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FALL TRAIN SEASON KICKOFF

What's that you say, we are no longer breaking the century mark daily here in the Valley of Sun? Well, that means fall is in the air and Rail Fair 2018 is on deck.

The September Meet was held, and it was full of surprises to all who attended and remembered the correct date. If you want to mark your calendars now, the January Meet will be one week earlier on January 5th, in 2019. Again, opting to hold the Meet at the same location will require a date change if the event clashes with a church function, but let's revisit September.

Coffee Barista Janet Mattern was MIA, well more accurately MIH (Missing in Hawaii) having gone to the islands with husband Terry to celebrate their anniversary. A stand in was found and those present appreciated the efforts Vice President Mike Dietrich and numerous helpers to keep the Division members afloat with drinks and donuts for the meeting.

It turns out President Allen was also MIA, this time Missing in Albuquerque, as he attended

a 2019 Convention meeting with TCA National Convention Chair Bob Keller and 2019 Convention co-chairs Scott and Elaine Eckstein. We look forward to his report next month.

Vice President Mike Dietrich called the meeting to order promptly at 10:00 AM, welcoming everyone in attendance.

Secretary Lautazi announced that the current Active (dues paying) Membership at 218 members. Angelo introduced Romeo Kubes to the membership and announced that he will be submitting a membership application later in the meet. Welcome Aboard Romeo!

Bob Herman gave the Division Treasurers report stating that the Savings Account had a balance of \$19,806.18 and the Checking Account had a balance of \$4,707.43.

Rail Fair will be held the weekend before the October General Meeting at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale. Extra help will be needed Saturday morning for the initial setup and Sunday afternoon when the show is

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13 – Desert Division Meet – 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - Phoenix, AZ

October 27 - Adobe Mountain Swap Meet - 9 AM – 2 PM – Adobe Mountain Railroad Park, Phoenix, AZ

October 28 – Rio Grande Chapter Pumpkin Meet – 10 AM – 4 PM - Sheraton Uptown Hotel - Albuquerque, NM

November 9 & 10 – GPD TTOM FALL MEET – Fri 1 PM – 6 PM, Sat 9 AM – 2 PM – Tucson, AZ

November 17th – Desert Division **November Toy Train Auction** 9:00 Am – 3:00 PM
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - Phoenix AZ

November 24th Desert Division **November Toy Train Show** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Shrine Auditorium – Phoenix, AZ

closing down. The trailer needs a few extra hands to make the setup and tear down go quickly. The park is changing the trailer access a bit this year and we will not be able to drive any private vehicles onto the property, but that is nothing new. We've been carting our goodies onto the property for the spring picnic for years, so this change will not really affect us that much. The signup sheet was available, if you signed up please show up!

Next on the agenda Mike opened up the floor for nomination for TCA National Office. Don Locke nominated Christie Wilson for TCA National Secretary. Phil Monahan seconded the nomination. The membership approved the nomination unanimously. The ballots and election for TCA National will be next spring.

We learned of a date conflict with the spring picnic and the Tucson GPD TTOM Train Show. Working with the GCMR and the P&P the date was changed to March 30th. P&P President Bill Lazenby has already secured the Stillman Ramada for the date.

Paul Wassermann informed the membership of the **new venue for this year's Christmas Party**. He is very excited having secured the **recently remodeled DoubleTree Suites**, located at 44th St. and Van Buren in Phoenix. The plated dinner will have several entrée choices for a reasonable price of \$30 per person. Of course, we will continue to have member and spouse gifts and our spectacular table centerpiece auction.

Peter Atonna spoke about the most recent Division fundraising car that features Arizona's Harvey House, the La Posada. Many Division members have spent rail fanning stays at the La Posada and have enjoyed sipping cool beverages on the back patio while watching the crew changes a few feet away at the BNSF stop in Winslow. This car has been produced in a very limited run of only 130 cars and if successful a third car will be produced to complete the set.

Vice President Mike spoke about the new national TCA membership recruitment campaign called "Win Big". This will benefit both TCA national but also us here in Desert Division. There

are wonderful incentives for both individual members and Divisions to recruit new members, however you must use one of the new membership applications to be entered into the contest. The new applications are available on the TCA website and from any officer in the Division or Rio Grande Chapter.

Chet Henry mentioned he had auction catalogs for the November 17th auction available today and next month in October. They will also be available the day of the auction.

Mark Thompson has donated \$50 to the trailer module maintenance fund and urged other members to help out wherever they can. The module is our public outreach and needs some new tires, so we can take it out on the highway.

The Educational Segment kicked off with Scott Russell displaying a wooden train station that was built by his Grandfather in the late 1920's. The station was built for Scott's father's Standard Gauge layout. It featured real glass in the windows and the interior was detailed with benches and other items. All agreed it was nicely done with love and attention to detail. Jonathan Peiffer brought in the recently delivered convention car the CSX flat with piggyback PPG trailer. He also had on several magazines highlighting the numerous paint schemes the Apache Railway has used and the challenges that presents manufactures in deciding which one to use for their production runs. Dave Brown spoke about his first train, a HO set. It turns out that the 1957 Wabash Cannonball is quite rare because, so few were manufactured. Roland LaHaie brought in a few cars from his 24 car Freedom Train. The cars were from Lionel, K Line and MTH and the color schemes were surprisingly close. The engine was a Sunset 2-10-4 locomotive to round out the eclectic consist.

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order: Bill Richardson, Hudson Ticket - John Upshur, Lionel flatcar - Peter Zwerin. Weaver Tank Car - Mark Thompson, Weaver Hopper - Katie Elgar, Atlas Boxcar - Jon Hinderer, MTH Railing Lamp set.

Scott Russell won the Hudson Hundred for September and donated the money back to the club for the trailer maintenance items. Thank you Scott!



Welcome back from summer. The hall was busy all morning as we all got together again



VP Mike Dietrich running the meet while Treasurer Bob and Secretary Angelo look on



Sunset Model Freedom locomotive, Scott Russell's station and Jonathan's TCA PPG piggyback



Scott relaying the story about his grandfathers station built for his Dad



Dave Brown either has big hands or he's holding a small locomotive, turns out it's his first train!



Roland LaHaie with just a small portion of his multi-manufactured Freedom Train

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – September 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM at the home of Jonathan Peiffer

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Angelo Lautazi, Bob Herman, Paul Wassermann, Terry Haas, Jonathan Peiffer, on the phone Greg Palmer.

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

Membership Report – Paid Active Membership stands at 218, we have an increase of one new member over the summer.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account is \$19,806.18 and Checking is \$4,707.43. Bob distributed the Income & Expense report from the summer which the BOD accepted as distributed.

Old Business:

2019 Convention Update – Chris distributed the final sales numbers for all the 2019 Convention fundraising cars the Division has sold. There was a mathematical error on the report from June which resulted in an overpayment to the 2019 Convention. Chris has been in contact with them and explained the error. Since the payment has already been deposited into the account it will be repaid to the Division at the end of the convention next June. Sales of fundraising cars has ended, and the Division will focus on its own fundraising efforts with the newly issued La Posada Boxcar. All unsold inventory will be sent to Albuquerque to be sold through their convention store. Chris mentioned he will deliver the items during his next two trips to Albuquerque, so no shipping charges will be incurred. He also mentioned that Mike Dietrich will run the September Meeting, so he can attend a Convention Meeting on September 14 & 15 with TCA National Convention Chairman Bob Keller and Convention Chairs Scott and Elaine Eckstein.

New Business:

2020 Meeting Dates – We have been notified that the current meeting facilities might not be available in 2020. It was suggested that we explore other meeting locations early next year.

Educational Scholarship – There has been inquiry about the Scholarship program we had several years ago. The board discussed if this was to be an annual or a onetime event. It was suggested that since the annual budget for the year has already been set without the scholarship, it should be part of the 2019 budget and that this item be discussed at the annual Business Meeting in January 2019.

Rail Fair 2018 – The Division has agreed to participate in Rail Fair 2018 on October 6 & 7 with the trailer module again this year. There have been some minor changes but nothing that should impact the operating side of the layout. There will be a sign-up sheet to help at the September Meet.

National Nominations – Christie Wilson will run for National Secretary and the nomination will be made at the September General Meeting and the minutes along with the nomination will be forwarded onto TCA National.

Spring Picnic 2019 – Next years Spring Picnic will be on Saturday March 30th. It was moved one week earlier to avoid a conflict with the GPD TTOM Train Meet. All three sponsoring clubs have agreed to the change and it avoid conflicts with other events in the area. Paradise and Pacific will secure the Stillman Ramada.

Christmas Holiday Party – Paul signed the contract for the Double Tree Suites in Phoenix. Bob will mail the deposit to the hotel to secure the event. The date will be December 1st and will be plated/seated dinner affair. We have received the women's gifts and are working on securing the men's gifts.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on October 10, at the home of Bob Herman.

Minutes submitted by: Angelo Lautazi, Secretary Desert Division

Presidents Message

Dear Friends, Laurel and I have had quite a lot of excitement the past two weeks. Like many of you, Father Time seems to sneak up and bite you in the rear when you least expect it. We are both doing better, and I plan to see you at the October Meet.

Unfortunately, my editorial duties had to take it on the chin, so this will be a rather quick message this month. I am trying hard to get the newsletter into the mail. I always leave this column for last, so I can talk about any last-minute changes that spring up or that you should be updated on.

Last month I was over in Albuquerque meeting with Scott and Elaine Eckstein the convention co-chairs and Bob Keller who is the TCA National Convention Chairman. I've had the pleasure of knowing Bob for almost 20 years sitting next to him at meetings as Dixie Division President, and even followed him up the ladder serving him as TCA Vice President during his term as National President. Although my convention duties have changed as the National Business Office will be handling much of the registration process for Albuquerque next year, I am still involved in other areas. As you know, my travels to the Chapter over the past decade plus have usually been in a support role or having a few tables at the Pumpkin Meet they hold each October.

The past few years I've come to work closely with Scott and Elaine Eckstein and get to know and become close friends with them. While conventions are their own beast, they have been working very hard and really have everything under control. We are all eager to host the first ever TCA Convention in New Mexico.

Here in town things are getting ramped up for our fall and winter train show and auctions. **A last-minute cancellation has opened a few lots for the January auction.** If you would like to jump on board and take advantage of this opportunity you need to contact Chet Henry at the meeting or bust him off a phone call. Our auctions usually have a one year waiting list.

The October Meet will also be the last drawing for the Hudson Hundred. If you purchased or won a ticket in one of the monthly raffles this will be your last chance this year to bag the Franklin. You

do not need to be present to win the Hudson, but you must be at the meet when we draw for the final \$100. We've had quite a few no shows this year when their Hudson Ticket was called, don't let your name get added to the list.

Paul Wassermann has worked with the Christmas Holiday Party Committee putting together a great event for this year. We are very excited to have a new home for the party and it is a little more centrally located for many of you who attend. We will have gifts for everyone who attends, and the usual centerpiece and raffle items to help keep the event packed with fun.

I was talking with Peter Atonna recently about the **Christmas Party** and how he was the original Santa Claus before Tom Stange took over the roll for many years that many of us new members recall. In looking back over the decades that we've had the event I guess Peter's roll has changed very little. Instead of giving gifts to all the good boys and girls, he is making sure that you take home that centerpiece that was on your Christmas gift list. The Party form will be in this and next months issue of the newsletter. You can turn your reservation form in at the October Meet, the November Train Show or the Auction to save on postage. **There is a deadline and no tickets will be available at the door.**

This will be our third year at the **Shrine Auditorium** in Phoenix for the **November Train Show**, and if you want, you can refer to it as the return of the Turkey Meet because after listening to so many vendors who wanted it back on Thanksgiving Saturday we will try it and see how it goes. Tables are selling quickly so fill out the form and return it to Beth Stange. If you have special requests for table placement the sooner she gets your request, the better position she will be in trying to honor them. Save the date even if you are not going to be a seller. **Saturday November 24th.**

The **November Train Auction** is scheduled for **Saturday November 17th** the week before the Train Show. You can stock up on additional items to sell for the show. This auction looks to have a little bit of everything and some very interesting items. You know I'll be busy buying up some new treasures to add to my stash.

- Chris

PICTURES FROM THE 2926 OPEN HOUSE



Setting up in the morning before the 2926 Open House in Albuquerque last month



The Convention Committee had a table to promote the convention and membership in TCA and the Chapter



She is a real beauty and you can see her up close with a special behind the scenes tour next year



Al Hovey had an HO Gauge module layout running and his home layout will be featured during the layout



Jon Spargo had his crowd-pleasing layout running as well. You will see this layout in the Kids Club area during the convention



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA 94-39039



The weather was a little hotter than normal, but it was a great start to the fall Toy Train Season. Hope everyone had a great Summer. We have a lot of work ahead and had a great Meet and Meeting on September 15th.

Show and Tell: Our Educational Segment had **Jim Trever** showing Lionel and American Flyer Promotional Videos. These were from the 1950's and 1960's. **Ross Jordan** passed around a Post Card of a Trolley that would be in his slide show of the 2018 TCA National Convention. **John Trever** showed off his Lionel #463 Nuclear Reactor which is going to be in one of the 2019 Convention Auctions. 2018 is the Golden Jubilee of the Brio Wooden Track Toy Trains, having started in 1958. **Greg Palmer** spoke about Brio's and donated a modern Brio Set which will be in the 2018 Pumpkin Meet Raffle. Continuing the wooden train theme, he displayed a German Trackless Wooden Train Set from 1919 or 1920. Greg then displayed a so-called myth. They are glass Salt and pepper shakers plus condiment bottles with LIONEL printed on them. As well as Lionel DPI, which means Lionel Distilled Products from Chicago, IL. Robert Osterhoff, in his book, *The Lionel Fun Factory*, states that these bottles were only used for sprits. However, the bottles were packed with a letter from Lionel's Lenny Dean stating that they look like the bottles used in the Executive Dining Room. My feeling is that often things such as salt and pepper shakers sometimes disappear from the lunch room, and maybe they used these empty bottles in the Executive Lunch Room due to the simple fact they said Lionel on them. The Salt and Pepper bottles have shaker caps with precisely drilled holes in them. Who knows?

Officer's Report:

President's Report: President Greg Palmer called the meeting to order and introduced Bob Keller TCA National Convention Chair and Desert Division President Chris Allen to the members.

Both are in town visiting the convention hotel, finalizing contracts and have several meetings with the 2019 Convention Committee.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Everett Hagan gave the Treasurers report. We a balance of \$4,465.66 in our Checking Account.

New Business: The Pumpkin Meet was a big topic of discussion. We need help with the Door, and if anyone has any new items to donate to the Raffle it would help. We also need our members to come through and buy tables. We have 31 tables sold but still have a few more available and plan to have a sell out, so don't delay. Deadline for table sales is October 21st, so send in your table applications today.

We have distributed flyers at the State Fair (400) and at the 2926 Open House (350). We also have circulated flyers at Hobby Shops, Antique Malls, and Community Centers. There are ads planned for the Sports Page in the Saturday October 27th and Sunday October 28th newspaper.

The Election Committee reported that the current BOD will run again in 2020.

Convention Chair: Scott and Elaine talked about volunteers that are still needed including tour docents for many of the tours. If you are interested in helping give them a call.

After meeting Educational Segment: Ross Jordan showed pictures and answered questions from the various tours he took at the recently completed TCA Convention in Warwick Rhode Island.

Remember the **Pumpkin Meet on Sunday October 28th at 10:00AM to 4:00PM at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel at 2600 Louisiana N.E.**

Our next regular Meet and Meeting will be January 19th at 9:00AM at the Los Altos Christian Church South Education Building 11900 Haines N.E., in Albuquerque, NM. See all of you at the Pumpkin Meet.

Traveling Down "The Highway"

By Chris Allen HE95-40580

Many of us have enjoyed family vacations. My Mom and Dad would save up all year long for that one special trip we would take as a family. My Mother was the adventuresome one, my father was just along for the ride as the driver, and things often changed as we passed roadside signs of the day beckoning us to pull off the road and visit the "Mysterious Caverns" or the largest "Ball of Twine" of course if it had a produce stand as well as an attraction well, JACKPOT! My mom hit the mother lode.

Recently, Laurel and I had the pleasure of visiting Tinker Town just outside of Albuquerque. While not right off the Mother Road we made it part of a Route 66 trip that day. Tinker Town was not built as a roadside attraction, instead it grew out of an eclectic collection of art and wood carvings, odd ball pieces of memorabilia collected by the artist and his family along with a list of equally eclectic friends. It fit's right into my memory of places that would get us to pull over and while we stretched our legs had a short diversion from looking at the back of my Dad's head from the back seat of the car.

After our visit we continued back down to historic Route 66 and drove into Moriarty, New Mexico.

There we stopped in at the Sierra Blanca Brewery, had some lunch on their back patio and relaxed. This brewery is featured as one of the convention cars this year. Moriarty is also home to the U.S. Southwest Soaring Museum that focuses on gliding in the southwest. Although aptly named Laurel and I were a bit pressed for time and we did not go into but will be part of the tour next year. Moriarty also begins one of the longest untouched stretches of US Route 66 left in the country, for all you cruisers out there.



Poor Emily, she's been jumping rope for 45 years without a day off



Lots of animatronics, homebrew style keeps Tinker Town quaint and entertaining



The back-patio area at Sierra Blanca Brewery. The grounds have trees and a covered trellis.



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2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 2, 2018

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4:00 PM: Meet and Greet (cash bar available)

5:00 PM: Plated Dinner

Reservation deadline: November 28, 2018



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Adults: \$30.00
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Please print first and last names of persons attending, giving ages of children 12 and under.

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Entree Choices: Please enter your selection with the number of dinners next to the entree.

Oven Roasted Turkey w/ gravy and cranberry sauce	How many _____
Sliced Rancher Choice of beef w/ red wine demi	How many _____
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All plated meals will include a Salad, dinner rolls, a potato or pasta side, a vegetable, Ice Tea, Coffee and a selection of Holiday Desserts.

There will be a spouse's gift and a member's gift for all attendees.

Adults @ \$30.00 _____

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Total enclosed _____

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Desert Division TCA _____

Grand Canyon MR _____

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Guest - no affiliation _____

The Ballroom will be set with tables of eight.



**TCA DESERT DIVISION ANNUAL
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VENDOR SETUP 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

TABLE REGISTRTRTION – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Email for table confirmation _____

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the TCA & the Desert Division Train Meet in regards to buying, selling, ethics, and behavior. I further agree that in the case of a dispute, the meet chairman, or an impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairman shall arbitrate the matter and render a binding decision. I shall upon the direction of the Meet Chairman, in the case of a disputed sale, refund a buyer's money.

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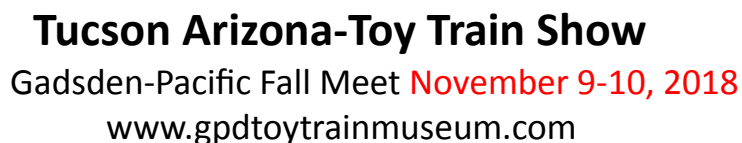
Special Requests? _____

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We encourage you to plan on having your table set up for the entire show if possible.

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after this one will
be April 5-6, 2019.

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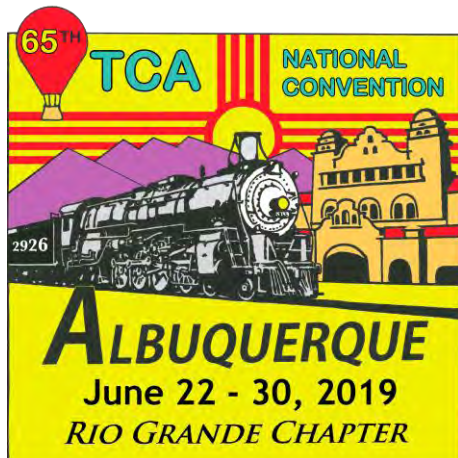
Jonathan Peiffer with his Pittsburgh PPG convention car, a very colorful TOFC



Winner of the September Hudson Hundred was Scott Russell who donated the money back to the club for module maintenance



Speaking of the module, here is a preview pic from Rail Fair where Jon Hinderer was tracking up his Standard Gauge



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