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VOTE – VOTE - VOTE!

That's right, by now you should have received you TCA National Headquarter News which contains your ballot and the names of two Division members running for national office. Make sure you voice is heard. Fill out your ballot and return it promptly.



TCA National Secretary

Christie Wilson is running for re-election as TCA National Secretary. Christie has long been known for her attention to detail and has served the Division both as Division secretary and recording secretary for the 2009 National Convention. Christie has served the TCA as National Secretary since 2008.



TCA Vice President

Peter Atonna is running for TCA National Vice President. Known throughout Desert Division for his energy, enthusiasm and support, Peter has served as Division Director, Secretary, Treasurer and President as well as Convention Chairman. Peter currently is serving as the Division Auctioneer and has handled the Division, Chapter and Convention fundraising car program for the past fifteen years.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 11 – **March Desert Division Meet** – 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting Phoenix, AZ
March 18 – **Rio Grande Chapter Meet** – 9:00 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Albuquerque, NM
MARCH 18 – SPRING AUCTION HAS BEEN CANCELLED
March 18 – **Adobe Mountain Swap Meet** – 9 AM – 2 PM Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park – Phoenix, AZ
April 1 – **Multi-club Spring Picnic** McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park – Scottsdale AZ
April 8 – **April Desert Division Meet** – 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting Phoenix, AZ
April 15 – **Rio Grande Chapter Meet** – 9:00 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Albuquerque, NM
April 27 – 29 Eastern Division York Meet – York Fairgrounds, York PA

February brought out another full house and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Secretary Lautazi announced that our membership stood to 253 members but we were still waiting to hear from 38 members to renew their dues.

Bob Herman gave the Treasurer's report stating that we had \$27,802.98 in Savings and \$12,710.17 in Checking. Bob reported that we will be sending a check for \$7,500 to the 2019 Rio Grande Chapter Convention account for the monies earned so far on the first two fund raising cars.

Chris thanked Bob and noted that Peter Atonna has almost single handily handled both of the cars from concept to shipping and is currently working with Lionel for the third and final car. Chris hopes to have another \$2,500 in the 2019 Convention account by the end of the year. He further stated that there were fewer than 25 left of both cars and sales of the Los Alamos Mint car have exceeded expectations.

The President that the Board of Directors met earlier in the week and during their meeting re-examined the current year's budget. It was decided that the Division would sell both of the current production Hudson's that were inventory as potential Hudson Drawing options. Instead the Hudson drawing would just feature the postwar Hudson or the \$750 cash option. In addition newspaper advertising for the November train show would eliminate one newspaper ad at a savings of \$934. The cancellation of the March auction also helped to trim the expense side of the budget as well.

Chris reported that Fred Hunter contacted the Shrine Auditorium about the possibility of holding an auction on Thanksgiving weekend, which was the date many members and table sellers wanted. Unfortunately the Shrine Auditorium is closed for that holiday and does not rent out the facility on that weekend. The Division will continue to plan to hold the meet on Saturday November 18. Shepherd of the Valley Church has been secured for the Annual Thanksgiving Auction. It is almost at capacity and we are currently taking consignments for the January 2018 auction. The

Pizza Meetza Member Auction is still scheduled for May 13th.

Dallas Dixon reported that RailFair 2017 is scheduled for October 7 & 8 so we will not have a conflict with our October General Meet.

Katie Elgar mentioned she needed help with "Transportation Day" for the churches preschool children coming up.

Chris Allen reported on having the trailer module at World's Greatest Hobby on tour. Everyone who attended were impressed by the huge public turnout. The module ran both days with only a few mishaps and we had the only O, S, and Standard Gauge layouts running trains at the show.

The Educational segment was pretty diverse as well. Gordon Wilson mentioned that visited and then rejoined LOTS at the World's Greatest Hobby Show and entered a drawing which he won! He will donate that unique Banquet Car towards the 2019 TCA Convention and encouraged other members to look in their inventory and follow suit.

Dave Brown brought in a Thomas Industries six dome ROMA Wine tank car. Thomas industries was a niche maker of scale and prototypical cars from WWII until 1964 when a manufacturing plant fire caused the loss of all blueprints and dies. More information can be found on the TCA Western Division website at; <http://www.tcawestern.org/thomas.htm>

Chris displayed both his red and black roof Red Rock Water towers and his certificate of Authenticity indicating he had only 1 of 14 handed out at the 1997 Convention Banquet in Phoenix.

Chris also unwrapped his "mystery lot" from the January auction that consisted of a wide assortment of postwar parts. He thinks he will break even and mentioned he learned a hard lesson about "auction fever".

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order; Beth Stange Hudson Raffle ticket, Mike Dietrich Lionel Ore Car, Jack Eaton Lionel WP black Boxcar, Bill Lazenby Lionel WP orange boxcar, Angelo Lautazi Lionel SP Boxcar, Bob Herman Menards SF Flatcar w/trucks, Don Locke Menards UP flatcar w/trucks Ray Ronstadt Orchard calendar and figures. Winning the first Hudson Hundred for the year (for the second year in a row) Christie Wilson,



Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh my! Well not quite but Jan Fagan seems no to be worried with her assortment of friends



Ivan English seems to be catching up on all the news from Gordon Wilson



John Wiley opened up his "switch box" from a layout to reveal some first class wiring and labeling underneath



Merton is giving that Menards car a real close look. If you'd like one also we have a few left for sale at \$20



Gordon Wilson and his LOTS mint car that he donated to the 2019 Convention



Dave Brown and the rare Thomas Industries six dome tank car

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – February 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM at the home of Angelo and Barbara Lautazi

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Paul Wassermann, Terry Haas. On teleconference Greg Palmer and David Nycz

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes – The minutes from the previous BOD meeting were approved. The minutes from the January 11 general meet were amended to read that it was Steve Bienstock who moved to raise annual dues to \$15.

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that current membership is at 253 but there are 40 members still owing dues. A dues reminder has been sent by email.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer, Bob Herman, reported that the Savings Account is \$27,802.98 and Checking is \$12710.17. Division members have donated \$1600 to the Heritage fund and the Club will add \$1000.00 for a total of \$2600.00.

Old Business:

BOD Annual Dinner – Paul reported that he has 29 reservations for the annual no-host BOD dinner. He stated that The Side Door restaurant is wonderful and very flexible and we will still be able to take last minute reservations if needed for Sunday evening February 12.

Souper Bowl Auction – Volunteers came through at the last minute and plenty of soup and chili was available for everyone. The auction was able to post a profit because of their efforts and donations covered the incidental costs of utensils, crackers, rolls and drinks. Several issues were discussed including the negative feedback that was received about not allowing a noon checkout. Many of the BOD members serve on the auction committee and will work out details so the auction crew can get a break and still have a noon checkout.

Desert Division Train Show and November Auction – The Shrine Auditorium is not available for the Nov. 25th date so the show will be on Nov 18th. The November Auction has been scheduled for November 25th and Burns Hall at Shepherd of the Valley has been reserved.

Rio Grande Fundraising Cars - Sales of the Los Alamos Mint car are at 470 units. Sales of the C&T car are at 275 units. The Club will buy 5 cars to save for future sales. A few will be held for the New Mexico convention.

Newsletter Costs - Postage rates have dropped slightly. Chris reported on feedback from members and it was decided to review the issue of a surcharge or reducing the number of issues published later in the year.

World's Greatest Hobby Show - The Club had the trailer at the show and had a great response from the public. Members responded to the eBlast about volunteering and it was staffed the entire weekend.

New Business:

Motion to Raise Dues - The motion to raise yearly dues to \$15 was made at the January Division meeting. As this motion needs to be voted on by the whole membership, it will go on the November ballot with the voting for Club Officers. If passed it will become effective on January 1st, 2018. Prepaid memberships will be under the new dues cycle when they expire.

2017 Budget – There was much discussion on steps to reduce the budget deficit. It was decided to sell the two modern era Hudsons in inventory since we never saw the increase in Hudson ticket sales they were thought they'd attract. The advertising budget for the November Train Show will be reduced \$1,000 but still include newspaper ads. The Christmas Holiday Committee will eliminate the member gift but retain the Lenox ornament for the ladies. Chris will ask Peter about the third A-1 Beer reefer as a possible fundraiser. A Spring Raffle might also be held depending on Club inventory. It will be discussed at the March BOD meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on March 8, 2017 at the home of Mike and Michelle Dietrich.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

Presidents Message

I would like to thank all of you who emailed, called or dropped me a note about my last President's message. Quite a lot has transpired since then. The Division Board of Directors took another look at the budget and decided to trim a bit more and look for other means in which we could add to our revenue stream.

Back will be our spring raffle; out will be the March Auction. Well not really out but delayed until November. Still planned will be the multi-club picnic at McCormick Stillman Railroad Park in April and of course our famous Pizza Meetza lunch and member auction in May.

Hearing what was important to our members helped the Board of Directors and a better understanding the percentage of Division dues and other sources of income impact the overall budget brought the membership and BOD closer together. For the time being, that is until the end of this year, the surcharge on a printed copy of the newsletter will be put on hold. We will revisit it after the dust is settled and most of this year's income and expenses are in the books and the election with the proposed dues increase has been decided.

As I mentioned earlier, a lot has gone on in the past month. Shortly after the January Meet we were notified that we were able to represent TCA, Desert Division, and all of the 0 Gauge clubs in the Phoenix area by participating in World's Greatest Hobby. Many of our members are also members of the other 0 gauge clubs here in the Valley and many had already committed to help other national clubs or manufacturers that travel with the WGH Show. A quick eBlast shout out and we had a great crew assemble on Friday afternoon and got the trailer module up and running.

The show itself was held on Super Bowl weekend and many of us thought that there would be little to no response from the public. Boy, were we wrong!

The Phoenix Convention Center was packed both days, including Sunday afternoon while the game was getting started. We talked with many families about the hobby, some what to do with Dad's or even Grandpa's trains, others how to get started. But mostly we did what we do best, ran trains and had fun. Talking with the kids coming up to the module is always interesting and many thought that our trusty old Lionel #8 running around the layout was real old, it must be from the 1980's...

We had a few derailments, and only one that could be considered to be major in that it wiped out most of the running trains, but these things happen and with a little humor and understanding we were up and rolling again in short order. Sunday afternoon saw a set of familiar faces as we pulled the module down and with the show closing at 5 PM, I had the trailer back in storage and my feet up just in time to watch the second half of what was the real catastrophe of Super Bowl weekend...

Following the February Meet, my wife Laurel and I headed to Albuquerque and the Rio Grande Convention Committee meeting and Chapter Meet. We spent several days touring potential tour sights; met with the convention hotel staff and the chairs of many of the convention committees.

While it seems like I just finished doing this for the 2009 convention, I am getting really excited about doing it again, this time in Albuquerque. While there is no comparison between the two states, the rest of the country seems to lump us and parts of west Texas as just the badlands.

Since I love oddball facts and trivia, the fact that European's were trekking up and down the Rio Grande River Valley looking for gold years before the Mayflower landed often gets many of my east coast friends thinking that they might just find something interesting out here.

From historical facts to interesting observations that Albuquerque could be considered the other "mile high" city and bears little resemblance to Phoenix and Arizona, our challenge will be to inform TCA members that this is not a Desert Division Convention and they will have a completely new experience in New Mexico than what they had the previous two conventions we've hosted here.

As I mentioned, I'm getting excited about another convention and working as the Registration Chair for it. I love the southwest and enjoy sharing my love with people who have such large misconceptions about our area and the huge role we played in American history that is so often over looked.

For the moment, the 2019 National TCA Convention in Albuquerque will be known as known as "A Fiesta of Trains" which promises to be a convention filled with memories and that I hope you will enjoy and actively participate in.



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL PICTURES



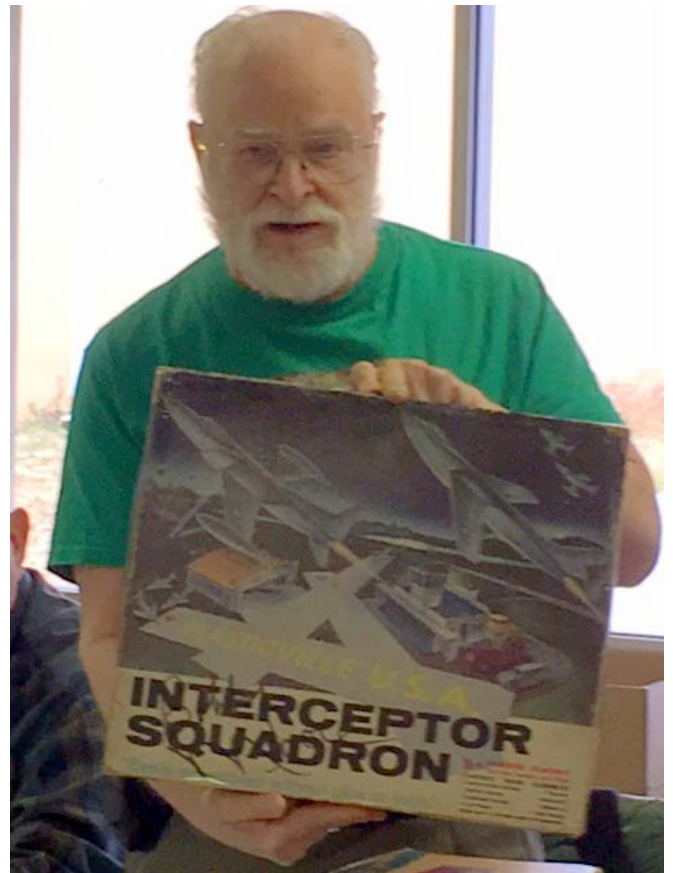
David Nycz had some Lionel Super O track and talked about the challenges of using it for his layout



Greg Palmer brought several items including two Lionel postwar sets that he felt exemplified the type of product missing for children in today's market



Bill Lubert had a Scale Craft Pacific locomotive and tender that he is in the process of restoring



Jim Trever and a very rare Plasticville Interceptor Squadron Master Set that was 100% complete even with the cardboard runways



Art Lites with a Williams F-3 "Midnight" Chief. Art has two of the A-B-A sets and looking for a home for the Williams trio



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By David Nycz – TCA 94-38787



The February Rio Grande Chapter meeting was held on February 18, 2017 at Los Altos Christian Church with 20 TCA members attending. The Members Only Swap Meet began at 9:00 A.M.

Show and Tell: David Nycz showed a Department 56 building and accessories lighting system. This includes 9 building light cords and 3 accessory cords all with one wall plug. He also passed around a display with Lionel's realistic super O track and components. Greg Palmer showed Train set Lionel 1123C & 1124 from 1961 these were starter sets that sold for about \$20 each. He also showed an A.C. Gilbert U239 Geiger Counter from the 1960's. Chris Allen showed Bachman's Chuggington Locomotives from Train World for \$50 each. He also showed passenger and freight cars to go with the engines costing \$20 each. Bachman offered these trains targeted to younger children. Bill Lubert showed a Scale Craft 462 Pacific Engine Locomotive and Tender from the 1950s that he is restoring. Dale Schafer showed a 1996 Standards Committee Manuel and a Lionel Turntable he has for sale. Art Lites showed a William's Modern Era Black and Red F3 A-B-A set. Jim Trever showed Plasticville Master sets, an International Airport set with an orange roofed hanger including airplanes and the 1958 Inceptor Squadron Master set which is very rare valued at \$450. He also had a 1954 Hanger and 1955 Hanger both included 2 jets. The 1954 Hanger had a blue roof with rare black lettering.

President's Report: David Nycz shared from the Desert Division board meeting. The Division has 253 members there is \$27,803 in savings and \$12,700 in checking. The checking account includes convention car sale funds. The Division will hold a post war Hudson Raffle again this year.

Treasurer's Report: Everett Hagan reported a balance of \$3,977.

Old Business: Update on fund raiser car sales: 275 C&T cars have been sold with 25 remaining. 480 Los Alamos cars have been sold with 20 remaining. The deposit for the Pumpkin Meet has been paid and the contract signed. The election committee will meet March 22nd to find candidates for President and Vice President for January's election.

Anyone interested please contact Scott Eckstein. The donated trains have raised \$441 prior to the meeting. There are cars remaining and a large box of O gauge track. The Chapter is accepting offers.

Convention Chair: Scott reported on the first Convention Committee meeting, with all chair positions filled. He also reported on a meeting this past week at the convention hotel to begin gathering information regarding the Welcome Party that will be held on the Wednesday of the convention week. During the Chapter Meeting a motion was passed to open a convention account at (My Bank) with John Trever as Convention Treasurer. Convention Chairs, Elaine and Scott will also be on the account.

New Business: David Nycz reported about the New Mexico Council of Railroad Clubs. This group has been meeting for 1 year and now has 19 clubs participating. The main goal is to grown the hobby regardless of scale with the clubs working together and publicizing each other's events. At the Council meeting a Las Cruces member talked about their rent free area that the city provides for permanent layouts of numerous clubs. The local members will approach the city of Albuquerque to explore similar possibilities. The same individual discussed how he created a video of his 7 year old grandson opening, setting up and running a new N scale train set. This video has had a great response online.

Meeting dates for 2017: March 18, April 22, Sept 16, - 9:00 AM members only swap meet 10:00 AM meeting. The Pumpkin Meet will be held October 29th @ Sheraton Uptown Hotel.

The Club provided lunch at the meeting and then met at the Nuclear Science and History Museum for a guided tour. The Docent provided an excellent in depth 2 hour guided tour about the history of nuclear weapons, the challenges involved, and the delivery systems.

Other Train Club Activities: Mar 4 & 5 Rocky Mountain Train Show Denver Mart, Apr 29 & 30 SW Model Railroad Club Los Lunas Airpark, May 20 NM Railroad Fair at State Fairgrounds.

Any Chapter members' not receiving emails from Jim Trever please send your email information to Jim at Prairie_dog5@yahoo.com

WHY DO YOU COLLECT STANDARD GAUGE?

By Chris Allen TCA 95-40580

My father was born in 1925, I in 1951. My Dad told us on several occasions that he couldn't remember having lots of toys growing up during the depression. He remembered making balsa wood airplanes powered by rubber bands and that talent he did pass onto me. But toy trains were something he never owned until he worked for the Erie Railroad and I was born. My father was a sailor, actually a Merchant Sailor and following World War II he sailed Ore Boats on the Great Lakes until my mother made him quit when they married. I guess that's a lucky break for me, had it not been for that career change I never would have gotten my first train or interested in this great hobby of collecting and running them.

Why is this important to the story? My mentoring into the world of Standard Gauge Trains came from the other fellows I met in TCA and TTOS during the early years of my membership and still continues on to this day. In fact, I never knew that Standard Gauge trains ever existed until I became a member of TCA. I must confess that during those first few years I thought nothing about them; instead I was focused on trains of my own youth and recapturing many of the space and military sets that I remembered growing up during Lionel's "golden years".

I still love collecting some of the stuff "my dreams were made of", but have branched out into many other areas, a little Plasticville, some American Flyer postwar S, even TCA Convention and Banquet cars, but I never thought I would own, or even have an interest in, Standard Gauge.

I remember early in my postwar collecting period, Tom Stange asked me after I had an unusually busy auction what was it I collected? Why, everything! I replied. Tom smiled and said that I would soon go broke if I continued along like that and offered some free advice that I should focus on maybe military or space or even a roadname, something that I found interesting. Then after some research I would have a basic knowledge about a particular area and I would enjoy the pursuit about finding items to expand that

area of interest even more. Over the years I've followed that wise advice and about three years ago began dipping my toes into Standard Gauge trains for the first time.

Where that interest came from, I do not know. I've always liked litho tin and since I have a modest collection of Marx trains and toys, maybe it came from there. Or maybe it was just the joy of watching them rattle around the layout, talking with the men who owned them and found so much joy in them.



The trusty #8 is in very nice shape. I bought her, three 300 series cars, track and transformer all with the original boxes at a very reasonable price. I'm lucky to be only her second "real" owner, the person I bought her from, just passed her on to me

I sent an email or talked to many friends and members of TCA asking, "If you were to buy your first Standard Gauge set, what would it be." The answers were almost unanimous, get a #8 or #10. I've been familiar with the Lionel #8 since my early days of running trains on the club module. Back in the late 1990's the Division purchased a #8 set to run on the layout, which at that time, featured a dedicated Standard Gauge loop. During those days that loop often sat empty because no one would bring a Standard Gauge train to run. When the club invested in the #8, I often ran it when I was on the layout running my own O gauge trains. That same #8 is running around the layout today. In fact we tried to

run its wheels off just a few weekends ago at World's Greatest Hobby and she ran fine all weekend long.

Now I am the first to admit I really, really hate looking at the #8, to me it resembles a boxcar. Well I guess it is called a box electric locomotive for a reason, but boy does it run. And run them I do. None of my trains are museum quality, and frankly that's not what I bought them for. Yes, I collect them to run them. I want them out there for the public to see, smell, and experience. I want the rattle and clatter. I want them whirling around the layout. Most of all I want the smiles and nods from the public when they see this magnificent toy still running around 85+ years after it was made.

I've learned a lot in the past few years, but more importantly I've learned to love these old trains. I have no connection with them except through my friends in the club. Fond memories of times we've spent together and my eyes opened up to a new joy of running trains. I've never been a hard core collector, not really. Instead my joy has always come from watching the trains run, talking about trains with the public, seeing the twinkle in someone's eyes who just "gets it". I do run what I collect, but do admit to having a few shelf queens, those trains that are just a bit special that they only come down for special occasions, rather than the daily runners.

Is a Lionel Classic "Blue Comet" any better than the original? To the purest collector it's not even worthy of consideration, and I get that. But to someone like me, who can run that copy for the public to enjoy, tell the story about the original, and share the joy of watching that beautiful train race around the tracks. To me that copy is more valuable than the original because I get to share the joy of what that train was designed and built for, running on a layout and not part of my retirement portfolio.

In the same fashion my runners are not collector quality. My #8 and #10 were both well loved and were played with by many hands before they entered my life. I'm restoring a 392E that was the childhood train of a dear friend. It needs to be re-wheeled and it has a dent in the sand dome that will never get repaired. As he was selling his train to me, he recalled the story of how it got there. He never repaired it, and neither will I. To know that I'm the

second owner of this locomotive makes it special to me. Will I run it once it is repaired? Yes, the only reason he stopped running it was because the wheels had deteriorated so bad. In fact I am looking forward to the day I do bring it back "out of the basement" to be run again. I think that would be the best tribute I could give it and the memory of this friend and the times we shared.



**The 392 waiting for some new wheels and a little TLC.
I know she will clean up real nice for the 85 year old
beauty she is**

I've have a modest fleet of 200 and 300 series cars, some are original, some are repaints or restored. I mix and match as I see fit or the mood hits me. I'd like to add another steam locomotive someday like the 384 or maybe another electric like the 318 to head a few of the 500 series cars I've acquired.

So why do I collect Standard Gauge? I guess the question should be why don't you? It used to be expensive, crazy expensive really, but prices have moderated and even if you have no track to run them on they look wonderful on a shelf and are a great conversation piece as part of a collection. For less than the price of many current production locomotives one of these "grand dame's" of Lionel's past can be yours to look after and more importantly, run and enjoy like they were built for.

For some of you, trains are something bought and sold and for others it's the "chase". But there is another part of the story. My mother often told me to listen with my eyes and my heart, not only with my ears. I've learned that many of these trains have stories to tell, if you just listen.

Hudson Raffle 2017

- or maybe -

\$750.00?

It's back again this year, will this be the year you win? The Hudson Raffle for 2017 features a beautiful postwar Lionel 773. It has been thoroughly checked and lubricated so it is ready to run or take a place as part of your collection. But what if you don't collect or operate three rail or maybe have no interest in postwar or steam locomotives? Well, there is still the option to walk away with a cool \$750 to help buy the engine of your dreams. The rules for this year's drawing are simple and printed below. Tickets are on sale now at any Division Meet from Christie Wilson.

- Only 100 tickets will be sold and they will be sold exclusively to Desert Division members until the October General Meet. That means that **ONLY** Division members will be eligible to win the monthly \$100 prize. After the October \$100 drawing, any remaining unsold tickets will be made available other TCA members or the public.
- Starting in February and at every Division Meet, a name will be drawn from the tickets sold and that person awarded \$100. That means you have seven chances to walk away with the Hudson Hundred
- **You MUST be present to win the \$100.** If the member is not present, another name will be drawn until a member in attendance is called. However, if a members name is called and they are representing the Division such as working at a module display and the event coincides with the General Meet, that member would be considered present at the meet and be awarded the \$100.
- The winning ticket will be pulled and announced during the annual Christmas Holiday Party in December. The winner will have the option of either the classic postwar Hudson or \$750.



TRANSPORTATION DAY 2017

Our host meeting location, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, has a pre-school and day care on campus that holds a "Transportation Day" each year. Desert Division has actively participated in this for the past several years by bringing a small layout for the morning. Alongside several emergency service fire trucks, ambulances, police and buses, dump trucks, tractors and even an occasional helicopter we have braved all the flashing lights and sirens with a train layout and smiling faces.



This year Terry and Jan Fagan, along with Janet Mattern help organizer Katie Elgar for the morning and as you can see by the photos was a rousing success. The Fagan's also handed out a few "Hot Wheel" type cars that also were a big hit! If you know of a pre-school or elementary school that hosts a transportation day please let us know. We would like to expand the program to include a few additional schools each year.



DUES ARE DUE - LAST CALL!

Time's UP! Your Desert Division dues are now past due. How do you know whether you owe dues? Look at your address label. If it is highlighted in PINK, you owe dues. Please remit \$10 per year for up to five years in advance in a check made payable to Desert Division – TCA and include it in an envelope with the Registration Form which you can print out from the Desert Division website. Visit TCADD.ORG and click on the "How to Join" button on the left, at the bottom of that page is the link for the current Registration Form. Mail forms and checks to Angelo Lautazi, Division Secretary, at 6109 E. Sonoran Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85266. You can also pay your dues at the March Division meeting

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PICTURES FROM WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY SHOW



Great setup crew Friday, many of whom came back and ran trains on Saturday, Marty Wik, Karl Wuepper, Angelo Lautazi and Bob Johnston



The crowd was around the module trailer all weekend long. We also had information of TCA, the Division and other clubs in town



Bill Richardson running S Gauge and cleaning track among many other chores on Saturday



A little bit of everything in this photo, S Gauge, 027, Scale O and Standard all whirring around the layout



Gordon Wilson talking with some of the public who were still there late Super Bowl Sunday afternoon



The "front of the layout with the Desert Division banner and photo poster board of how the trailer was built

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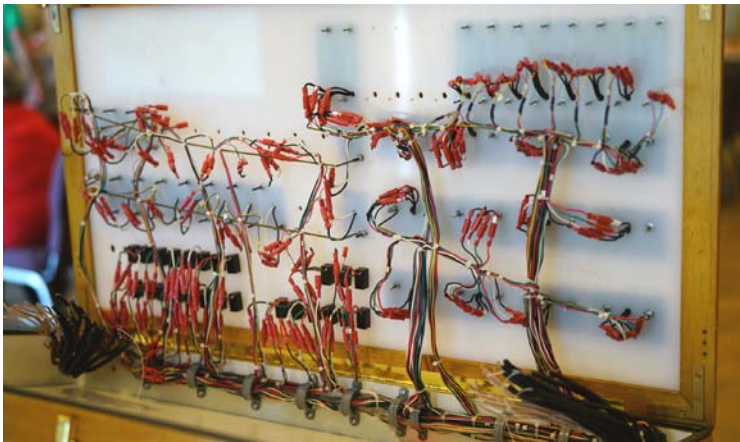
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We don't want to say that Dale Schaffer has been on the TCA Standards Committee a long time, ok we will, now that he showed a manual from the 1996 Standards Committee Meeting he attended.



Some of the kids were able to stay at the module with their parents after the other children in the class moved on to other areas during "Transportation Day". These two took a liking the handcar being chased by the Alco.



The closeup inside view of John Wiley's panel. Very nicely done, unlike some of the wiring messes that find its way onto many layouts



Must be raffle drawing time, everyone is paying attention to the next number being drawn from the "cookie jar"

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