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PIZZA TIME IN THE DIVISION

What came first the pizza or the picnic? No, I'm not talking about this year; I'm talking about in Division History. Actually it was the open house that started the pizza party that started the picnic. In 1995 Desert Division hosted its first pizza party in lieu of Ray Korte's Open House. Many of you are aware of that connection and we had so much fun that we repeated the pizza party auction again in 1996. With Ray's passing the two clubs that he was so deeply involved in hosted a picnic in 1997 in his honor. The picnic was held in Chaparral Park and following the picnic we returned to the Scottsdale Jaycees Hall and held the afternoon auction. Starting in 1998 the TTOS and TCA Division's began hosting the spring picnic. It has grown and expanded to include seven different model, scale, and collecting train clubs this past year. 1998 also became the first time that the pizza party was called the Pizza Meetza in print. With the skipped year in 1997, this is the 21st Annual Pizza Meetza. We hope you join us in May for free pizza.

The April Meet was full of surprises and we are not foolin'. Just a few days before the Meet, the Division BOD decided to try and bring the trailer into Burns Hall, our normal meeting room. It was a tight fit

but it made it and we were running trains on two of the main lines within 30 minutes. This allowed Division members who arrived early and who stayed after the meet to watch the setup and tear down and also the current status of the trailer. While one group was setting up the trailer another group was busy getting the rosters ready for distribution at the meeting and yet still more volunteers were getting the coffee club setup.

The meeting started promptly at 10:00 with about 35 members in attendance. President Allen announced that he knew that many members were already on their way to the Eastern Division York Meet and that he and Laurel were set to join them on Tuesday.

Secretary Angelo Lautazi announced that he had rosters ready for anyone who wished to take one home from the meet, the rest he explained would be mailed out to the membership shortly. (Editors note; you should have received one by now so contact Angelo by email or the website if you did not receive one.) He also announced that with the decline in membership renewals, paid Division membership now stands at 237 members.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14 - **Division Meet & WORLD FAMOUS PIZZA MEETZA!** 8:30 AM member only swap

10:00 AM Business Meeting, 11:00 – 12:00 LUNCH & ALL THE FREE PIZZA YOU CAN EAT

12:00 – 12:30 PM Auction Preview - 12:30 PM Auction Begins! - Phoenix, AZ

May 21 – WVRHRS Train Swap Meet 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Glendale, AZ

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?

Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account had a balance of \$27800.67 and the checking account was currently at \$34405.04. As always, a portion of this money is the prepaid orders we have received for the Los Alamos Mint Car fund raising efforts. Sales at the time of the meeting had already reached 277 units.

Under Old Business President Allen reported on the very successful Spring Picnic that was just held the week earlier. If you attended the picnic and it seemed like it was a good turnout, you are correct! In fact it was one of the largest turnouts recently partly due to the efforts of member Dallas Dixon working his magic to invite all of the clubs in the model railroad building and the live steamers at the park, Marty Wik inviting the Valley of the Sun S Gaugers, and of course the very energetic Cactus Brick Arizona LEGO User Group. We did a head count and had 93 folks present when all of a sudden the Scottsdale Model Railroad Club concluded their operating session and joined us for lunch. That certainly put us over a hundred members, guests, and family, and included eight clubs that operate in the park or are affiliated with Desert Division, the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders or the Paradise and Pacific. Dallas mentioned that because of the goodwill extended to them, the Scottsdale Model Railroad Club has offered any member of the Division an opportunity to participate in running sessions on their HO layout at the park. Of course if you would like to run O scale, Dallas says come on over and the P&P will be glad to give you some track time as well.

Chris went on to discuss the open house at Herb Andreen's layout. That event was well attended and Herb and Becky were gracious to extend the open house a bit because of ADOT's decision to close the southbound freeway between the picnic site and Herb's house. Undaunted by the traffic delay, guests arrived on a regular basis to see the magnificent layout that has been under construction for several years. After talking with Herb we learned the answer to that age old question, "Is a layout ever completed?" of which Herb quickly answered no, and began outlining what was next on the construction timeline. Everyone was reminded that Dave Brown would hold an after meet clinic on LED lighting, many of which were on display on Herb's layout.

Under New Business everyone was reminded that the May meeting was the annual Pizza Meetza. We have already sold over forty lots so there is still room for another sixty or so. Chet Henry will be on hand early to take your items at \$5 a lot and Peter Atonna will

again be our featured auctioneer. This is a great place to sell those hard to move items or to clear out some space under your layout of the items you have long ago stopped using. Remember that old auction adage, if you don't want rusty track, neither does anyone else. As auctions go this one can be very interesting and free pizza for lunch while you look at the items being offered in the afternoon isn't a bad way to start your weekend.

President Allen thanked Barbara Lautazi for bringing in the donuts and helping setup the coffee club since he brought in the clubs modular trailer. A work party was held on the trailer earlier in the week and a modification to the legs appeared to have fixed a few problems so the wiring team will work on the trailer next and begin mounting some of the operating accessories and cleanup the rats nest inside the transformer area. The trailer will be set for fall appearances throughout the valley.

The Educational segment featured Barbara Turner who brought in several Dunkin' Donut railroad cars and trucks. Barbara likes to collect items that are related to companies formed or based in the New England area. She mentioned that Starbucks and other franchised shops have a very hard time making inroads into the area because of this loyalty to homegrown companies and products.

Chris Allen had the 1990 Pride Lines Disney handcar and mentioned that political correctness even hit TCA since the original concept featured the Confederate Battle Flag on the promotional material at the time. The product was licensed by Disney that had already began pulling production of many of its movies like "Song of the South" from distribution channels and was not approved. The car was produced with the American flag on both sides of the handcar that features Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. Chris also had the entire Lionel 9200 series of boxcars produced from 1970 to 1973. There is a lot of documentation available from both Greenberg Books and McComas publications about this most unusual series of boxcars. See the article elsewhere in this edition for more information.

Raffle winners in no particular order; Chet Henry Hudson ticket, Jack Eaton Lionel Duluth Boxcar, Ralph Treichel Lionel LRRRC Tank Car, Terry Haas Lionel Milwaukee Road Stock Car, Angelo Lautazi American Flyer caboose, Glenn Gordon Train Puzzle, Beth Stange Musical Christmas Tree, Bill Lazenby Plexiglass display case. Chris Allen was very happy his wife Laurel joined him for the meet until his name was called as the winner of the Hudson \$100 raffle prize drawing. Let's just say the Franklin never made it to his pocket. Happy wife, happy life, or so they say...



While one group works on the trailer the other is working on getting your rosters ready to mail



With a light meet attendance more chatting than selling was the order of the day



Dave Brown giving Chris Allen some much needed wiring advice. The Williams GG1 set was donated to the Division by member Ray Pomper



Barbara Turner during the educational segment talked about her collection of New England companies making it to rail cars, in this case Dunkin Donuts



Dave Brown had the after Meet Clinic on using LED lighting for your layout. A lot of good information was passed on even after the clinic



Seems the Hudson Hundred never quite made it to the winners pocket last month.

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – April 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM at the home of Angelo and Barbara Lautazi

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Terry Haas and Dr. Paul Wassermann. 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 237 members. At the end of March 20 members decided not to renew their Division and/or TCA national dues.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account has \$27,800.67 and Checking has \$34405.04. Bob submitted the Income/Expense report for March 2016.

Old Business:

BOD Annual Dinner - The no host annual BOD dinner was held at Side Door Restaurant in Scottsdale. Reports from those that attended the event reported excellent service and great food. Everyone agreed that is the venue and Sunday evening March 13 is the date. Paul reported that we have secured our minimum reservation requirement for the no host event.

Rio Grande Fundraising Cars - Sales of the Los Alamos Mint car are at 277 units. Promotional flyers and the Los Alamos prototype will be on display at the York Meet and the Open House at the National Toy train Museum. Chris relayed a conversation he had with Peter Atonna and after discussing the situation it was decided that action on the third fund raising car will be delayed a few months.

Spring Picnic – Attendance at the picnic was about 100 members from eight different clubs. We had a good turnout of familiar faces from the Division and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Cost of the picnic was about \$450

Trailer – the recent work party adjusted the leg heights and this appears to have corrected the table's unevenness. Chris is planning to bring the trailer to Saturday's meet to test if it will fit through a true double door as designed.

New Business

Fall Toy Train Meet 2016 – After much discussion it was decided that we will try to have a train show on Saturday December 10th. A firm date was needed for Fred Hunter to determine availability of a potential location.

Pizza Meetza – The Pizza Meet and Spring Member Auction will be held at the May 14th meet. Chet has over 40 lots already consigned and Angelo will have these lots on a computer for the auction. Beth will order the pizzas

Membership – National will be sending monthly updated membership master lists. Drop lists will be sent quarterly. The Board discussed the criteria for issuing Life memberships. After reviewing the Division Bylaws it was decided that no change was needed and Life Membership will remain at the discretion of the Board.

TCA National Convention – Chris reported on an email he received soliciting donations for the 2016 Banquet. After review of the items in our inventory there was nothing of value that would be of Banquet quality. Chris has a new TCA 40th Anniversary set he was planning to run on the module trailer and will donate that set.

Tables – The Division will purchase three folding 6' tables for use in future auctions or where needed at other Division functions. The tables will be marked and stored with other auction items in the storage locker.

Rocky Mtn. Division donation – RMD is looking for donations for their Trailer project. After discussing this issue and the relationship between RMD and the Rio Grande Chapter the Board agreed to donate \$100 for this project.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on May 10, 2016 at the home of Terry Haas.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

President's Message

Those of you who know me know that I'm a pretty easy going guy most of the time. I'll stand my ground if put to the test, but I enjoy a good laugh over drama anytime.

A few months back, Division member Scott Russell approached me with an idea for the annual April edition of the DISPATCH. For those of you who might remember, Scott also authored an earlier April Fool's article about being at York, seeing a lot of trains but no swap tables or TCA members. It wasn't until the end of the article you discovered that Scott had visited the National Railway Museum in York, England

Scott's idea, about a proposed merger between several train clubs, played on an interesting theme that without thinking too hard about all the legal and tax messes such a merger would involve would make a lot of sense to those of us who simply play with or collect model trains. I mean, why not have just one club instead of so many? Makes sense, doesn't it?

Scott is an educator by trade, and he writes his articles in such a fashion that it sounded credible and that indeed, this multi-club merger was in the bag. Well it didn't take long after the article was printed and available of the internet for my phone to start ringing and my inbox began to fill of members wanting to know more information. Up and down the line, from members of the clubs involved, Directors and even Officers, everyone wanted to know more or who these sources were since there had been nothing discussed at any meeting they knew of.

It kind of takes the fun away from an April Fools article if we need to put a disclaimer on it and this is not the first time a spoof that was meant to be kept local went beyond our borders. Many of you might recall the vast warehouse of Lionel Libby sets that were found in 2002 or maybe the six dome tank car? Yes, over the years the April issue has had an ad or an article that has gotten at least a few nibbles from both within our membership and outside. If you fell for the article, even for just a bit, you were not alone.

I recently returned from York and while I was there to do a little promoting of the Rio Grande Chapter fundraising car I also attend numerous meetings as well.

I have been elected one of three Division Presidents to represent all of the Divisions on the TCA Executive Committee between regular Board of Director meetings. Minutes from these meetings are published in the bi-monthly National Headquarter News. During our meeting at York I learned that the financial situation for TCA overall has been much improved. While there is still work ahead, the new committees that have been in place since our last June meeting are hard at work keeping the budget balanced by keeping a control of expenses and working to improve income by implementing alternate revenue streams from sources outside of member dues.

We also had a small table at the National Toy Train Museum promoting both the fundraising car and the 2019 convention in Albuquerque. If you follow us on facebook you saw many of the pictures that we posted from that great Open House.

Wow, have the volunteers done a wonderful job replacing exhibits for the new year and bringing a fresh new look to many areas of the museum. There is even construction underway for a new LEGO layout. If you want to see the latest look or just follow the manufacturer's newest offerings consider subscribing or just pop on over the TCA Netvision channel on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/user/TCANetvision> This channel is updated with the most recent presentations held at the NTTM and if you can't attend in person it is great way to keep in touch with what the manufacturers present twice a year.

Both TCA and the Division have worked hard to make these and other resources available for you. You don't have to make the trip to York to experience some of the events that go on there. Follow us on facebook and visit TCA National websites for the latest information. Outside of smelling rusty boxes of track it's the next best thing to being there.



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL PICTURES (and a few from York)



David Ncyz had a wide variety of wild natural bushes and branches that were trimmed and clear coated so they could be used on a layout as trees.



Greg Palmer talked about the nefarious Hermann Goehring and his train collection some of which was built by the Marklin employees at that time



Art Lites showcasing is Lionel 3666 Minute Man Boxcar and 6650 Rocket Launcher



Drive-In Movies were a common site on corner modules at York. This one belonged to the North Penn S Gauge Club



The Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Group had this nice Power Plant and coal dump operation



They also had a nice period passenger station complete with troop train and military vehicles



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By David Nycz – TCA 94-38787



The April Rio Grande Chapter meeting was held on April 16, 2016 at Los Altos Christian Church with 18 TCA members attending.

The meeting began with the Chapter's annual swap meet. Numerous members brought tables and offered trains and accessories for sale. We had one TCA member from Pittsburg who dropped in to look at the sale items.

Show and Tell: David Nycz displayed several tree type bushes that Frank Dean had sprayed with a clear coat, these can be used for scenery. David also had the European Auction Catalog we all received recently and two highly detailed Atlas O reefer cars. These were passed around in their boxes to show the fine details. Greg Palmer talked about toy train history and famous people who collected trains. He passed around printed copies with pictures including information about Hermann Goehring and his extensive train collection. There were layouts in his attic and basement, some of which were constructed by Marklin employees. Greg also brought two Marklin engines, one wind-up and one electric to display. Finally, he had two Marx/Strauss litho toy climbing monkeys named Zippo of which eight million were sold. Greg explained this was the entry level toy that Marx used to get into the toy industry. Art Lites brought in a Lionel #3666 Minute Man Box Car with cannon. This car was only made in 1964 and is quite rare. Art also had a Cal-Stewart Missile Car in white and a #6650 Rocket Car.

President's report: David Nycz reported that the Desert Division has \$27,800.00 in savings and \$34,450.00 in checking including car sales. David reported that there are now 237 Desert Division members. 39 members live in New Mexico, 110 live in the Phoenix metro area, 57 others live in Arizona, and 31 live outside of the Division's boundaries.

Treasurer's Report: Don Kuster did not attend; he has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Esophageal Cancer and is resigning as Treasurer. David called for a volunteer to fill the position until the next election. (Editors note; David Nycz reports that Everett Hagan will fill the Treasurer's spot for the remainder of the term)

Board Members Report: Art Lites reported on the possible use of the Domingo Baca Multigenerational

Center for a display meeting (no sales). Greg Palmer reported on recruitment of TCA members who live in New Mexico but are not Chapter members.

Old Business: Cumbres and Toltec Cars sales are at 230, and latest figures put the Los Alamos Mint Car with 282 sold. David Nycz reported on additional hidden cost and hassles related to renting the Balloon Pilots Pavilion, we had considered renting. The NMRA signed their \$1,200 rental contract and were later informed of additional costs of \$310 for a permit and \$221 permit application fee. Additionally the fire department must approve the floor plan and will inspect the actual show before it opens. All sellers will need a \$35 temporary tax permit and pay sales taxes.

2016 Pumpkin Meet – The Chapter will begin distributing flyers in August. As always raffle prizes are needed.

New Business: Jim Trever donated a remote controlled Lionel Area 51 train set to be used for our fundraising raffle. The New Mexico Rail Fair is May 21st a volunteer sheet was passed around for our sales table. The Chapter needs three new signs; for the raffle, Pumpkin Meet, and join the TCA (any volunteers).

Remaining 2016 Chapter Meeting Dates:

September 17 - 10:00 AM, Los Altos Church,
October 30, 2016 – Pumpkin Meet (10am – 4pm)
Sheraton Hotel

The after meet activity was at Ken Miles' house. Ken has an 1800 square foot basement which features two O gauge layouts, one patterned after a post war Lionel store display only larger. One large Hi-rail layout under construction with long running scale trains. The basement also has a large number of shelves with both Post War and Modern trains. Finally there is an 1100 square foot sunroom filled with G gauge trains. The two main loops are 110 feet long.

Upcoming Activities in our area:

- May 21st NM Railroad Fair – School Arts Bldg NM State Fair Grounds.
- August 20th Socorro Train Show
- Sept. 24th TTOS Meet & 2926 Open House
- November – Santa Fe MRR Club Open Houses
- Nov. 18&19 Rails Along the Rio Grande

WHAT MAKES A COLLECTIBLE?

Chris Allen TCA 95-40580

There was a time, not very long ago, that if you could find a mint in the box train car or locomotive that was forty plus years old you had a potential gold mine on your hands. Maybe you remember those days. Let's say back in the 90's you came across a nice postwar 1950's set or even a few boxcars that were never run and still mint in the box I'm sure you would have opened your wallet and bought them without a second thought. So tell me, what has changed in the last two decades? I really don't know, maybe perception, maybe nothing at all. Is the age of an item really just a number or is there more to collecting "old" stuff?

There is a big difference between collecting and collectability which really has very little to do with age, rarity, or even value. Growing up I had many "collections". Some were bottle caps, shells, or stones others were baseball cards, coins, even stamps that my family and friends would cut from envelopes for me to save. Either in shoeboxes under my bed or tucked away in some album on my shelf I had a wide variety of stuff I collected and cherished.

So what does this have to do with our hobby? One thing I noticed when playing with my grandchildren is that they still have that same curiosity that I and many of us still possess. Watching my granddaughter intently studying a book I asked her what she was doing and she said she was trying to find the differences in two pictures. My heart leaped, a new variations collector! Well, not really.

As we sat and worked several of the puzzles together I told her that I enjoyed doing the same and reached into my pocket for some loose change I had. I asked her what it was and she quickly totaled up the coins and told me how much I had. I told her great but what else could she see, how did she figure out how much was there? She thought for a second and then started grouping the change into Pennies, Nickels, Dimes and Quarters. I think you can get the idea of where things went from there. We soon separated the Pennies into condition from shiny to dull and even looked at the differences on the backs of the Quarters. The Quarters really caught her eye and she soon

realized that there must be at least fifty different state quarters. The search was on!

Over the following weeks and months she slowly began filling in her new coin album with the state Quarters. We've discussed condition, age, value all within the context of something she enjoys.

Great story, but I repeat, what does that have to do with our hobby? Well, I told you that story so I could tell you this one, my MPC epiphany.

The MPC era as we know it began in 1970, and is rapidly approaching its 50th anniversary. The first generation or transition cars are now 46 years old and many can still be found mint in the box and a few are quite rare and truly valuable.



Four identical cars? There is a reported twelve variations that can be found in the three year run of the Illinois Central 9200. All four of these are different.

The 9200 series of boxcars has been well documented both in Greenberg and McComas reference books by various authors. Some of this information is also available online. The intent of this article is not to rehash all of their research but rather to point out how quickly and quite inexpensively you could put together a modest collection of these cars for a visually attractive display and one whose series of cars offer inexpensive variations for collectors of all ages to be engaged in.

My MPC breakthrough came last fall after attending numerous shows and meets. While walking the halls I came to realize how many MPC era cars were offered in sharp and crisp boxes when those of just a decade earlier are most often found tattered and flapless. I had a basic understanding of MPC era cars

and manufacturer challenges because I collect, research and investigate TCA Convention and Banquet Cars, almost all of which have taken place in the MPC or Modern era.

I began to ask questions of the various sellers who offered these cars at inexpensive (\$10 - \$25) prices why they were so cheap. After the, "How many do you want to buy?" question usually the responses boiled down to "Nobody really wants them." Sometimes that comment was followed or prefaced with a "they are just cheap low end cars." Really, is it because the box they are shipped in is not orange and blue, but rather that common MPC/Fundimensions box? Is branding THAT important to Lionel collectors? The perception that the product in the box was in some way less desirable simply because it was packaged differently that the virtually same product manufactured just a few years earlier. I have a new appreciation when I go grocery shopping and see "same size, same taste, new look" on the labels of products I buy.

I began to research the MPC boxcar era and soon discovered that certain early 9200 series boxcars used the exact same mold as the postwar 6464 series had. The difference, one was made in New Jersey and came in an orange Hillside box while the other was made in Michigan and came in a red, white and blue early MPC box. In fact arguably, one of the rarest of Lionel cars ever documented and produced by them is the orange MPC 9202 Santa Fe Boxcar. The story is widely documented but often lost to the next generation of collectors so I will briefly repeat it here.

In 1970 Lionel began their first run of boxcars from Mount Clemens. When an injection molding machine is first setup for production it is common practice to test how the machine is going to produce the shells checking for "flash" marks and so on. When it was first put into use, the machine had orange plastic left in it from the Hillside, New Jersey move and about 130 orange shells were made prior to the red plastic pellets used for the 9202 were fed into the machine for the regular production run.

The manager of Manufacturing at the time was a gentleman by the name of Lee Jones. He recalled that Lionel had made special production runs in the past and felt that the first production run of boxcars in Mount Clemens was just such a special occasion. Of the 130

shells that were produced 67 were distributed to Lionel employees thanking them for making the move to Michigan and restarting the Lionel company. This simple orange MPC boxcar is among the rarest ever produced by Lionel, regardless of era. Imagine that, an MPC boxcar is now among the most sought after freight cars Lionel has ever produced.

And so my journey began, not for the rare 9202 but rather assembling a series of cars made in the MPC era just like many of my friends had sought and collected the postwar 6464 series. I will say mine was much easier to acquire and quite inexpensive.

The 9200 line marks an interesting transition for Lionel in our minds as hobbyist's and collectors. It was the start of a new era, a new location and a new marketing approach for the company. The 9200 series was only made for three short years and consists of only fifteen different numbers. With an average price of \$20 per car the entire collection of one car per number can be purchased for \$300 and these are all, mint in the box, never run 45+ year old cars. I needed to purchase only two cars from eBay, and that was mainly due to my impatience rather than scarcity to get all fifteen cars in about a two month period. Along the way I've learned the story of other variations in the series and have expanded my simple collection to include a few of those as well. They are just as inexpensive and readily available as the other cars in the series.

Remember my granddaughter at the start of the article? I recently put four 9200 Illinois Central boxcars in front of her and asked her to tell me the differences she saw. I just might make a variations collector out of her yet...



Same car? Well besides the difference in the trucks the IC logo is also noticeably different

PICNIC PICTURES AND HERB ANDREEN OPEN HOUSE



Our chefs for the day was returning grill master Angelo Lautazi and our newest sous chef Mike Dietrich



The line formed quickly once the lunch bell rang. Beside the chefs several members wives helped get things setup as well.



A little organization goes a long way to make for faster service. Thanks to all who pitched in and made the day enjoyable for all



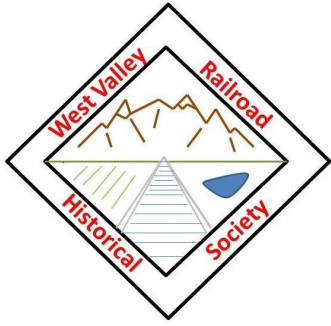
Our hosts for the after picnic open house was Herb and Beck Andreen. We last visited Herb's layout when all that was completed was the benchwork



The train room has grown since we last saw it three years ago. This is a view from the Chicago side complete with the "L" and subway



The layout is basically a folded dogbone with several mainlines. One side features Chicago. The other Los Angeles, or a trip down Route 66



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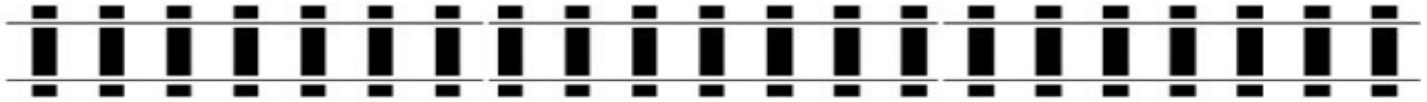
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More pictures from Herb Andreen's Open House and Layout tour



Nice view of the Chicago side. If you look close enough you can see the "L", the METRA commuter at the station, and the subway



Here is something you don't see every day, a pretty good impression of Phoenix International Raceway



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