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SAY CHEESE, IT'S PIZZA TIME

Looking in the rearview mirror we had the annual multi-club picnic and coming up next is the annual Pizza Meet. Of course we also had our April General Meet as well. Mother Nature did her best to mix-up the weather for the picnic so I guess we should plan on these things when we have events on April Fool's Day. We had over 100 members from the various train clubs in the area and we all enjoyed a wonderful picnic lunch in the park. As we age, our tastes and appetites have changed so next year we promise to have a few more bratwurst and fewer hamburgers on hand for your enjoyment. As always, YOU made the day special by bringing in a wide assortment of side dishes and desserts. A tip of my hat to all of you who attended and made the day special for all of our friends, old and new.

The April General Meeting was a little quiet compared to March. Maybe folks thought that the picnic took place of the meet or maybe you all just were busy and forgot about the Meet. Could be it was hard to beat all the excitement we had at the picnic. Those of us who

attended had a great time, with the tables full of trains and bargains. I saw a few heading out the door to a new home.

We had a table full of items for the educational segment so President Allen started the meeting a bit early at 9:55 AM. Not including spouses we had about 40 members in attendance and Secretary Angelo Lautazi reported that our membership had picked up a few late dues paying members and now stood at 239. We also had picked up one new member from outside of our normal commute area.

Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings account now holds \$27,803.45 and the Checking has a balance of \$7,577.89. Bob reported the estimated cost of the picnic and the income from the raffle prizes held during the picnic. This is a yearly budgeted expense and our costs were in line with projections and the BOD plans to hold the picnic again next year.

Chris announced the decision of the BOD to hold a yearlong raffle and had two of the prizes on hand to display to those present. The

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13 – **Desert Division 20th Annual Pizza Meetza and member Auction** – 8:30 AM member only swap
10:00 AM Business Meeting - 11:00 AM Free Pizza Lunch - 12 noon Auction begins

May 13 – **WVRRHS Swap Meet** – Glendale, AZ

June 2 & 3 – **GPD TTOM Summer Meet** – Fri 1 PM – 6 PM, Sat 9 AM – 2 PM – Tucson, AZ

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

June 24 – July 2 – **63rd TCA National Convention** – Pittsburgh, PA

tickets will go on sale next month at the May general meeting and the drawing will conclude at the November train show on November 18th.

Next up was the announcement that the third fundraising car will go on sale May 1st with a special discount price of \$74.95 to Division members. To get this discount the members must buy the car before August 31st and pick the car up at a Division or Chapter Meet. The Division was able to get licensing rights to use the Fred Harvey Trading Company logo on the car and it is another exclusive car that has never been offered by any manufacturer. There is an article, prototype example and ordering information elsewhere in this issue.

There are tentative plans to do a second Fred Harvey car that will depend largely on the success of the sale of this first offering. The proceeds from that sale will be a Division fundraiser to help projected budget shortfalls and feature two Harvey Houses in Arizona.

Chris mentioned that the Membership roster was mailed out earlier in the week and asked for a show of hands from those present to see who had received them. If you missed getting a roster the most likely cause is a bad address in our membership file so please contact Angelo Lautazi with your updated information. Chris also reminded our winter visitors that calling or emailing him when they leave for the summer helps to curb our postage dues costs when they get returned to him.

Chet Henry spoke about getting items in for next month's Pizza Meet. You can bring your lots in next month but Chet would like a heads up ahead of time to help him plan for the table space we need to set aside for the auction. Chet's number is listed in the new Membership roster that was mailed or you can email him through the Division website. Click on the contact us and select auction chairman link.

The Division is investigating a possible location change for the July "mini-meet". The president asked for a show of hands from those present to see who would travel to Tempe and visit the Tempe Historical Museum and their exhibit "Trains of Tempe". This is a small yet interesting exhibit about the history of railroading and the impact in the community.

The Museum has a meeting room where we would hold the meeting and following the meet be able to view the exhibit for free. By a show of hands, there was enough interest among those present for the Division to investigate further.

The last item on the agenda was the results of the recently held TCA National Elections. It seems that Division auctioneer, fund raising champion, and all around great guy, Peter Atonna was elected as TCA National Vice President! Congratulations Peter! His term will begin July 1st 2017 following the upcoming national convention.

The educational segment began with Dave Brown's humorous tongue in cheek example of a Double Head and a "Stock" Car. Jonathan Peiffer had a Williams Amtrak E60 "Brick" and explained the very short life replacement for the long running GG-1. Jonathan explained that the AEM-7 "Toaster" proved to be a much more durable upgrade for the aging GG1 fleet. Larry Stencel brought several postwar streamliners from the Western Coil Company and gave a very informative history of the Western Coil Company and the transition to the Consoli Family Train Company. Paul Wassermann brought in a painting discovered by his brother-in-law at a local east valley antique store depicting the SP Daylight. He also had a fake Mickey Mouse belt buckle and reported that these counterfeits are themselves becoming as collectible as the original item. Terry Haas talked about an American Flyer tunnel that was recently given to him by a customer. After looking at it he realized he had one just like it on his childhood layout. Ralph Treichel brought in the only Easter themed train of the day, a nicely done wooden decorated in pastel "Easter" colors. Chris Allen rounded out the segment with "bottom of the box" discovery of a Lionel 394 Beacon tower that had an Erector set shed on top in place of the rotary beacon. He also had a 1981 St Louis Convention car with a sticker that only was given out at the convention. He had been looking for that car for several years since learning of the variation by Division member Jerry Ward.

Because of limited space the raffle prize winners cannot be listed this month. Larry Stencil was the Hudson Raffle winner for April.



The table sellers came out to the April Meet and quite a few bargains were snapped up early



Where did everybody go? Wanna bet we have a full house for the Pizza Meet this month?



Larry Stencil gave a very informative talk on his recently acquired Western Coil Company streamliner. Larry primary interest is in collecting streamliners



Terry Haas and his American Flyer tunnel that was gifted to him even included the original box. Upon looking at it Terry realized he had one as a kid



Jonathan Peiffer and several examples of the GG-1's very short lived replacement, the GE E60



Talk about your passion for streamline trains and then win \$100? It worked for Larry last month as the Hudson Hundred raffle winner.

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – April 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM at the home of Paul and Irene Wassermann

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

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

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that current membership is at 239 and that we picked up 1 new member and three members who renewed their Division dues late. Chris asked that the minutes from March be amended to read that the Division sent a \$7,500 check to the 2019 Convention account and not the Rio Grande Chapter.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer, Bob Herman, reported that the Savings Account is \$27,803.45 and Checking is \$7,577.89.

Old Business:

Hudson Raffle – Bob reported that the sale of the Hudson tickets continued strong. The search for the Hudson for this year's raffle continues. Phil Monahan stated he might have one for sale and will bring it to the meet to be inspected to meet the C-8 standard required for the raffle.

2017 Raffle – The BOD accepted the generous donation of Ray Pomper for the mint sealed MTH service station and purchased a MTH M-10000 for the 2017 Raffle. The Division will round out the raffle with a mint Palisades Park trolley from the 2015 TCA METCA Convention. These trolleys are completely sold out and now sell for a premium on the secondary market.

Third 2019 Fundraising Car – May 1st will be the start of the Harvey House car promotion. This will be a 300 car run with a sales price of \$79.95 and include shipping. Division members will be offered a special price of \$74.95 if they purchase from Peter before cars are delivered.

Misplaced Checks – Treasurer Bob Herman reported that to date the Division has recovered the funds from 23 of the 29 misplaced checks.

Spring Picnic -Spring Picnic was a great event with about 100 people attending. Bob reported that our costs were about \$400. Food was plentiful. After review and comments it was decided that next year we will reduce the number of burgers purchased and increase the brats, which seemed very popular with attendees.

New Business:

November Auction - The Phil Waszak collection is currently being inventoried and lotted. It appears that the November auction is completely full. Chris reported that he recently drove to Tucson and picked up two additional consignments. Once inventoried, the Auction Committee will report to the BOD at the May meeting about suggestions on how to best way to handle all of the new consignments, including the possibility of another Souper Bowl January Auction.

May Pizza Meetza Meet and Auction – Chris has asked, and Beth Stange will be coordinating the pizza order. The Auction has several very nice donations and Chet Henry is working up auction lots. There is still many lots available for members to bring to the Meet. Peter Atonna has agreed to be the auctioneer so it should be a fun afternoon.

Christmas Holiday Party - Christmas party gift policy is still in flux. In spite of budget concerns the Board has decided to continue with a member's gift. The Lennox ornament will continue to be the spouse's gift. Chris will troll the dealer hall at spring York for ideas and report next month.

November Auction - Chris visited the Tempe History Museum recently and he noted that they had a meeting room that might be a possible site for an alternate Division meet. He will bring it up to the membership to check on the possibility for the July Mini-Meet

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on May 10, 2017 at the home of Terry and Adrienne Haas.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

Presidents Message

I have to be honest with you, there are month's when I stare at the computer screen and just draw blanks about what to write about. I'm a 100% homer, I love TCA and I love working with all of you here in the Division in the Valley and the Chapter in Albuquerque. But even with all this energy I have, there are just times when the old brain cells come up empty, but not this month, a trip to York, the National Toy Train Museum and even the meetings that I attend have been a great elixir for me.

What more can I say about being a part of history and the first public opening of York? There was just so much excitement around the event that I would have probably attended even if I did not have all the TCA meetings to go to.

We often get narrow sighted when talking about our hobby or even the hobby of collecting overall. I often hear comments about this generation not wanting to get tied down with "stuff" yet anyone who has travelled by air recently must marvel like I do about the stuff that the current generation drags along for their comfort while stuck in that aluminum tube along side of me. I see more gadgets and gizmos from the business guy all the way down to the casual young traveler. Oh they collect stuff, and make no doubt about it, the churn ratio of some of that stuff must be pretty dynamic as "Beat" ear buds give way to noise cancelling Bluetooth headsets. Laurel and I were a couple of rows back from a young man that almost had to be removed from the emergency exit row because he wouldn't pay attention to the flight attendant long enough during the emergency exit briefing before a recent flight. Not very assuring that this lunkhead was what stood between me and the emergency exit door.

But I digress, the opening of the Eastern Division York show was another step in the right direction even though it most likely came too late to really matter.

Please do not misconstrue my comments as negative. To the contrary the work done by Eastern Division TCA, all of their staff and volunteers to put this thing together on such short notice is quite remarkable. The show was a tremendous success. Sometimes you do not measure success by gate receipts, and such was the case here. This is not about how many of the public came through but rather the public came out at all. If there were glitches, they were hidden from sight. April is the end of train season just about everywhere, and for a

portion of the country that has so many different public shows to choose from, the simple fact that we attracted the public to the show and new members to TCA is a success in my book everyday of the week.

So if the show was such a great success why do I feel it most likely came too late? Quite honestly, Eastern Division faces the same problem we do here in the Desert Division and in TCA overall. Most often we make progress at a snail's pace, and frequently only when our backs are against the wall and the need to change is the only course of action left.

But opening up train shows to the public is not going to save York, Desert Division or TCA. Quite frankly I see train shows as another part of our hobby that we hold onto, resisting the change that we all know is inevitable.

If you sell at shows or even are a frequent attendee you know this yourself. As a seller, I see fewer and fewer people attend, and even fewer buy a train. This leads to the other side of the coin, where I begin to pick and choose shows to buy a table because the attendance isn't what it used to be. I see folks with their phones dialing up the internet looking to see if my price is high to what they can buy it somewhere online.

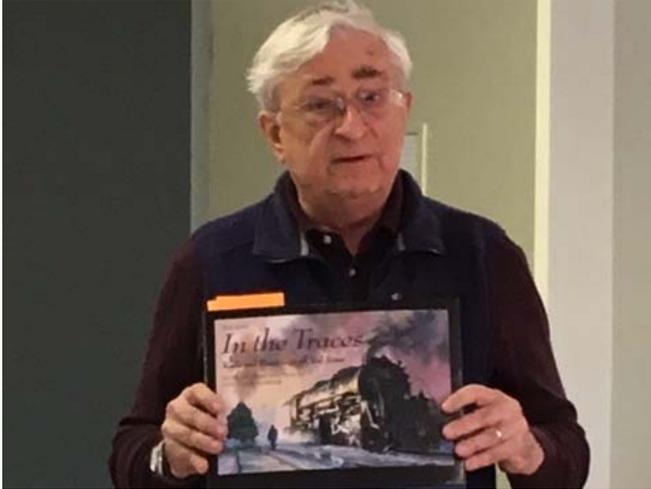
This happens to our retail brick and mortar guys and it is happening to us as well. No one is immune from the new technology that is causing such a shake up in the retail world.

Online retailing is a definite force to reckon with. We may not agree with it, we may not even participate in it ourselves, but the simple fact is that it is a real force within the marketplace and we need to recognize it and make plans to work within this new business model. National TCA is taking such action and after one of my meetings at York I hope to have good news to report from the National Convention in June. I'm excited about this new change and feel it is a step in the right direction.

What can we do here locally? I'm not sure, certainly for such a limited audience the fact that we have a train show in every month, and sometimes two, we are certainly reaching a saturation point. Cooperation among the other clubs is essential, but when so many club budgets depend on outside funding, the change will most likely come with some pain. As long as shows remain profitable, they will continue to be held.



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER SHOW AND TELL



John Trever described his book *In the Traces*, illustrating the watercolor train artwork of Ted Rose (available through Amazon Smile)



Jim Trever had a Lego Area 51 flying saucer and a "under construction" Plasticville House in the hard to find gray color



Greg Palmer had several items including this nice Märklin train from the 1934 to 1939 period



John Anderson describes his American Flyer 766 Guilford Station and car that worked similar to Lionel's cattle & horse car



Bill Lubert had a 1948 General Models Brass steam Locomotive kit on display



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Elaine Eckstein – TCA 14-69805



The February Rio Grande Chapter meeting was held on April 22, 2017 at Los Altos Christian Church with 14 TCA members attending. The Members Only Swap Meet began at 9:00 AM.

Show and Tell:

- Greg Palmer showed a Kusan Caboose from the Mexican Production Period with a production error, only stamped on one side, a Lionel Dwarf Signal from 1980-83, a piece of standard gauge track from 1906 only with 036 radius, a Marklin 1934-39 train, 3 rail, 20V AC and a 1900 postcard book.
- Jim Trever showed a Plasticville House under construction (\$75) in the rare dark grey color and an Area 51 Leggo Space Capsule from 2004.
- John Trever showed a book called In the Traces by Ted Rose a collection of prints of his train watercolor paintings.
- Bill Lubert showed the 1948 General Models Kit Steam Engine and tender made of brass cast metal.
- John Anderson showed an American Flyer Guilford Station and passenger car (maroon) and a Lionel Milk Platform.
- Art Lites talked to the members about the use of Facebook to promote the club and Pumpkin Meet.

President's Report: (George Domeny read) from the Desert Division Board Meeting. The Division has 239 members, \$7,578 in checking and \$23,803 in savings.

Treasurer's Report: The Chapter has \$4,152.18 in checking.

Secretary Report: Scott Eckstein Chairman, Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers to be voted on in January 2018:

- President - Greg Palmer
- Vice-President - Jim Trever
- Treasurer - Everett Hagan
- Secretary - Scott Eckstein
- Board of Directors - Jon Spargo, Art Lites, Ross Jordan

Board Members at Large: Greg Palmer suggested we do another after meet lunch activity at the church. Possibly to work with Bob Keller National Convention Committee Chair at the September 16 meeting.

Old Business: Existing Fundraiser Cars Update: As of April 5th Desert Division Board Meeting there were 23 C&T cars left and 12 Los Alamos cars left to sell. There will not be any more advertising for the Los Alamos Cars, which are expected to be sold out this month.

Donated Trains from Peter Riva (a new member) raised a total of \$543 with all trains sold. Also there was a 465

Dispatch Station which the Chapter donated to Al Hovey and the Children's Train Club. Tom Lawler modified the speaker in the station so you can plug in a jack for a phone, radio or CD.

New Business: New Fundraiser Car: Is a Fred Harvey Trading Company Box car. 300 cars will be made in the USA utilizing Lionel's new printing technology. The Board has agreed to purchase a new table banner which will include the Convention Logo and Chapter Logo. They also approved two new posters one for the Convention Logo and One for the Fred Harvey Car. Additionally the Board agreed to purchase the MTH components for Smart Phone train control, which when combined with Art Lites components will allow us to control Lionel or MTH trains with smart phones or tablets.

Railfair May 20th: For Railfair we have 2 options in addition to our sales table.

- Option 1 Tom Lawler has volunteered to display his pre-war 763 Scale Hudson along with his refurbished post-war Bakelite Madison passenger cars in our display case.
- Option 2 Brian Mosley has stated he would work with us to possibly use a small layout (Chris Wieclaw) for phone control in the table sales area.

As we get closer we will decide which option we can actually accomplish or maybe both if we push our luck.

Pumpkin Meet: We will repeat last year's newspaper ads, we need to start dispensing our 2000 flyers in August. Greg Palmer has already placed some. George will take flyers to the State Fair. For table sales David Nycz will send emails to non-chapter prior year's table sellers the week after Labor Day like last year. Table seller forms are already on the Desert Division Website. Chris Allen has already sent our Pumpkin Meet ad to use as a free upcoming Chapter Ad in the TCA National Headquarters' News.

Open Floor Topics: Facebook- after discussion a motion was made for Art Lites to move forward with setting up our own Chapter Face Book Account.

After meet activity at Frank Dean's House.

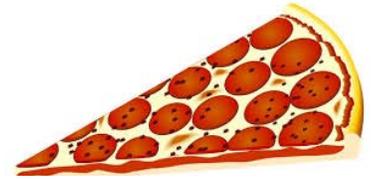
Meeting Dates for 2017 September 16, 2017 – Los Altos October 29, 2017 – Pumpkin Meet

Other Train Club Activities:

- May 20 – NM Railroad Fair at State Fairgrounds
- May 20 & 21 – Santa Fe Model Railroad Club annual Spring Show (Open to the public)
- August – Santa Fe Model Railroad Club at County Fair Grounds (Check website)



Pizza Meetza Auction



Desert Division is pleased to host our annual Pizza Meetza Auction. This auction offers the opportunity to purchase, at auction, a broad variety of trains, track, buildings, transformers, train room signs and pictures. You still have time to participate! Bring your items to the May Meet, Saturday, May 13 and check in with auction chairman Chet Henry. The auction will be held following the General Meeting and our pizza buffet. The variety of items is as diverse as the free pizza's you will eat which give us the time to prepare for the afternoon auction.

TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE! It is anticipated that the General Meeting will end at 11:00 AM. We invite you to enjoy a casual buffet style lunch while the auction crew sets up the items for your viewing and inspection. The setup should take about one hour. The items will be available for viewing for 30 minutes prior to the auction itself. To avoid confusion and speed the setup we ask that you do not begin viewing the items until invited to do so by the auctioneer. We hope to begin the auction before 12:30 PM.

As with all Pizza Meetza Auctions, there is no printed catalog, no cost for admission, and no

Buyer's Premium. Anyone wishing to purchase from a wide assortment of trains is welcome.

All items will be sold in lots, as is where is, there is no warranty as to the condition of any item. Although known or obvious defects will be noted by the auctioneer, you should examine all items before bidding. Buyers are strongly advised to examine each item of interest during the viewing and inspection time prior to the auction. Purchases are final upon payment and receipt of your purchases. Any returns or adjustments are solely at the discretion of the Desert Division.

All bidders must have a bidder's card. Each successful bid will be entered into a journal kept by the Treasurer. Decisions on bidding and successful bids will be made by the auctioneer and will be final.

The minimum bid increment up to \$100 will be \$1, over that amount it will be \$5. You pay for all your merchandise at the conclusion of the auction. You will be given a printout with all your purchases and the prices paid and upon payment, your purchases will be delivered to you.



IT'S A GO AND WE'VE A DEAL FOR YOU!

By Peter Atonna TCA 75-7578

May is the kickoff for our new Albuquerque convention fund raising car - the Fred Harvey boxcar. As you know, over the past couple of years we've produced two cars to help pay for the Division and Rio Grande Chapter's local expenses as we move toward the 2019 National Convention in Albuquerque. Both the Cumbres and Toltec boxcar and the Los Alamos mint car are almost sold out as I write this. (You can see the inventory remaining on our website, tcadd.org. Hint, if you would like one of these, now is the time!) -editors note; the mint car is now completely sold out!

For the third and last car, we've designed a boxcar to honor the heritage of the Fred Harvey Company. The theme is "Fred Harvey Civilized the West". And that is almost literally true. Although based in Kansas City, his western operations were focused in New Mexico, so we thought that would be a great tie in to our convention. Hotels, dining car service, restaurants and of course Harvey Girls all made their mark here in the West. (by the way, if you would like to learn more about Fred Harvey, I recommend the book, *Appetite for America* by Stephen Fried)

But now to the car itself. You can see images of it in this issue of the Dispatch as well as on our

website. I am biased of course, but think the design is really spectacular.

Now here are the details. It is one of Lionel's new, Made in the USA boxcars and is scheduled for delivery by September of this year. But, we are making only 300 units, so it may sell out quite quickly. So, here is the deal: If you would like to preorder one (or more) of these cars for pickup in Phoenix or Albuquerque, you can preorder them from today until August 31. But here is the catch. You must pay directly with your order either by check with your order or by credit card with your order at a Desert Division meet. We cannot take PayPal orders for this from our website. BUT if you want to do this, you will be able to buy the car at a \$5 DISCOUNT off the retail price of \$79.95.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, go to the order form on the Desert Division website and print off the order form, just mail it to me with your check of \$74.95 (or take it to a Phoenix Division meet for credit card payment) and when I receive the shipment from Lionel, I will have your cars delivered for pickup to either a Desert Division meet in Phoenix or Rio Grande Chapter meet in Albuquerque. Remember, these will NOT be mailed and I MUST RECEIVE your order by August 31.

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THE LURE OF THE HUDSON

by Gordon L. Wilson, TCA #76-10233

Have you bought your Hudson raffle tickets? Do you know why you should have a Lionel Hudson among your Toy Train Collection? The following is a brief history about this iconic Lionel Locomotive and its importance to the Lionel line of toy trains. It stands apart from every other steam locomotive this company ever produced. Read on!

Since the beginning of railroads in early 19th Century England (1804), the steam engines have been the recipients of some memorable "nicknames." Very often these names are associated more with the geographic location serviced by these "iron horses" than anything to do with how they were constructed. For example, one of the first railroads in the USA, the Delaware and Hudson, had a loco known as "The Pride of Newcastle" (for Newcastle, Delaware), a British engine used in the USA. The first successful steam engine built entirely in the USA came along in 1830. It operated on the South Carolina Canal and Railroad Company and was known as "The Best Friend of Charleston."

As railroads developed in the USA, names such as "DeWitt Clinton," "The General," "The Texas," "The Northern," "Cab Forward," "Challenger," "Prairie," "Big Boy," "Coast Daylight," "Berkshire," and "Hudson" became household names to railroad buffs. In 1937, one of those "Railroad Buffs" elevated one of those locomotives to Celebrity Status, bordering on International Notoriety. That "Buff" was Joshua Lionel Cowen, owner of Lionel Trains. Living in the Metropolitan New York City area and a huge admirer of the New York Central Railroad, Cowen had a Super Favorite locomotive: the New York Central's 4-6-4 "Hudson." The "Hudson" was the work horse locomotive of the New York Central's, pulling both passenger and freight on their extensive NYC system. The nickname "Hudson" was applied to it because of the New York Central's trackage, which ran alongside the famous HUDSON RIVER.

Up to 1936 Lionel Trains were primarily "toyish." By that, it is meant that they didn't

really look like or resemble the real thing. All that changed in 1937. Cowen offered a series of two scale model kits so serious toy train hobbyists could build his FAVORITE locomotive, the New York Central Hudson. He gave it a real New York Central number too, 5344. That same year Lionel also offered a new scale of toy trains which were called "oo." The only locomotives in this new line were Hudsons – a 2-rail version and a 3-rail version. In the O-gauge ready built line, Lionel also offered two Hudsons for sale beginning in 1937 and continuing until the start of World War II at the end of 1941. They were the famous grey and a black 763 Hudsons. When World War II came, the Hudsons ceased, as did all other Lionel toy train products..

It wouldn't be until Lionel's 50th Anniversary of being in business that the Hudson would reappear. In the "027" Line that year were the Yellow and Grey 2023 UP Alco Diesel Freight and Passenger sets. In "0" gauge, to commemorate this 50th Anniversary Year also reappeared a big, but less detailed Hudson locomotive pulling a large, die-cast, 6-wheel-truck, whistling tender. The loco sported the numerals 773 and hauled the top-of-the-line Madison Passenger Coaches. In my opinion, this was and continues to be, the ultimate Post War set! It was expensive, and in 1950 there weren't any discount stores!

For whatever reason, the 773 didn't reappear in the 1951 or any subsequent catalogs of the 1950's. Perhaps it didn't sell well. Perhaps it was because of the incredible sales of the Santa Fe F-3 diesels. It wouldn't be for more than a decade before the Hudson rejoined the Lionel stable of Locomotives, and then, INCORRECTLY!

In 1964 the largest post war steam locomotive (in size) finally reappeared. Collectors and serious operators should have been ecstatic, but instead they went "bonkers" at Lionel's stupidity and total lack of detail. First of all, on the steam chest the main slide valve guide was missing, allowing one to look right through

the main frame, as one would an open door. However, that was secondary compared to the name on the tender this symbol of Lionel Toy Train dominance was pulling. In bold letters was PENNSYLVANIA, a mighty railroad to be sure. However, the Pennsy never ran a Hudson 4-6-4 loco. It was known on the East Coast for its mighty electrics, also Lionel favorites, the GG-1's! Lionel's offices in Hillside, NJ were overwhelmed with letters of protest and criticism, so much so that in order to insure the sale of this expensive engine during a time of severe declining sales, they offered a "deal" to buyers of this Hudson: "Send in/or take to your Authorized Lionel Dealer, the Pennsylvania Tender top and exchange it for the correct New York Central top," which was hastily produced. Most buyers did that, but a few "sly" collectors managed to keep the Pennsy top and somehow acquire the New York Central shells in 1964.

In 1965 through 1969, the Hudson continued to be sold with a New York Central Tender. However, THAT tender's lettering was different from what had been so hastily put together to placate the irate buyers of the 1964

Hudson. Inadvertently Lionel had created a whole series of variations which continue to haunt and confound the current TCA Post War Lionel Collectors to this day.

If one still doesn't know what a Lionel Hudson looks like or why it is significant, I suppose there isn't much more that can be said or done. It was Joshua Lionel Cowen's favorite locomotive, so he made it into THE most prestigious item in the Lionel Catalogs on three different occasions. It is far and away the largest, heaviest, and most detailed of all the Post War Locomotives. From its inception in 1937, through the end of Lionel's time in New Jersey in 1969, the Hudson Locomotive appeared on the cover of a Lionel catalog or main public publication 13 times. No other piece of Lionel inventory can lay claim to that bit of grandiose celebration.

Regardless of your era or area of interest in Lionel Trains, there should be a special place reserved for this locomotive. It is basically synonymous with the words LIONEL TRAINS.



DESERT DIVISION 2017 RAFFLE



1st Prize

Is a real gem from 2000 and is mint in the box. The MTH 30-2197-0 with loco-sound. That's right, no fancy electronics to get messed up on your layout. This beautiful UP M-10000 set operates on 031 curves so it is a perfect fit for just about any layout. The locomotive has been completely serviced and is ready to roll as soon as you win it. This one can find a home in your collection or on your layout if you are this year's winner.

2nd Prize

Got Gas? Why not wash your car at the same time? The perfect companion for any service station on your layout is this MTH 30-9104 Operating Car Wash. The picture is from the internet, you will win one that is factory sealed, brand spanking new in its shipping carton. Time to clean up all those cars on your layout and run them through this beautiful accessory.



3rd Prize

From the TCA 61st TCA National Convention we present this Lionel 6-58238 uncataloged classic. The Palisades Park Trolley was produced in extremely limited numbers and is now completely sold out. How popular was it? It is selling for a premium on the secondary markets today. Now is your chance to own and operate this colorful trolley on your layout.



Tickets go on sale at the May General Meet for the November 18th drawing.
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****DEADLINE FOR AD's – THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH ****

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FOR THINGS THAT DIDN'T FIT ELSEWHERE or BREAKING NEWS



The 1981 TCA Convention Car from St. Louis. Both are special the Chris Allen. The name on the shipping box is from Frank Koenig Sr. a founding member of the Division and the bottom one has a sticker that was only available at the convention, making it very rare.



Dave Brown's famous Double "Header", provided a few laughs and quite a few more groans from the April "fools" meet.



Paul Wassermann's brother-in-law found this one of a kind Southern Pacific Daylight art print in a east valley antique store.



A better closeup of Larry Stencil's Western Coil Streamliner. In the background you can also see Terry Haas' recently gifted American Flyer postwar train tunnel

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APRIL PICNIC FUN



Although we had an overcast day, which was much appreciated after a very hot week the Annual Picnic had a great turnout



Hard to make a decision of what to choose from all the wide assortment of side dishes and desserts



The overview once things started getting served!



Look at all the goodies! Thanks to all our members and their families who helped out and brought something in to share



Not the best picture of our two great chief's Angelo Lautazi and Mike Dietrich, who worked the hot grill serving hot dogs, brats, and hamburgers