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WELCOME BACK TO FALL TRAIN SEASON A WEEK LATER THAN USUAL

That's right, we've been announcing the date change for the September Meeting for the past few issues, so this is your last reminder to save a trip to the meeting hall only to find a church function going on and no trains to buy.

Rather than take a smaller meeting room, which usually brings along a few surprises and always has mixed results, the Division Board of Directors moved the meeting to September 15th. I hope you will be able to attend the meeting, it should be the first meeting with many of us coming off our vacation with a few new stories to tell. Of course, the donuts and coffee will be free.

Although we only have two general meets in the fall, the schedule is anything but quiet. The first event sneaks in a week early again this year and that is the 2018 Rail Fair at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale. Rail Fair will be held **the weekend BEFORE our October Meet** so there will be no competition or splitting

of our membership resources to be at the meeting and be running at Rail Fair.

The module will be running both days from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM and we need as many operators as we can get to fill out the muster. We have trains to run but need a few good hands to keep them on the rails. Of course, you can always bring your along to run as well. In fact, the club's trains are just to fill in so you don't have to empty your shelves and bring in a dozen trains yourself. Since many of our members belong to multiple clubs, all of whom run at Rail Fair operators are usually in short supply. If you have a few hours either day to stop by and run trains, please sign up at the meet or contact Chris by phone or email.

Setup will begin at 7:00 AM on Saturday morning and teardown starts with the end of the show Sunday afternoon around 5 PM. We can usually get the trailer packed and on its way in under an hour.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15 - NOTE THE DATE CHANGE - 3rd SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

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

September 15 - Rio Grande Chapter Meet

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

October 6 & 7 – Rail Fair 2018 McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Scottsdale, AZ

Desert Division Trailer Module running both days - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday & Sunday

October itself is shaping up to be very busy. Like we mentioned it starts off with Rail Fair and then the October General Meet on Saturday the 13th. For some of us we jump on an airplane and then head off to the Eastern Division Fall York Meet and coming home from York off again to Albuquerque for the Pumpkin Meet.

Don't want to travel at the way back to York? Well, GCMR has their "mini-meet" on September 22nd. The West Valley Railroad Historical Society will have their fall meet in mid-October. We haven't heard of the date yet, but it is usually around our October meeting and held in Glendale. And of course, don't forget another long running meet, Adobe Mountain. It most likely will be held the last weekend in October, so if you can't travel to Albuquerque for the Pumpkin Meet head up to north Phoenix for Adobe Mountain.



Convention Co-chair's Elaine and Scott Eckstein along with Laurel Allen working the 2019 TCA Convention booth at the 64th TCA convention in Warwick, Rhode Island in June

Of course, November is anything but the same old story. First off most of us will head down to Tucson for the GPD TTOM Meet on November 9&10. This is a great show with a little bit of everything from toys to trains. They did not have a summer show this year, so the area might be a little starved for trains. If you've never made the trip down I-10 to visit this show, consider it a must see for the season. It is the largest train show in Southern Arizona.

Then comes the one you all have been waiting on, the Desert Division November Auction on November 17. **Chet Henry will have auction catalogs available at the September and October Meetings.** This auction is full of all kinds of great trains from prewar to modern from all manufacturers. As usual we will have a full day of trains, Peter Atonna's interesting tidbits, and lunch available at the hall to keep you in your seats for a full day of train auctions. With over 300 lots you know you will find something you just have to have and maybe a few items you can turn around for a profit at the upcoming winter shows.

Next up is the November Train Meet. The show will be back at the Shrine Auditorium. After listening to so many vendors requesting that we go back to the original dates of the Thanksgiving weekend it will be held on the date long associated with Desert and Division Show, **Thanksgiving** November "Saturday", November 24. We do expect a complete sellout of tables so don't delay in getting your registration mailed in. The deadline for us to receive your registration is November 10th,

2018 and the registration form is elsewhere in this issue.

Not to be undone, December brings along the annual Christmas Party. This promises to be a truly unique event and trying something new, a plated affair rather than a Buffet Line. We will have the reservation form in the October issue so keep a lookout for that form and reserve your spot at the table for a fun Christmas Party this year.

The September Meet is pushed back one week to September 15th. The meeting begins at 10:00 AM and the hall opens at 8:30 AM with free tables for all our table sellers. Janet will have the coffee brewing and we look forward to welcoming you back from your summer siesta. We've announced it enough times I hope no one shows up at the church, but if you do say hello to the ladies that will be having a meeting in Burns Hall.



Bachmann HO Thomas the Tank and many, many friends huge layout, nicely done



I fell in love with this spectacular MARX train and toy layout, all in pristine condition



Very interesting FasTrack layout with a module within the module



Three young boys and a Dad, working the push buttons on the compact Standard Gauge layout



Something new for a TCA Convention, a TCA Museum deaccession auction



Packed house with more bidders standing along the back row and Greg Stout as the auctioneer

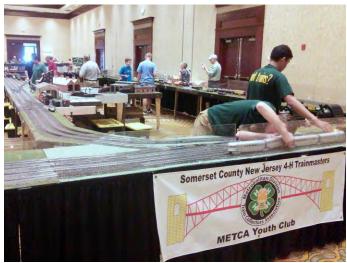
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TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting

Editor's Note: The Desert Division Board of Directors does not meet during the summer. The next scheduled meeting is September 5, 2018. The minutes from the September meeting will be published next month.

More Layout Pictures from the 64th TCA Convention Warwick, RI

We've featured the Somerset County (NJ) 4-H Trainmasters Club before. They are supported by the METCA Division as part of their Kids and Youth Club. Here's are a few more pictures of their layout and notice there is no direct adult involvement behind the module. This module is built and maintained by the youth of the 4-H club and most of the modules are owned by individual members themselves.



Many of the members of the Trainmasters wore green shirts that had the "Got Trains?" theme on the back. As you can see this is a huge module layout owned by the youth members



Midwest Division President Wally Werderich and Lake & Pines President Michael Speltz get a special behind the scenes tour. Note the wi-fi module between the transformers that we talked about in the June issue of the DISPATCH



As with most module club layouts, the members of the Trainmasters own each module section which allows them to highlight another interest.

This one featured LEGO's



It might be hard to see in this fire scene but the attention to detail was A+, with hose's connected to a fire hydrant and running up the ladder truck along with figure placement creating several stories in the scene.

Presidents Message

Last month I mentioned about the Win Big new member recruitment campaign that was approved during the national convention. The current edition of the National Headquarter News has details on how this program works. With the convention coming up next year now is a great time to recruit new members and show them how fun TCA can be and with a convention within our own Division boundaries, how much fun attending a national convention can be.

Speaking of the national convention, now is the time to begin making your vacation plans for Albuquerque next year and if you can, sign up to help. Every convention can use some extra help, even if you can only spare a few hours. Of course, we want you to attend and enjoy your time in "The Land of Enchantment" and the tours are wide and varied. Besides the scheduled tours there are museums and sites so close you can visit many of them by yourself, but if you have a few spare hours we have a spot for you.

If you head up to Payson or the White Mountains for the summer to escape the heat just keep in mind that Albuquerque is actually higher in elevation than Payson, and many of the tours will be at elevations higher than that. A little bit of New Mexico trivia; at 7,199' above sea level, Santa Fe is the highest state capital in the U.S.!

Laurel and I will be running the registration desk again like we did in 2009. Things have changed a bit since then, and some of the changes have actually released us to take on some extra responsibilities. We all know that our out of town guests look to the convention crew to have all the answers and miracle fixes. We also know that it's the little unexpected things that can turn a good convention into a memorable one.

We will have needs from docents on tours, members helping unload cars for the trading pits, helping set up the Welcome Party, the closing Banquet, and a dozen other jobs that pop up throughout the week.

Of special need will be to those of you that help us run our auctions. **Peter Atonna has agreed to be the Welcome Party emcee/auctioneer**. We will need a crew of runners to help Peter as he closes out the silent auctions to keep the night running smooth. You don't have to be a runner, (but my legs

will be sore if I don't get a few helpers) we also need table spotters to keep things on an even keel.

Sounds like work? If you attend our auctions you know it will be more fun than work, plus the food at the Welcome Party will be great to help you keep your energy up.

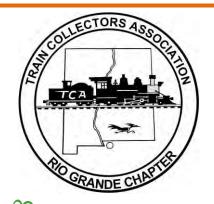
In addition to people we could also use some nice donations for Peter to auction off. The Welcome Party is partially paid for by the silent auction that takes place and the 2019 Convention Committee has been working hard and have about half of the items they need, but now is the time for us at the Division to step up as well. Maybe you have a new layout accessory that never made it on the layout or a postwar item that you have lost interest in

The best thing is **you do not need to ship it**. Anything that you would like to donate for the auction I can pick up and deliver for you on one of my many trips over to Albuquerque and you get the tax donation write-off.

As I have said from the beginning the Chapter will need our help to fill in the blanks. They have everything covered but a very limited pool of resources to draw from. Our job will be to fill in where needed and help our fellow members have a successful convention. We could use your help that week even if it is for a few hours or on a day when you have and early or late tour. Give me a shout or shoot me an email and I will put you in touch with Scott or Flaine the co-chairs of the convention.

Rail Fair at McCormick-Stillman railroad Park will be here before you read the next newsletter. Starting on Saturday October 6th we will be running trains all weekend long. This will be the Columbus Day weekend, but it is not the weekend we normally have our Division Meet, so plan to come out to the park if for nothing else but to say hello and maybe stick around and run a train or three. We always have room on the module for anything you want to bring along, including S gauge and Standard.

Although we won't have free coffee or donuts, we will have a cooler full of water, so stop by and grab a bottle while you view our layouts and those of the other clubs and make sure you stop into the model railroad building and say hi to our friends at the P&P!



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TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039



Hope all of you had a great and safe Summer. We have a full plate this coming Fall, Winter, and next year. We have the 2018 Pumpkin Meet on October 28th, see the flyer in this issue of the Dispatch if you want a table. Last year we sold over 60 tables and already have sold 10 tables this year, so get your tables paid for and reserved as soon as you can. We will need help with various duties, such as the check in table at the front door, the raffle sales, and of course we need Table Sellers.

We need to have everyone come to the Meeting on September 15th, so we can go over the Pumpkin Meet needs, and to get information on our upcoming TCA 2019 Convention here in Elaine, Albuquerque. Scott and the 2019 Convention Chairs, will go over how the Committee is moving forward. Our after-Meet activity will be a presentation by Ross Jordan. He will have computer projected photos of his recent trip to the 2018 TCA Convention in Warwick, Rhode Island. This will give everyone an idea on what goes on at a TCA National Convention.

So, I hope every Chapter Member will be at our Chapter Meet and Meeting on September 15th. Members only Swap meet 9:00AM, the Meeting will start at 10:00AM. It will be at the same meeting place as last year, the Los Altos Christian Church, South Education building, 11900 Haines N.E. I hope everyone comes to this important Meeting.

Remaining 2018 TCA Chapter Meeting Dates:

- September 15, 2018 10 AM at Los Altos Church
- October 28, 2018 Pumpkin Meet 10 AM to 4 PM at Sheraton Uptown Hotel

Other Up Coming Activities:

- October 6th TTOS Swap Meet
- Sept. 29th 2926 Open House
- November Santa Fe MRR Club Open Houses
- Nov. 17th & 18th Rails Along the Rio Grande - Balloon Fiesta Park - Albuquerque
- December Holiday Trains at the First National Bank of Santa Fe Main Office on the Plaza

RAIL FAIR 2018 NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The trailer module has been in storage since the May meeting and wants to run trains again. RAIL FAIR 2018 is the annual event and a very important show for us to get out and run trains for the public. It runs Saturday and Sunday October 6th & 7th from 10 AM until 5 PM each day. The trailer setup is Saturday morning before we open for the weekend and will start at 7 AM. We have plenty of trains for you to run if you do not have trains of your own, but we need your help to keep them running! If you can help for even a few hours signup at the meet or contact Mike Dietrich at 623-572-3538 to volunteer.

SEPTEMBER EDUCATIONAL SEGMENT

It has been three long months since we last had a general meeting and I'm sure many of you have been on a summer train trip or maybe added to your collection or added a new runner. Maybe you dusted off your first train and reminisced about it. Now's the time to share that story with others at the September meeting. Whether a new train, summer adventure or just a great layout project you were working on, plan on giving us an update. We'd love to hear from you.

Visiting The National Museum of Nuclear Science & History

Chris Allen HE95-40580

While visiting the Rio Grande Chapter recently the members had an after-meet activity at The National Museum of Nuclear Science & History. Part of the reason to visit the facility was to see if it would have enough interest to a broad range of our members and a possible spot for a convention tour. After our tour we all agreed, and you will get a chance to view this Smithsonian Affiliated Museum as part of the 2019 TCA Convention

Now I'm hardly a rocket scientist but I do have a basic understanding on how nuclear weapons work and while serving in the Air Force I learned how to load tactical weapons on various aircraft. Well, okay that was almost 50 years ago but I thought it might be interesting to fill in the gaps.

Boy, was I in for a surprise! The front of the building had numerous missiles, around the side and only accessible from the museum was Heritage Park that had various aircraft, land vehicles and even a nuclear submarine "sail" sticking out of the ground. Yes, something that us land lubbers would normally call a submarine conning tower, the submariners call a sail.



Like a fish out of water, it's sight to see coming out of the Albuquerque soil...

The museum itself had a wide variety of display from hard core science and medicine to pop culture. There was a great display of the history and the development of nuclear weapons and the key roles several sites in New Mexico played in that effort. In fact, I was surprised about not only the wide depth of displays and what was covered but that many of them were tailored to a wide variety of ages and educational backgrounds. They even had a kids science area



Several static display cases were full of trains, this one postwar Marx

and many of the display were interactional.

The docent that conducted our tour was very knowledgeable and had the answers for even the most in depth questions some of our group had, but he also had interesting and even amusing anecdotes. For the 2019 Convention we will have a special docent and the museum promises to have a special "atomic railroad" on display for the month of June. During our visit the museum had science sets from Gilbert and trains from Marx, Lionel, and Kusan on static display.

The tour is scheduled early in the convention week and located on the east side of Albuquerque, a short drive from the host hotel.

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THE BACK PAGE

A few more pictures of the layouts from the 64th TCA National Convention in Warwick RI



A few more pictures of the fabulous MARX layout. All of the toys were absolutely immaculate



Even the litho items were near perfect and of course trains whizzing by



Layouts were very plentiful both inside the large meeting room and outside in the hallway



A nice double helix was also running out in the hallway, watch this one and others running on our facebook page



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