to make this year's member gift more memorable than in the recent past.

If you like G Gauge or like to sell G gauge then mark September 17th on your calendar now. We have recently picked up a mixed consignment of O and G and there were enough G Gauge items that we decided to host a **G Gauge Only Auction**. If you have some G Gauge items that you would like to add to this auction contact Auction Chair Chet Henry by phone or email auctionchairman@tcadd.org very quickly. We have room for a few more lots but time is running out to have the lots listed in our catalog which will be available for sale at the summer train meets.

Ivan English spoke about the upcoming GPD Summer Train Show in Tucson. This should be a very interesting show according to Ivan because a new comic book collector show will be in town shortly after their meet so it could be a great place to sell some excess toy inventory which usually does well at this June meet.

Peter Atonna spoke about the upcoming Train Days in Williams Arizona at the Grand Canyon Depot. It is being held Saturday June 18th and invited everyone up. Live Steam will be running that day on short excursion trains as well as train layouts, Harvey Girls and all sorts of great family entertainment.

Peter also spoke about the Beat the Heat Meet which is returning to its new location in Prescott Valley at the Liberty Traditional School. This air conditioned location was a big hit last year with vendors and customers alike. Beat the Heat is set for Saturday August 13, up in Prescott Valley.

President Allen fielded a question from the floor about rumors floating around online forums that the York Meet was being opened up to the public. Chris is a member of the TCA Executive Committee and responded that TCA Committee looked into the request by some of the manufacturers. He stated that the matter will be reviewed in June when Eastern Division reports to the full Board of Directors but offered this opinion and his view. York is a Division Meet, just as our Arizona Train Show is a Division Meet. Through many years of hard work the show has become a toy train icon among collectors. As it grew from its simple beginnings manufacturers wanted to be part of that experience and share their product with TCA members.

He continued that Desert Division no longer uses an east valley venue for our show after repeated broken promises from the city tax office and "visits" by

the tax people during our meets. This is our show and we have decided to take our meet elsewhere so our members will not be harassed by tax officials while selling their collections. Imagine if TCA National came in and said to us that we had to meet in this facility and deal with the tax people regardless of what our members wanted. That in essence is the problem facing Eastern Division and opening up the show to the public.

Quite frankly it stinks from a purely business venture as well. Eastern Division made the little town of York a Mecca for train collectors. If I was going to do a public show, I would not pick York, Pennsylvania. Billings, Montana, Fargo, North Dakota, even Broken Arrow, Oklahoma are bigger cities. I would go for a large metropolitan city with a single large facility, not a county fairground with buildings scattered all about. That's just good business logic and how successful public shows are run.

Angelo Lautazi took over for the eBay "How To" clinic and explained the simple process of selling on this auction platform. Angelo stressed the need for good photographs, item descriptions, packaging and mailing supplies some of which are provided free from the Post Office. Angelo noted that -before- you sit down at the computer you should have everything ready to go including the weight of the package so you know how much to set for your shipping cost. As the presentation continued Dan Palaschak, John Upshur and Paul Wassermann also contributed insights and suggestions that worked well for them such as free shipping or starting an auction at a low price. Angelo also reminded everyone that there are numerous online tutorials on eBay and YouTube that offer a wide variety of advice and knowledge. He suggests you start slow and before you know it you will be listing your items effortlessly.

With the pizzas getting cold the raffle was held and in no particular order the winners were Jack Eaton Hudson raffle ticket, Art Triant Lionel Pennsy Bunk Car, Chet Henry Lionel Southern Boxcar, Bill Richardson Weaver Hopper Car, Scott Russell Lionel Standard of World Book, Bill Lazenby Train Book/Tank Car, Bill Gonyea die-cast Fire Engine, Beth Stange Coca-Cola die-cast truck. Bill Harris was happy he was at the meet since he was the May Hudson \$100 winner.

In Memoriam

As we were going to press we learned the passing of Division member Tony Saulina. Tony was a friend to many in the Phoenix area and worked hard to get the trailer module project up and running. At this time we have not received any additional information but will pass along anything received through the Division eBlast notifications system.



Even with an afternoon of train auction ahead the May table sales were in full swing



Auction Chairman Chet Henry logging in the lots for an afternoon of auction excitement



Sales tables quickly got cleaned up as they served double duty for the Pizza lunch



Looks like Art Triant can't figure out what slice he would like to add while Bob Herman just wants him to move out of the way



Another group chewing that fat or should we say crust?



Bill Harris was a double winner, free lunch and the Hudson Hundred

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – May 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM at the home of Terry and Adrienne Haas

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Terry Haas, on teleconference Greg Palmer and David Nycz

Approval of Agenda -The agenda was approved as distributed

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes – The previous meeting’s minutes were approved as distributed.

Membership Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 241 members. Chris had a membership renewal that he picked up from a member at the York Meet. We have contacted TCA members who are current with Division dues but have had National dues lapse. We will continue to monitor the drop list.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account has \$27,800.89 and Checking has \$34,709.71. Bob submitted the Income/Expense report for Apr. 2016.

Old Business:

Fall Toy Train Meet 2016 – There is no commitment to a location yet. Fred Hunter has been in negotiations with one site but the Board believes that other options should be investigated. There are still three sites left to contact for availability and cost. Fred will be travelling the next month so Chris will contact two sites in the Mesa/East Valley and Bob will contact a site in Scottsdale. They will report back to the Board next month.

Rio Grande Fundraising Cars - Sales of the Los Alamos Mint car are at 311 units. Sales of the C&T car are at 238. Sales at the recent York Meet were disappointing. Although the mint car was well received it was from people who had already pre-purchased the car and were excited to see the prototype in person and working. We will continue to emphasize the C&T car since the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad opens for the summer tourist season Memorial Day weekend.

Pizza Meetza – The Pizza Meet and Spring Member Auction will be held this Saturday. Beth has ordered the pizzas and they should arrive around 11am. Chris will bring the supplies and paper goods from the picnic so no other supplies will be need to be purchased.

Newsletter – With the recent membership drop there were only 150 members getting the hard copy newsletter. The Post Office requires a minimum of 200 mailing to get our non-profit low cost mailing option so Chris increased his count by selecting TCA members in the New Mexico and Phoenix metro areas that paid TCA National dues but were not Desert Division members.

New Business

Christmas Holiday Party – Fred has ordered the Lenox ornaments for spouse’s gift. There was some discussion on what would be an appropriate member’s gift. The Board decided to keep individual member’s gifts but to upgrade this year’s offering.

Storage Unit – The club has numerous auction consignments and the storage unit is full. At present the trailer is stored off site to make room for the consignments. We have received information that the adjacent storage unit will become available in June. The Board voted to rent the adjacent unit to store future auction items.

eBay demo – Angelo will give the eBay presentation at the Saturday Meet. This will be in lieu of the education segment and before the pizzas arrive.

June meet – Chris cannot attend the June Meet because of a family commitment out of state. Vice President Mike Dietrich will preside.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. There is no location selected for the June BOD June 8th meeting. Angelo and Mike volunteered and Angelo’s home was selected because it is a bit closer for the Mesa contingent.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

Presidents Message

I have a shorter than normal message this month so I could squeeze in the article from the National Toy Train Library about the American Flyer S Gauge Game Train. Quite an interesting piece so if you had one for your kids or played with one yourself please contact Jan Athey, the TCA Librarian, and relate your story. The only way we can preserve the history of toy trains is if it gets recorded and the NTTL is world renowned for factual information and a repository for this type of information.

I will miss the June Division meeting because of a family commitment in California and Vice President Mike Dietrich will run the Meet. I will be attending the TCA National Convention in Houston at the end of the month. If you haven't made your reservations for the convention there is still time to do so. It looks like it will be quite a full week of trips and some great layout tours as well. While my attendance limits the amount of tours I can go on because of several days of meetings, I always connect with long time friends and to me that is an aspect of our hobby that I enjoy as much as finding

that certain piece for my collection. The friendships made and nurtured every time we meet, the catching up on family news, and often all the new directions everyone seems to be going.

My recent limited expansion into Standard Gauge has opened up a whole new world of information and friends that I now share a new common interest with. For sure, my Standard Gauge train purchases are items that I plan to run and not become shelf queens, but it is still a new area of the hobby that I am enjoying at the moment. I want to keep that part of running trains for the public alive. There is something magical about old tin rattling around a loop of track.

Following my Houston trip I will be back home for the rest of the summer. With both the GCMR Summer Cactus Meet and my long time favorite Beat The Heat Meet I will have more than enough train activity to keep me busy. If I don't see you at the July mini meet, I hope to catch you at one of the summer shows.

I Had One of Those...

By Jan Athey TCA Librarian

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In this new series of articles, "I Had One of Those..." members are invited to respond with information on items shown from the collection of the National Toy Train Library. We are interested in learning about memories and impressions as well as about any additional factual information you might share. Interesting responses will be published, with the author's permission, in the "Library News," or in *E-train*. Please send responses to librarian, Jan Athey, at ref-library@traincollectors.org or National Toy Train Library, PO Box 248, Strasburg, PA 17579.



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TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

Highlights from the 2016 Albuquerque Rail Fair
TTOS New Mexico Division layout
Great Job and a fabulous looking layout!



Platform Drop Lights

By Charlie Easton

Editor's Note: I saw Charlie's post on the internet and thought it was quite a clever use of materials. I asked him if I could reprint his work for our newsletter which he graciously agreed to. All photos and text are courtesy of the author.

I needed some lights that hang down for my subway platform. I'll need probably a dozen by the time I'm done. Not being able to find what I wanted, I set to work coming up with items I could scratch build into these lights.

The first picture, step 1, shows what I bought for the lamp shade. It is a pull cord for a closet light, Jandorf part #60360. In quantity, these cost me about a buck including freight. As you can see, I cut the brass end off. The rest can go in the trash.



Step 1

Step 2 involves getting out some grain of wheat bulbs and then drilling out the very top of the "bell". This hole needs to be sized so the black piece next to the bulb protrudes through the bell. In my case, that was a 3/32nds drill. To prevent damage to the bell while drilling, I drilled a 5/16ths hole about 1/4" deep in a scrap piece of 2 x 4. I inserted the brass piece in this upside-down. This helped keep the thin brass from deforming as I drilled out the hole. Drill on a fairly high speed with very little pressure. Let the drill do the work. I lightly held the bell with needle-nosed pliers. Just be careful.



Step 2

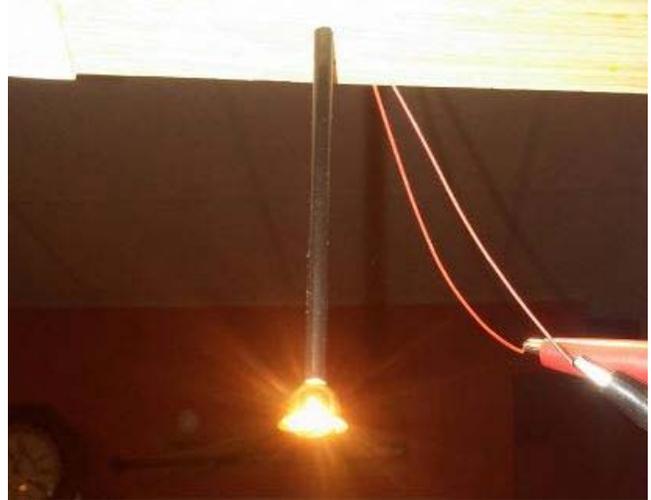
The next step 3 is to add the down rod that holds the light. For this, I used drink straws. Lucky for me, I got to go to the corner bar for a Scotch on the rocks twelve times so I would have enough drink straws to complete this project! You may come up with another tube to use, but this fits snugly over the black connection piece on the bulb. The amount of drop you get will depend on what you need; only limited by the length of the hookup wires on your bulb and the length of the straw. I am going to need about 4 inches of drop; less than half a straw.



Step 3

The final step is inserting the straw through some sort of mounting board. I am going to use 1/4" lath boards that are 1 1/2" wide. I plan to fasten a copper buss (courtesy of a length of 12 or 14 gauge wire) down both sides and solder the hookup wires to that. The straw will go through a hole drilled in the center of the lath. A drop of super glue should be plenty to hold it in place. What you use may depend on how easily the visitor can see the ceiling. In my case, it's going to be well concealed.

So there you have it. Very quick, easy and inexpensive drop lights ready for any platform or industrial work area.



Step 4

WILLIAMS TRAIN DAY

By Peter Atonna TCA 75-7578

This year's Williams Train Day is almost upon us, it is Saturday June 18th, on Father's Day weekend. Hints to your spouse are allowed that a weekend in Williams might be a great way to celebrate the day. Think of doing Saturday at Train Day at the Grand Canyon Railway's Williams depot and then a trip to the Canyon on Sunday - by rail of course.

This year's event features two steam locos, #4960 will be pulling the Cataract Creek Express for an hour long excursion while steamer #29 will be on display with the other railway equipment. Riders on the Cataract Creek Express can also buy a \$5 ticket for a conducted tour of the GCR's locomotive shop. In addition to GCR equipment, BNSF will be sending a locomotive. The

Winslow Harvey Girls will be back with displays of Harvey House china and other items and love telling stories of the glory days of the Harvey chain. They will be taking over the Max Bigert observation car.

Both antique and classic autos will be on display as well as antique tractors. And for model train folks, the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders will be there with their layout trailer and the Polar Room will be filled with N, HO and O gauge layouts manned by our Prescott area folks.

We will be hooked up and ready to go by 9am and the activities will be running till 5pm. Hope you can make it.

BEAT THE HEAT HOTEL SUGGESTIONS FROM PETER ATONNA

If you would like to stay at a nearby hotel in Prescott Valley there are:

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- + Hassayampa Inn - 122 E. Gurley (928) 778-9434
- + Marriott SpringHill Suites - Depot Square, Sheldon Street and Cortez (928) 776-0998.

IT'S BEAT THE HEAT TIME!

By Peter Atonna TCA 75-7578

From all reports, last year's new venue for the Beat the Heat swap meet proved a winner. The folks at the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club have heard nothing but good reports from last year's meet. The new hall is at grade level (no ramps or steps!), it is air conditioned and has great loading and unloading areas. In case you were not able to make last year's show, the new location is at the Liberty Traditional Elementary School in Prescott Valley. It is easily assessable off SR 69. We will publish a map to the school in the July issue of the Main Line.

Sales tables are already sold out, so you will have a great selection of trains. Admission is \$5 with kids under 12 free with an adult. The show starts at 9am and runs to 1pm. If you have a sales table, the dealer setup is 7 - 9am. If you have questions, call Dick Gage at 802-272-1352 or email to: vttoaz@cableone.net. The CAMRC fellows will try to make sure your experience at the meet is a great one.

Don't forget, the meet is a great excuse to spend a weekend in the Prescott areas. Here are some of the weekend's activities around the Prescott area.

Shopping - Downtown Prescott has one of the finest antique and arts districts in the state. The district lines Cortez and Marina Streets.

Museums - Next to the old Activity Center is the Smoki Museum, while downtown is Sharlott Hall Museum and just north of town is the Phippen Art Museum

Train Rides - Both the Grand Canyon Railway and the Verde Canyon Railroad are less than two hours from Prescott for a great Sunday activity.

Outdoor activities - The Prescott area is a jumping off point for camping and fishing in the Bradshaw Mountains, bike riding on many of the area highways and hiking in Thumb Butte, Granite Mountain or the Peavine Rails to Trails. Lynx and Watson Lakes are great picnic locations.

Mortimer's Farm - Mortimer Nursery Farms located at the intersection of SR69 and SR169, will have a crop of corn and other goodies ready for you.

Open Houses - The Prescott area is home to a number of home layouts and we are happy to share some of the best with our visitors. For this year, we have seven CAMRC members who have generously opened their layouts and collections for your enjoyment. Time for visiting starts at 2pm, after the meet. There will be maps available at the meet registration table. Be sure to pick one up on your way in.

Marlin Benson - Three rooms filled with O gauge trains and displays. His high rail layout occupies two rooms. A Large Scale loop lines the walls and a Christmas themed layout are included in one train room.

Scott Hicks - A garden layout in the large back yard of this historic Victorian era home in downtown Prescott. A high rail layout is also located in his back yard guest house.

Richie Scanapico - An outdoor Large Scale layout surrounding two sides of his house with trains running in a setting with spectacular views. In addition there is a display of large scale military trains in his garage.

Anthony Piscitelli - A new HO gauge layout with an Arizona copper mining theme. The layout is operational and scenery begun.

Paul Janowski: Layout featuring Lionel and American Flyer trains with eight operating simultaneously

Pete Hartman - An around the wall layout with O Scale and G gauge trains running in a unique scenic setting.

Peter Atonna - A large high rail layout in the process of rebuilding to an urban theme. Trains are running and scenery is well underway.

We hope you plan to spend the weekend enjoying all that the Prescott area has to offer. If not the short drive up from the Valley will allow you a few hours to "Beat The Heat".



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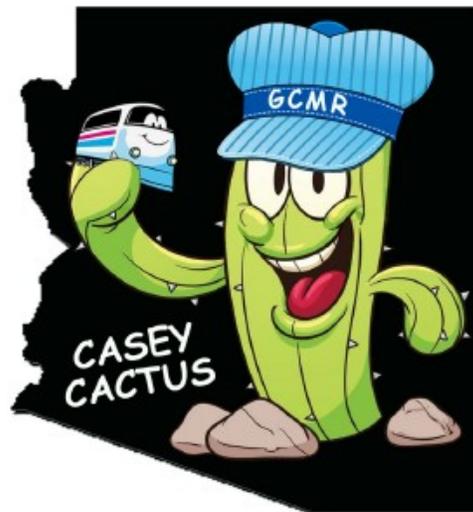
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