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RAMPING UP FOR THE SEASON

Editor's note: Last month we tried changing the font to make the newsletter easier for everyone to read but had a little difficulty when we converted the print version into the online electronic version. This month we try a different font that should also make it easier for everyone to read. I'd appreciate your comments pro and con about this newest change.

With everyone looking around for the missing President a call was made to TCADD1 to see when it would touchdown at the October Meet. The message was received that the President was out playing trains at RailFair 2016 and would be landing shortly.

Sure enough, rolling in with a big smile and dirty hands, Chris explained that he had lost track (pun intended) of the time getting the trailer setup and running. He reported on some of the problems that had to be overcome after dropping off the trailer the night before. Luckily Bill Lazenby and Dave Brown were nearby Saturday morning and helped get the trailer "wings" down and leveled. Soon Rolland LaHaie and Larry Teresi arrived and the trailer began to resemble a running layout. Buildings were placed, track secured, and before long we were all set to run

trains. But that was when the biggest gremlin showed up. With everything ready to roll the switch was thrown only to discover we had no power at the module. Cords checked and rechecked, circuit breakers, GFI's, you name it, it was checked more than once. The call went out to get an electrician only to discover he was on call and not onsite!

With a little bit of work and panic the next hour went pretty quick. Luckily the module immediately next to us was a nice single tracked HO layout. We daisy chained off their power plug and were in business. We tested a couple of the trains, got everything running, including S postwar. Rolland and Larry was in charge and Mr. President got on the fast track for his dramatic, albeit late start of the meet.

So the October meet officially started at 10:10 and President Allen was greeted by about 35 members and welcomed them to the last general meeting of the year, reminding everyone that there was no meet in November. Noting the low attendance Chris mentioned that about twenty members were at the park "playing trains".

Secretary Lautazi reported that we have 242

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11 & 12 – **GPD Fall Meet** – Fri 1 PM – 6 PM, Sat 9 AM – 2 PM – Tucson, AZ

November 18 & 19 – **2016 Cal-Stewart Meet** – Pomona, CA

November 26 – **Thanksgiving Turkey Train Auction** - 8 AM Preview – 9 AM Auction Starts, Phoenix, AZ

Dec. 4 – **Christmas Holiday Party** – 4 PM No Host reception – 5 PM Dinner Service

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY NOVEMBER 30th – NO AT THE DOOR ADMISSION

December 10 – **Desert Division Winter Train Meet – 9 AM – 2 PM**

Shrine Auditorium – 552 N. 40th St. Phoenix, AZ

January 13 & 14 – **GPD Winter Meet** – Fri 1 PM – 6 PM, Sat 9 AM – 2 PM – Tucson, AZ

January 14, 2017 – **January Division Meet and Annual Business Meeting**

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

active paid members in the Division. Angelo also noted that we had a guest with us today. Ralph Treichel introduced his friend James Blackford. James stated that he was interested in all gauges of trains and just getting back into the hobby with his recent retirement. Chris mentioned that he was in the right place at the right time with all of the auctions and train shows coming up.

Next, Treasurer Bob Herman had the financial report. The checking account reflects the recent payment to Lionel and has a balance of \$7,270.70. The Division Savings Account has a balance of \$27,802.11. It was reported that sales of the Cumbres and Toltec has sold 255 units for a profit of over \$2,000 for the 2019 Convention fund. Sales of the Los Alamos Mint car are still short about 50 cars to break even but over 380 units have sold and orders are still coming in at a regular basis. Chris mentioned that he noticed that someone bought one on eBay for twice what we are selling it for from our website. What's the old adage; a fool and his money are soon parted?

Table reservations have just begun for the Desert Division December Train Swap Meet. With a limited amount of sales tables the swap meet is expected to sell out early. If you would like to buy sales tables for the meet, the mail in form is elsewhere in this issue. The deadline for mail in reservations is rapidly approaching. Ray Pomper is the meet chairman and the Shrine Auditorium has over 12,000 sq ft of space and plenty of free parking. Besides being centrally located off the 202 and Hohokam freeways near the east side of Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport the show will also feature Jerry Klei as the "Train Doctor" to help get your troubled engines tuned up for their Christmas Tree run.

Speaking of Christmas trees, President Allen reminded everyone that this was going to be the last meeting of the year so there would be no other personal reminders about the annual Christmas Holiday Party. The party is returning to the Mesa Marriott Hotel and promises to be a fun filled afternoon. Reservation deadline is November 30th and the special member gift this year is sure to bring a smile as an early present.

The most recent G Gauge Only Auction was both a success for the consignors and the club. Shorter than most of our other auctions this 150 lot auction had some competitive bidding and lots of fun for everyone involved. The club will continue to host G gauge auctions, either by themselves or mixed into our regular auctions since the interest remains strong both from consignors and bidders.

Janet Mattern asked if the October Division Meet could be moved to the first Saturday in October next year so that members could attend both the Rail Fair and Open House at the park and the Division Meet. She mentioned that many members belong to several clubs that participate at Rail Fair and it would be less of a conflict if the Division and Rail Fair dates could be on different weekends. The Board will look into this option at its next Board meeting.

The President mentioned that the rental cost for the hall had recently increased. Raffle prize ticket sales help to offset the rental cost of the hall each month and provide for the free sales tables, but the July and November mini meets do not have any raffle sales or enough members who attend to make the raffle sales profitable to hold. Because of this the Board of Directors will decide in January whether or not to hold the mini meets next year.

Dan Palaschak mentioned that today (October 8th) was Bob Dennison's 87th Birthday and Angelo Lautazi's 68th Birthday. Bob had just left the meet a few minutes earlier, no doubt to get a head start in his celebrating, but the members all joined in and sang a better than average rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to both members.

The Educational segment featured a Walthers O Scale "Tongue-In-Cheek" kit. The builder provided a beer or soda can as the tank for the tanker car model. Walthers supplied all the other pieces to make it work on you pike. Most members had never seen it before and thought it was very clever. Gordon Wilson had numerous photos from his recent travels including several Welsh towns with long or otherwise unpronounceable names. He also had some photos from the METCA TCA Convention he took of the Hoboken NJ terminal that was the site of a recent train crash.

Raffle prizes in no particular order. Hudson ticket – Chet Henry, Lionel "Sooner" Boxcar – Terry Haas, Lionel State of Maine Boxcar – John Upshur, Lionel Tennessee Boxcar – Bob Miazga, CTT Subscription – Gordon Wilson, Train placemat – Katie Elgar, Taco and Coca-Cola Trucks – James Blackford.

The winner of the last Hudson Hundred Dollar drawing for 2016 was Gordon Wilson. There are less than a dozen tickets left. Seven \$100 drawings were held, now the final drawing will be held December 4th at the Christmas Party. The grand prize is a 1964 version of the 773 Hudson, or a Lionel J3A Scale Hudson with Odyssey Control or \$750 cash, in which case you can use it to buy the American Flyer train of your dreams. (or anything else for that matter)



Celebrating his 87th Birthday, Bob Dennison had a nice American Flyer wide gauge locomotive for sale. If you know Bob, those orange boxes on the table are not his...



John and Darlene Wiley also brought along some "big" trains, this one by Lionel. Ralph Treichel and Ken Barnes seem to be unaware of John's bargains



Fred, Phil, and Ivan discussing the whereabouts of the missing President, or maybe trains



Jonathan Peiffer talking about his Walther's Tongue in Cheek Tank Car kit



If you see Christie Wilson coming you know she is about to ask you, "Do you want to buy a Hudson ticket?" The drawing is less than a month away



We tried to give the Hudson Hundred to Christie, but Gordon jumped up and is all smiles winning his first "C" note in the drawing in "several years"

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – October 5, 2016

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

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 242 members.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account has \$27,802.11 and Checking has \$7,270.70. Bob submitted the Income/Expense report for September 2016 and noted that two major expenses that will be coming due are for the storage units and for the Shriner's Auditorium. Chris reminded the board that the Rio Grande Chapter needs to open a bank account for the 2019 Convention, until that time we will continue to hold the funds in the Division account.

Old Business:

Fall Toy Train Meet 2016 – Dec 10th at the Shrine Auditorium in Phoenix is the location for our fall train show. Ray Pomper as the new meet chairman needs assistance in all areas. Raffle prizes will be kept to 5 or 6 items. Admission will be cash only and this should be mentioned in the advertising. Still to be determined is when we can access the hall for setup.

Rio Grande Fundraising Cars - Sales of the Los Alamos Mint car are at 384 units. Sales of the C&T car are at 255. About 40 more Los Alamos Mint car sales are needed to break even. Sales of the C&T car are now in the black.

September G Gauge Only Auction – The auction went well and the club earned a commission of \$890.00. There were several issues with the hall which was communicated to their maintenance staff.

Trailer at Rail Fair – The trailer will be at Railfair on Saturday and Sunday. Hours are 10am – 5pm. This year the City of Scottsdale is requiring more paperwork than in past years which has caused a lot of confusion among the many clubs and organizations that donate their time to the city for no compensation. Chris intends to get the trailer to the park on Friday and help with the setup on Saturday morning before coming to the meet.

Christmas Holiday Party – There was a gift wrapping party at Fred's earlier this week and all the gifts have been wrapped. Only TCA members and spouses will receive gifts. Guests will not receive a gift. Angelo related that Shirley and Barbara have acquired the centerpieces and ladies raffle prizes. We still need the members raffle prizes and a few children's prizes.

World Greatest Hobby Show – (Feb. 4 – 5 at Phoenix Convention Center) Chris has been in contact to try and get our trailer at the show. However, the show does not want to allow free admission or parking for our volunteers.

January Souper Bowl Auction - The contract with PVUMC is to be signed this week. We are still planning to have the soup lunch as provided by our members.

New Business

March Auction - Saturday March 18 at Shepherd of the Valley. The consignment is in the new storage locker.

October Meeting - Will remind our members that there will not be a November meet this year. In fact, due to our new rental rate with the Church, we probably will also eliminate the July mini-meet next year.

January Meeting - Dave Brown has volunteered to host a layout visit for after the January meet.

Newsletter Issues - There were a few glitches in the type in the October newsletter. Chris is attributing the problem to having used a different font than he usually does. He will check more closely going forward

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next board meeting will be held on January 11, 2017 at the home of Chris and Laurel Allen

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

Presidents Message

Well last month was a double challenge for me. We tried a new font that was reported to be a little more readable for both the electronic and printed versions of the newsletter. Well it wasn't too long after the electronic version went out that we discovered the new font scrambled several pages when we converted it into the PDF format for our electronic viewers. Let's hope this newer font can accomplish what the other did not and provide a readable electronic version.

My second challenge was that of meetings and travel. As I mentioned last month I headed over to the Eastern Division York Meet not only to buy trains but as a member of TCA's Executive Committee I had several meetings including representing the Rio Grande Chapter at the TCA Convention Guidelines Committee meeting. During the Executive Committee Meeting we were updated on the TCA Endowment Fund. You will be hearing a lot about this fund in part because you should have already received a ballot regarding the new Heritage Membership. Although I did not propose the new membership classification, I and the entire TCA Board of Directors voted unanimously in support of it.

I have served on the national Board of Directors for almost 15 years. During that time the board has struggled with declining revenue and increased expenses. The board can and has worked hard to contain and reduce expenses. The Endowment Fund will help on the income side by providing revenue from other than membership dues. Even if the Heritage Membership is something you can't participate in yourself, I hope you will vote for it for those that can. And as you consider or re-evaluate your estate planning please consider donating any amount to the Endowment Fund so we can begin to "fund the future" of TCA.

The Convention Guidelines Meeting at York provided some good information for our upcoming convention and yes I do mean our. Just because the convention will be in Albuquerque instead of the valley, doesn't mean we can just sit on our hands and watch it go by. As the Registration Chair I've learned that the software has changed since I last used it seven years ago.

This old dog needs to learn some new tricks. In fact there have been many changes since we last hosted a convention except for one simple fact. It will take all of us to make it happen. Even if it will only be for a few hours or a few days, if we all pitch in we can help make this a special event for the Chapter and the Division. If you haven't been to Albuquerque for a few years you will be surprised at all the modernization that has occurred but the typical southwest New Mexico charm has remained. That along with the lack of construction on the I-40 interstate will make for a wonderful week. If you have never visited New Mexico, this will be a wonderful opportunity for your first visit and experience it firsthand.

This is also one of the most interesting times of the year for me as President of the Division. It is quite easy to look back and see what has been accomplished and all the great times we've had. But quickly turning around and looking forward at the remaining year I realize just how much work is ahead in just a few short weeks.

I probably sound like a broken record (boy will that cliché be lost in a few years) but we can always use help for all of the events coming up. First, will be the annual November Turkey Train Auction held on our usual Thanksgiving Saturday spot at Shepherd of the Valley Church. The auction itself is chocked full of everything from postwar collectable items to current production trains and accessories, in short a little bit of something for everyone.

The following Sunday will be our annual Christmas Party. You must pre-register and they must be in by December 1st. The form is in this issue so if you are planning to attend please mail your form today.

Winding up the year will be our December Train Show, held for the first time at the Shrine Auditorium in Phoenix. Tables are selling quickly so if you would like to purchase one get your registration into Ray Pomper. The mailing deadline for table registrations is quickly approaching on November 26th.

Remember to please cast your vote on the TCA Bylaws changes.



RIO GRANDE PUMPKIN MEET PICTURES



Yes, I did buy some raffle tickets George. In fact I won a very nice Thomas the Tank quilt made by Elaine Eckstein, Boyd Reasor is enjoying our banter



Jon Spargo's layout was busy last month between visiting the 2926 Open House and then the Pumpkin Meet a few weeks later



We ran into Bill Harris at York and here he is in Albuquerque on his way back to Mesa



The TTOS New Mexico Division module was up and running all day to the delight of everyone



Things were busy for most of the day and I had a hard time getting away from my table to take pictures of the meet



One of my best moments at the show was when I caught this young couple who won a raffle prize and were picking out a train car for their young son



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By David Nycz – TCA 94-38787



The Rio Grande Chapter was provided covered exhibit space at the 2926 Open House. We received this free space thanks to Jon Spargo, and we were located next to Jon's layout. George Domeny and Chris Wieclaw headed up this effort. Also working the table were Mary Wieclaw (great salesperson), John Trevor and Art Lites. This was a very successful venture for the club. Two C&T cars were sold, three Los Alamos cars were sold (total inventory) then Los Alamos order forms were distributed. Additionally, \$294 Raffle tickets were sold, for the train set donated by Jim Trevor.

This event is free to the public and is a fundraiser event for the 2926. Approximately 1,500 people attended. Most are not the typical swap meet attendees. Our goals are to widen our email list of potential swap meet attendees and club members. Each raffle ticket sold provides the club with an email address.

The Chapter does not have another members' meeting until January. Our big event for the year is the Pumpkin Meet which is October 30th at the Sheraton.

Our next meeting is January 21st 2017 at Los Altos Church. This will be the first meeting with a members' only swap meet starting at 9:00am followed by the members meeting starting at 10:00am. As of now the after meet activity is at Frank Dean's layout. See you at our January meeting; be sure to bring some trains to sell.

Other Events:

- Nov – Santa Fe MRR Club Open Houses
- Nov. 5&6 Southwest Model Railroad Club
- Nov. 17th & 18th Rails Along the Rio Grande
- Dec. 3rd TTOS Swap Meet & Christmas Potluck
- Dec. 10th TCA Desert Division Train Show

The bank on the Santa Fe Square has had a tradition of hosting a Christmas train display for over 50 years. (Santa Fe Model Railroad Club Website) Visiting the Christmas decorated Santa Fe Square is a great family outing.



The Chapter's table was located to the right of the tender next to the container



Jon Spargo's layout with George in the back selling tickets



The crowd admires Jon's layout

RAIL FAIR 2016 PICTURES



Well here it is 9:30AM and we are all setup but no power. How can you tell? The signal bridge lights are still dark. Larry Teresi and Rolland LaHaie are waiting to run trains



Another view of the early morning setup while we wait for power



Now we are running! All five mainlines are purring along, even the old trusty #8



Janet Mattern came from her coffee club job after the Meet and helped run trains both days



Janet getting ready to show off the Coors Silver Bullet Special in front of a waiting crowd



Janet was joined by Terry Haas and Jonathan Peiffer on Sunday afternoon. Everyone stayed to help with the pulldown that went very quick

In Response to "I Had One of Those..." Lionel Printing Kit

by Jan Athey - TCA Librarian

Editors Note: Following the publication of "I Had One of Those #3" about the Lionel Printing Kit I received an email from Division member Bill Harris (83-19278). Bill informed me that he also not only had but still has one of these Lionel Printing Kits. Unfortunately Bill reported that it is packed away but he will try to discover what box and bring it in for a future Division Educational segment.

Jan's article continues;

Below is member David Smith's (95-40846) memory of the Lionel Printing Kit:

"I got my layout stamps when I sent for the yearly catalog in 1952 or '53. The catalog was great as usual but the stamps were a total disappointment. They were hard plastic!

There is a good reason rubber stamps are called "rubber" stamps. The Lionel stamps barely left any mark on the paper that you could recognize. It didn't help that the stamp had a pad with very little ink on it, but I think they did that so as not to run afoul of mothers all over the nation.

Today I would tape some 1200 or 2400 grit paper to a square of plate glass and place them perfectly flat, but no elementary school kid is going to know how to do that!"

I welcome your responses to "I Had One of Those...". Send them to ref-library@traincollectors.org or National Toy Train Library, PO Box 248, Strasburg, PA 17579.

MORE PICTURES FROM THE ATSF 2926 OPEN HOUSE IN ALBUQUERQUE



When we said next to the tender, we meant it!



Jon Spargo's layout always draws a crowd

AND RAIL FAIR 2016



2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 4, 2016

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Please print names of persons attending, giving ages of children 12 and under.

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Adults @ \$28.00 _____
children 12 and under: \$18.00 _____
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Please Indicate Club Membership
Desert Division TCA _____
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Thank you!

The Ballroom will be set with tables of eight.

Please Note: Only members of the Desert Division will receive a member's gift and a spouse's gift.

All guests, regardless of club affiliation, will be able to purchase any extra gifts at the party.

Holiday Committee: Barbara and Angelo Lautazi and Shirley and Fred Hunter



TCA DESERT DIVISION ANNUAL TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2016

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Table Top Auction

SETUP 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

TABLE REGISTRATION – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

NAME _____

TCA# _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the TCA & the Desert Division Train Meet in regards to buying, selling, ethics, and behavior. I further agree that in the case of a dispute, the meet chairman, or an impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairman shall arbitrate the matter and render a binding decision. I shall upon the direction of the Meet Chairman, in the case of a disputed sale, refund a buyer's money. Vendors not participating in the Table Top auction may, at their own decision, close at 1 PM

Signed X _____ **Date** _____

Make check payable to: Desert Division TCA

Mail Table Registration to: Ray Pomper, 1825 E. Laurel St., Mesa AZ 85203-2132

More info: Ray Pomper 480-837-0154 or Chris Allen 480-820-9559

NO MAIL REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 26, 2016

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FOR SALE: Greenberg's Guide to Lionel Standard and 2-7/8" Gauges, 1901-1940. \$100 plus \$7.00 shipping. Please call Bruce Greenberg, 703-461-6991, 9-9 Eastern to order or visit his web site, www.sykesvillehistory.us

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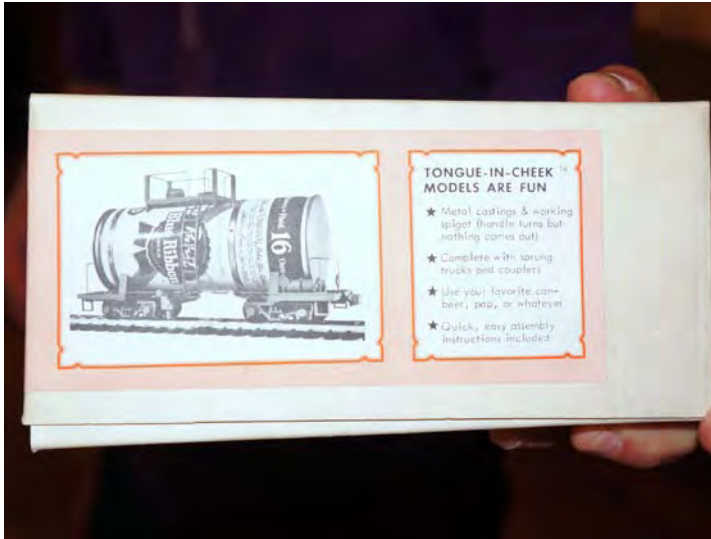
WANTED: PASSENGER SET: I'm working with a friend who is putting some train sets for a youth group and he is hoping to find an inexpensive passenger set, such as one of the MPC Amtrak sets. Track and boxes not important. If you can help, would you let me know. Peter Atonna mjatonna@gmail.com 928-636-4228

This page is provided as a service to our members for trading among themselves on a space available basis. Contact them directly for items listed above. Contact Editor when your item sells so space can be made available to other members.

****DEADLINE FOR AD's - THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH ****

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FOR THINGS THAT DIDN'T FIT ELSEWHERE or BREAKING NEWS



This is the side panel to Jonathan Peiffer's Walther's "Tongue-In-Cheek" Tank Car



Meanwhile back at the 2926 Open House, here is another one of the module layouts that drew a lot of onlookers



The National Toy Train Museum has a new Lego display with running trains



I arrived early and got a picture of the de-accession sale the Museum had. Repaints, broken or less than museum quality items were sold to help reduce storage costs

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