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SPRING TRAINING IS HERE

If you've been to a restaurant here in town the past few weeks you know the baseball fans are here for spring training. For us train collectors and operators though, spring training often has a different connotation. The fall and winter train shows are behind us, and for many, house and layout projects get into full swing (no pun intended) prior to the summer heat.

While we have recently returned to our winter norms of clear skies and occasional rain, the February Meet was a beautiful warm day and we had more takers of the free soda and water rather than the fresh brewed coffee provided by Janet Mattern.

The meeting started a little late with all the fellowship going on in the hall, but President Allen got the crowd in their seats and the meeting started at 10:10. Secretary Lautazi reported we had almost fifty members in attendance and quite a few visitors today. Charles Capeheart was visiting from Austin, Texas and Rocky McFadden was in town, from Anaheim, California. The biggest surprise of the morning was the trio of members from Maricopa, who made the short drive up that included Ted Yocum, Don McClure,

and Joe Algozzini. Yes, the same Joe Algozzini who has written and co-authored numerous books on postwar Lionel. Joe has recently moved into the Division after living in the Midwest.

Next Angelo reported that current Division active (dues paying) membership now stands at 232 with a handful still needing to get their Division dues mailed in for the year.

Bob Herman gave the Treasurer's report of 19,805.34 in the Savings Account and \$12,456.91 in Checking. Chris reported that like last year when our checking account had a big balance, some of the money in the checking account is in "escrow" waiting for the current 2019 Convention fundraising car to turn a profit. At present the sales are at 199 units with 244 as the breakeven point. At that time the Division will release the remaining profit from the second car, about \$4,350. The Savings Account is our rainy-day fund, we try to operate the club with the checking account funds only.

Chris next reported on the need to sell several items that did not meet auction reserve prices. Some of these prices are set by the Division to protect our consigners. Many estates

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10 - March Division Meet

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

March 17 - Rio Grande Chapter Meet

9:00 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Albuquerque, NM

April 7 – Multi-Club Annual Picnic – 11 AM – 1 PM Chaparral Ramada

McCormick Stillman Railroad Park – Scottsdale, AZ

April 14 - March Division Meet

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

that we deal with have little knowledge of the value of the trains. Chris explained that we also often end up with "everything in the train room" and some of the items might not be of interest to the individual buyers at that specific auction. Depending on the item, it might be passed to the following auction or as we have done in the past offered to the members in a silent auction bid before we put the items up on eBay.

While on the subject of auctions, he thanked and acknowledged those members who brought soup and chili for the recently held Souper Bowl IV auction. At the suggestion of Barbara Lautazi, auctioneer Peter Atonna asked members to consider a small donation for the lunch to cover expenses for some of the certified gluten free options the Division purchases. The Division has not charged for the lunchtime food, instead relying on the honor system for auction attendees to contribute what they feel was fair. However, the November auction failed to raise even 5% of the food expenses and caused the Board to evaluate how to address the need going forward. It seems just a simple reminder was all that was needed.

President Allen next reported that the Board has been notified by the church's reservation administrator that there is a scheduling conflict with our meeting date later in the year. After talking it over at the Division Board meeting the Directors decided to move the September date to the third Saturday, September 15th instead of looking for an alternate site. This date avoids all known conflicts with other clubs in the valley that begin ramping up for the fall train season and is only one week later than normal.

The Division is in a very unique position this year. Two recent donations have placed us in a unique situation which to offer for the Annual Raffle. During the Division Board meeting it was decided to let the members choose which one might be more desirable. Reflecting the recent trend back towards postwar trains the members present decided on the Lionel 1464W Union Pacific Set complete in the set box that was offered only in 1953. This beautiful silver AA Alco set with three matching cars is from the original owner and was well taken care of. The Annual Raffle tickets go on sale April and we will have

some pictures of this unique set in the Next edition of the newsletter.

Speaking about raffles, February is the kickoff of the Annual Hudson Drawing. Started in 1989 as an idea both to get a then hard to find and desirable Lionel postwar Hudson into the hands of our Division members, the annual drawing continues to be one of the hottest tickets in town. Many members purchase their tickets early in the year to increase their chances of the \$100 monthly drawing where you must be present at the meeting to win the Franklin. Christie Wilson reported that ticket sales were brisk to these early birds.

The Educational Segment started with **Jonathan Peiffer** and two versions of the Budd RDC's from his collection. The 3rd Rail version was true scale and the Lionel postwar version was selectively compressed. The difference between the two was striking and left little doubt why Lionel "shrunk" the car during the 1950's. **Paul Wassermann** showcased his treasured Lionel prewar 703 engines. Paul related to how he acquired his engine in the pre eBay days and after getting his thought he might have a repaint. After years of research and a second 703 was added to his collection, Paul believes his first locomotive, that he almost sent back for a refund is a first catalog prototype! Quite a score! **Chris Allen** had the just delivered G Gauge TCA Convention boxcar. Although he only has one G Gauge train that he runs on the module, he liked the graphics so much he had to buy this one. He also brought in the "control tower" from his recently acquired Wyandotte tin American Airlines hangar. It is in rough shape and he acquired from the members present how best to clean and proceed with the restoration.

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order, MTH 2012 Holiday car - Beth Stange, Lionel Tank Car - Howard Schwartz, Lionel Pennsy Boxcar - Don Locke, Train Dish and cup - Dave Brown, American Flyer Caboose - Larry Teresi, Hudson ticket (no, it wasn't picked last) Jack Eaton. Winner of the first \$100 Hudson Hundred for 2018 went to Division Secretary Angelo Lautazi. Thank you to all who bought tickets and supported the Desert Division.



Sam McElwee filing out his Hudson ticket while Roxanne looks on



Tough to negotiate a sale when you're talking to an empty chair



David Hollister is all smiles with a wide assortment from Standard Gauge to MPC on his table



Jonathan Peiffer talking about selective compression on RDC's. 3rd Rail scale in front, Lionel in the back



Paul Wassermann's 703's. Enlarge the photo to see the difference in the ventilator grills



The minutes simply read; " Winner of the \$100 Hudson Raffle was Angelo Lautazi. Yah!"

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – February 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Angelo and Barbara Lautazi

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

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

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 234 members of which 44 owe dues for the upcoming year. A final dues reminder will be sent by email and in the March Newsletter.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account is \$19,805.34 and Checking is \$12,456.91, Bob distributed the Income & Expense report from January. The January "Souper" Bowl Auction was successful posted a modest profit. The budget for 2018 was updated and some additional expenses were trimmed or eliminated.

Old Business:

Christmas Holiday Party – After much discussion it was decided to begin a search for an alternate venue. It was hoped that a new location in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area could be found to make the event more centrally located for the majority of the attendees. Paul Wassermann has agreed to head the search.

Souper Bowl Auction – Chris acknowledged that Barbara Lautazi's idea to have auctioneer Peter Atonna ask the attendees make a small donation toward the lunch helped to offset food costs. Many members step up and bring their own creations, but the club insures that we have all the accoutrements and at least one gluten free option that makes the lunchtime break enjoyable for all those in attendance. Everyone responded, and the food costs were covered by those in attendance.

Hudson Raffle – This year the Hudson is a C-8, 1964 edition. The ticket sales will begin with the February Meet. Jonathan brought up the idea that the cash prize should be increased to \$773 to match the engine number. The Board agreed it was a clever idea and will begin with next years sales since the tickets for this year had already been printed with the \$750 cash alternative. Chris mentioned that even though the club has trended more towards the operating side of the hobby, for the past five years the winner has still chosen to take this postwar beauty home.

New Business:

September Meeting Moved – Chris told the Board that the church had notified him of a scheduling conflict in September. It was decided to move the September Meet to the third Saturday, September 15, and keep the meeting room the same rather than relocate to a different facility.

Auction Items not meeting minimums – After much discussion it was decided to offer auction items that do not meet the reserve price will be offered to the entire Division first prior to being offered on the internet. This method will also be expanded to include some items such as scale 0n3 items and Standard Gauge. Details are being worked out and the available items will be offered in the newsletter.

November Train Show 2018 – Budget has been set. Chris will inquire to see if SOV is available to host the auction on November 17th. If it is, it was decided to move the Train Show to November 24, Thanksgiving Saturday.

Harvey Trading Co. Cars – The sales for final fundraiser for the 2019 TCA Convention is currently at 199 units. The Division need sales to reach 244 to break even on the project, which is expected to be reached by mid-summer.

Division Polo Shirts – Paul reported the sales of the new Division polo shirts stood at 15 and he will place the order following the February Meeting to include any last-minute orders. The shirts should be available to those who ordered them at the March Meeting.

Division Module Trailer – The trailer has made one "Transportation Day" appearance at a valley pre-school with another one scheduled for mid-February. The response from the schools and children has been very enthusiastic. Chris noted the trailer needs better load rated tires to give it more stability at freeway speeds. The Board approved the request and Chris will take care of it and schedule an upcoming work party to do some minor track maintenance.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on March 7, 2018 at the home of Paul and Irene Wassermann.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

Presidents Message

Spring Training is about to wrap up here in the Valley, which means we will again be able to find a seat at the local restaurants, mid-day traffic will get back to normal, and of course summer is bearing down on us, wishing spring stayed around just a little longer.

On the brighter side, it also means the spring multi-club picnic is right around the corner as well. Planning for this event start in the fall, when the P&P President Bill Lazenby wakes up bright and early to be first in line on October 1st when the reservations open up at the park. We will have our usual good time so remember to mark your calendar for Saturday April 7th from 11:00 Am until 1:00 PM. As many members heard at the February Meeting I've been buying brats this year whenever they go on sale and storing them in my freezer. It seems that every year when it's time to buy them they are a buck a piece. At that price we usually run out since we must balance the food budget. I hope to have plenty on hand for the Chef's this year.

I put the newsletter together a different way each month. Sometimes I just work from page one on through, sometimes the middle out and other times from back to front. It might seem a bit scattered but often times I have bits and pieces, just not enough to fill a whole page but still important enough to let everybody know what's going on. When I do it that way, snippets are often overlooked.

It just so happens that this is the last page I'm writing for the newsletter this month. Everything else was typed in, or so I thought. As I look back at my notes I discovered I forgot to talk about this or that. The Educational Segment is one of those areas. It is an important part of our meeting each month and I would like you to participate more frequently. We like to cover a wide variety of topics, and while I might go off on the latest find for my collection, I'm just as interested to hear about the latest discovery you made or trick you learned. While TCA was founded on the collecting side of the hobby, it has morphed into an operating organization. This did not happen overnight, in fact as far back as 1988, yes thirty years ago, TCA was offering G gauge cars as part of the annual convention car suite. This is not a Lionel only postwar club, though the major focus of attention goes in that direction simply because of

the massive output from that one manufacturer. But, TCA is still about trains, any gauge, any manufacturer, any era, and don't say I'm an operator not a collector. Every operator has a collection, they just refer to that pile of trains on their layout as staging yards. Whatever your interest the only way to find if others share it, is to talk about it.

You might believe you can't get up in front of others and talk. I do understand that fear. Believe it or not I was that way once myself. True, the guy that can talk the ears off an elephant, used to be terrified of speaking in front of large groups. It's still not my favorite thing to do but I've turned it around by speaking to you, my friends.

I love to chat with friends, and my monthly orations are just me speaking to a group of friends rather than to each of you individually. It works for me, maybe it will work for you. I know we all would like to hear a new voice or two each month during the Educational Segment.

When I first joined Desert Division I hooked up with the module crew. We were quite active back in the 90's running trains with the old TTOS group at shopping malls around town several times a year.

While those days are now gone, along with most of the malls, I still enjoy running trains in the public, for children or adults. This past winter I've had the opportunity to run trains with members of the Division at two preschools. The preschool events are fun, and the children and adults have a great time as do those of us who run the trains. I would like to add a few more next year. If you know of a preschool that holds a similar event here in town, please contact me. The Division has a great deal of money invested in the trailer and the storage locker to protect it. When it was first proposed many members said they would support it and come out and run trains. Sadly a few of those members are no longer with us, but you are.

Consider joining us the next time we setup and run trains. If you do not own a layout the module is a great place to keep those trains tracked. Keeping trains in a box on a shelf is not that they were meant for. Recapture the joy and track your trains.



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL PICTURES



**Greg Palmer's American Flyer prewar 1121 freight set
In very nice condition**



**Scott Eckstein with his prewar 1664 set he recently
restored**



**Jim Trever's Schylling Collectible Railcar Zeppelin. Works
as a floor train or on the track**



**John Anderson talks about the useful tools he found in
the Harbor Freight watch repair kit**



**Everett Hagan can't wait for summer to get here to
use his Norfolk Southern BBQ Grill Utensil Set**



**They are here! Get your official 2019 Convention shirts
and hats. Contact Scott or Elaine Eckstein**



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA 94-39039



The February TCA Rio Grande Chapter Meet came during our first real Winter Week. The weather on February 17th however, was sunny and warm with 17 TCA members attending. The Members Only Swap Meet began at 9:00am and the meeting started as usual with a great Show and Tell Educational Segment.

Show and Tell: **Greg Palmer** showed the group his JEP French passenger set. It is the same Passenger set showed in the January 2017 TC Quarterly on page 14. Greg explained the difference between the trains noting his was made before France was taken over by the Germans, and still had French markings on it. Greg also displayed an American Flyer Prewar O Gauge Freight Set he was the successful bidder on at the Division's November Train Auction. **Scott Eckstein** displayed his restored 1664E Passenger Set. He restored the set with the help of Ross Jordan. **Jim Trever** talked about his Schylling Collectable Tin Windup Railcar based on the German Rail Zeppelin. It is a copy of the Marklin Zeppelin windup Rail Car but his has Lionel markings. **Frank Dean** showed off his new 2019 TCA Convention Hat. **Art Lites** brought in a K-Line Conrail GG1. This was a giveaway to employee award winners by Conrail, in the late 1980s'. **Everett Hagan** showed off his new Bar BQ Tools with a Norfolk and Southern train theme.

Officer's Report:

President's Report: Greg Palmer thanked David Nycz for a great four years and increasing the Chapter's membership. Greg also passed around a list of items stolen from Division member Bill Sivley at the Rt. 66 Truck Stop west of town.

Treasurer's Report: Everett reported a current balance of \$4,272.92 in the account.

Convention Chair: The Ecksteins' gave the Convention Committee report and showed off the shirts, hats, and pins, they have for sale. These are the items that will be offered at the Warwick TCA Convention this summer. The items look great, and are very reasonably priced. Call Scott or Elaine if you want to purchase any 2019 Convention items.

Old Business:

2018 Pumpkin Meet: The Pumpkin Meet will be October 28th. The contract was signed, and the

deposit given to the hotel in January. We need to have more ideas for advertising, and how to improve the raffle income.

New Business:

David Nycz talked about the NMCRRC Meeting. The NMRA Show, in November, is under new management, but is moving forward.

Greg Palmer formed a new Committee. It will be the Membership-Marketing Committee. David Nycz will head the Committee, along with Art Lites, and Frank Dean. They will promote the Chapter, the Pumpkin Meet, and the 2019 TCA National Convention, at various Train Shows in New Mexico. If any other members want to become a member of the Committee, please contact David Nycz, or Greg Palmer.

A discussion on the Harvey House Boxcar and the need to have some cars for upcoming shows, so we could sell them. Greg Palmer, and Scott and Elaine will brainstorm a way to get some cars to Albuquerque. Elaine made a motion to have \$500.00 available, out of club funds, to possibly purchase cars, at cost, to sell. Motion passed.

After meeting Educational Segment:

The After-Meet Activity, was a great Computer Video Presentation by TCA Member Jon Spargo, on the 2926 Locomotive restoration project. This was a great past, present, and future presentation on the 2926. Everyone had a great time. Thanks Jon for doing this.

Meeting dates for 2018: March 17, April 21, And September 18, - 9:00 AM members only swap meet 10:00 AM meeting. Pumpkin Meet October 28th.

Other Events:

March 3-4 - Rocky Mountain Train Show in Denver, CO
March 17-18 - Southern NM N-Scale Open House and Swap Meet, Las Cruces, NM

Our next Meet and Meeting will be March 17th, Member only Swap Meet 9:00AM, Meeting 10:00AM, after Meet Activity 12:00PM. Please bring an item for show and tell it is the best part of our Meetings.

PASSED AUCTION ITEMS FOR SALE

With most of our auctions 98% reserve free, it doesn't happen very often that those few items can't generate that reserve price. But that's the fun thing about auctions, you never know if more than one person has their eye on the prize and the bidding stalls or on rare occasion never takes off. When we pick up consignments we often get the entire train room or storage locker. We do not pick and choose what sells the best, to assist the estate, we take everything train related, even when it does not match items we normally sell. Often these are odd gauges but with a similar road name or something colorful that caught a collector's eye.

The Division Board decided that rather go into a part-time eBay business we would offer these items to all Division members first, rather than just those who attended the auction. So how to make this work when we will distribute this list of items in the DISPATCH and our members live in three states and some receive it electronically while others

prefer the snail mail?

With each list of items, we will set a deadline date that should cover every Division member receiving the list with enough time to bid. There will be an opening bid price set and you can email the most you want to bid, similar to a silent bid, to Division Treasurer Bob Herman by the cutoff date. Winning bidders will be notified by email and you can determine how you wish to pickup the item at either the Division or Chapter Meet. Members in the local Phoenix area can also make arrangements to pick up their items from the club's storage locker in southwest Mesa. If you want the item shipped, the cost will be actual shipping costs plus \$15 to cover insurance, our volunteers packing it up and shipping materials. If you're a Chapter member and patient, we can make arrangements to bring the items to Albuquerque free, on one of our many visits.

Look for the first list of items elsewhere in this issue and get ready to bid!

FALL AUCTION AND PIZZA AUCTION FILLING UP **FAST!**

The **Annual Pizza Meet** is set to be held on Saturday **May 12** following the May General Meeting. This popular auction is set for an afternoon of fun and often is host to a wide selection of odds and ends accumulated by our members over the past year. You never know what shows up and this year it is filling up quickly. Lots cost \$5 each rather than our normal commission, so don't bring in a box of rusty track. Our members will be well fed and full of pizza happiness, and ready to bid on your items.

The **November Train Auction** has been moved to **November 17**. This auction is filling up quickly and has limited space available. The January 2019 "Souper Bowl V" auction is also taking consignments on a first come, first in basis.

If you have questions or items you want to add to any auction, including the Pizza Meet, the time to act is now. We have a full schedule and space is limited so we recommend you contact Chet Henry either in person at any Desert Division meet or by email; auctionchairman@tcadd.org

TRANSPORTATION DAY – PHOENIX

Desert Division participated in the second “Transportation Day” of the early new year, this time running trains at Shepherd of the Valley preschool. We again set up the trailer module on a untypical cool Phoenix morning following a brief rainy day Arriving at 8:00 AM members Terry and Jan Fagan along with Janet Mattern helped to get the trailer module unfolded and level. Once that was done we quickly setup a few pre-fab Plasticville layout plots and the Lego Train and city creations. By 9 AM we were running trains to the delight of a constant stream of children.



Terry Fagan, background center, with a tray full of diecast cars for the preschoolers to choose from

Terry made many kids day by handing out over fifty small diecast cars as they watched the trains. We heard many positive comments from the school and teachers alike and many thanked us for the small cars the kids received. We only had one small car go for a ride in a gondola and Terry was able to pick it out without the student seeing him. She was quite surprised when it journeyed back to her spot and it wasn't there. The young lady looked up at her teacher to say her car disappeared in the train. Terry quietly walked over and handed it back to the little lady her, telling her he found it on the train hitching a ride.



Hard to see all the smiles and excitement on the faces of the children but they are there

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NEW DATES SET FOR NOVEMBER AUCTION AND TRAIN MEET

After receiving many comments from our table holders and members at large, the Desert Division Board of Directors has moved the November Train Show back to its traditional Saturday after Thanksgiving date. **This Year the Show will be held on Saturday November 24, 2018 at the Shrine Auditorium.** A lot of work and effort has gone into the change and this will require a few extra hands to make this happen. Table registration will again be handled by Beth Stange and we will begin to distribute vendors forms over the summer. The Shrine Auditorium has a maximum table capacity of 130 seller's tables and we expect an early sell out. The show will again run from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM with a table top auction after the show starting at approximately 1:05 PM.

Moving the show back to its traditional date avoids the conflict with the Cal-Stewart Meet in Southern California that we have had for the past several years and also gives our local vendors a week off between the Tucson GPD Toy Train Museum November Train Show, typically held on the second Friday-Saturday of November.

The move has also caused the shift for the **November Train Auction.** The Division has reserved **Saturday November 17th** at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church our usual meeting location. This year's auction is just about full of a nice selection of pre and postwar trains including many near current production items as well. Auction catalogs are set to go on sale over the summer as well.



Looks like Les Gnatz has a prospective buyer



Gordon Wilson and newly relocated Joe Algozzini



16 Months and Counting
65th TCA National Convention
Albuquerque, New Mexico



PASSED AUCTION ITEMS

Here's the list of passed G Gauge auction items and a few extras tossed in for good measure. Listed is the starting minimum bid. Please call Bob Herman or email; tinplater@centurylink.net with your maximum bid by 12 noon Thursday March 15. Winning bidder will be notified, and arrangements will be made for payment and pickup/delivery. We have limited space to bring a small, few items to the March Meet for inspection. Call Chris or Chet by March 8th if you wish to inspect the item you are bidding on. Photographs can be emailed by request. Next month we will have a list of Standard Gauge items.

1. Aristo-Craft ART-21404 4-6-2 CNJ Blue Comet Mint in box - \$175
2. Aristo-Craft ART-31404 Observation, ART-31304 Coach, ART-31304 Coach 3 car set mint - \$175
3. AMS AM31-170S C&S Box Car - 1:20 Scale G gauge mint - \$75
4. AMS AM202-03 Nevada California Oregon Rwy Box Car - 1:20 Scale G gauge mint - \$75
5. AMS AM31-430 #A-11 Shell Oil Tank Car 1:20 Scale G gauge mint - \$75
6. AMS AM31-430 #A-10 Shell Oil Tank Car 1:20 Scale G gauge mint - \$75
7. AMS AM33-014 #0500 Short Caboose 1:20 Scale G gauge Flying Rio Grande mint - \$75
8. Bachmann Spectrum 81798 Two Truck Heisler Locomotive 1:20 Scale G gauge mint - \$175
9. Bachmann Spectrum 80998 Baldwin 2-4-4 Forney Locomotive 1:20 Scale - \$175
10. Bachmann Spectrum 81298 2-8-0 Consolidation Locomotive 1:20 scale mint, never run, but tender has broken rear truck that needs replacement - \$150
11. Aristo-Craft ART 30115 Curved G gauge track 16 pieces, new in box - \$65
12. Aristo-Craft ART 30115 Curved G gauge track 16 pieces, new in box - \$65
13. Aristo-Craft ART-30115 Curved G gauge track 10 pieces, new open box - \$40
14. Aristo-Craft ART-11000 1ft. Straight G gauge track 12 pieces, new in box - \$35
15. Aristo-Craft ART-11000 1ft. Straight G gauge track 12 pieces, new in box - \$35
16. Aristo-Craft ART-11070 3ft. straight G gauge track 13 pieces, new open box - \$90



All AMS Freight Cars are mint in the box and scale G with very high detail



Although new in the box, the rear truck on the Spectrum Consolidation tender is broken and will need to be replaced

LARGE DONATION RECEIVED

In March I received a phone call from a newly arrived Michigan couple who now call Arizona their new home. The trains were passed onto her from her father and his request was that they not be sold, but rather find a new home for them.

Hubert Schuplin was a lifelong Tool and Die maker from the Flint, Michigan area. Like most of his Depression Era friends, he rarely threw anything away and would often repurpose items for his layout long before recycling or the phrase caught on by the current generation. He also liked to tinker with his trains, having a layout in the basement and the mandatory layout under the Christmas tree each year. I learned that he was an operator and not a collector, and his daughter recalled fond memories of him and his trains.

She didn't want them sold she told me, but could we find them a new home? Well, let's see what we have in the containers. Opening a few I discovered a postwar American Flyer 290 and a 302 along with a wide variety of Flyer freight cars.

There was your good old standby Lionel 2055 and a smaller Scout 1110 a couple of 249's one pre and one postwar, even a repainted 752. Of course, there was another wide assortment of Lionel freight cars from the era as well, and even a few accessories.

I was told everything in the containers were trains from his layout that he packed away a few years ago before he passed. After looking at the trains, I could tell that they were obviously well loved, well run, and many wrapped up in newspapers from the day they were carefully packed away. I mentioned that we had a club module layout and we could keep those trains with the layout and run them for children and the public alike. She agreed and felt that by having them here in the area, a part of her father also made the move to Arizona with her.

They will get cleaned and lubed and have a spot on our layout when we run. A new generation will be getting joy out of trains that meant so much, for a quiet man from Michigan. Welcome to Arizona Hubert.



This Aristo-Craft ART-21404 4-6-2 Blue Comet engine and tender are mint in the box. It was displayed only and measures almost 3' end to end

Two-Truck Heisler Steam Locomotive 1:20.3 Narrow Gauge



Item No. 81798 Painted Unlettered (black with red and white trim)

- ♦ DCC ready
- ♦ LED headlight and backup light
- ♦ two die-cast power trucks with precision can motors
- ♦ all-wheel drive and electrical pickup
- ♦ glowing firebox
- ♦ operating smoke unit
- ♦ NMRA/NEM polarity switch with center "off" position
- ♦ comprehensive DVD video on Heisler history and model maintenance
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Two more pictures from Transportation Day at Shepherd of the Valley preschool. Simple setup makes running trains easy and fun for everyone.



Janet Mattern explaining the benefits of Lion Chief to Mom while the young man gets up close to the MTH 384 that was whizzing by. No derailments all day!



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