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Desert Division Enters a New Era

March came in like a lion and we roared right through the whole month including our multi-club picnic on March 30th, which I hope you did not miss.

The Great Train Show was in town the same weekend we held our meet, but we still had a strong turnout with many members saying they would visit the show AFTER our meet. Besides we had FREE parking along with FREE sales tables, FREE coffee and FREE donuts. Hard to beat that.

With all that free vibe floating around a good turnout greeted President Allen as he called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Angelo Lautazi gave the Secretary's report. We had no guests at the Meet and our current Active (dues paying) Membership stands at 219.

Bob Herman reported the Savings Account had \$19,807.34 balance and Checking Account with a \$9,930.34. Bob reported that the invoice for the La Posada car has been received.

Chris reported that the cars were at the meet for pickup and only 14 remained, (* Editors

note as of this printing only 8 remain) and that the Division BOD gave Peter the go ahead to begin work on the 3rd car in the Harvey House series.

Chris noted that he will be at York at the same time the April meeting is being held and the Vice President Mike Dietrich will run the meeting. Because of Mike recent back surgery, he could use a few extra hands setting up the hall in April. If you can come early and help it would be greatly appreciated.

It was announced that the Multi-Club picnic will be held on March 30th which will be too early to get the word out in the newsletter. The clubs will provide the Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fried Chicken, Soda, Chips, and Ice Cream. The members are asked to bring side dishes to round out the picnic. Chris also mentioned that Desert Division has decided not to participate in any raffles and that he will speaking to the other clubs and ask them to join and make the picnic a social event with no raffles of any type.

Chris spoke about having a conversation

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5-6 – GPD Toy Train Museum Toy Train & Collectible Show

Friday 1 PM – 6 PM, Saturday 9 AM – 2 PM Tucson Expo Center, Tucson, AZ

April 13 – April Division Meet

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

April 27 - Rio Grande Chapter Meeting – DATE CHANGE

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

April 27 – GCMR Mini-Meet – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Free Admission

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 1212 E Glendale Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020

with Kay Vokac about spouses and helping to volunteer for things like the 2019 Convention. We have several spouses who have stayed active in the club after their husband has passed away. Some join TCA because they want to continue to sell their trains and are familiar with TCA meets and our members. However, others just want the fellowship and stay in contact with the friends they have made over the years. Chris explained that as he listened to Kay, he realized that TCA has let the TCA family down. Why should a surviving spouse have to pay dues to TCA National and the Division just to come to meets or volunteer to help? Yes, TCA is about members, but TCA strives to involve the family unit, not just the member. He mentioned that because of the conversation he will propose a new class of TCA membership for those surviving spouses to stay active in TCA but without having to pay dues if they only wish to enjoy the social connections they have established over the years. Chris mentioned that he will propose a new class of membership for surviving spouses to the TCA Board of Directors.

At the March Division Board of Directors Meeting Chris mentioned that the annual Non-Profit Permit was due for renewal at the Post Office in April. With the current decline in membership he doubted he could fulfill the 200 minimum piece mailing required for the newsletter each month. The clerk suggested that one solution was to mail the required extra newsletters to one person to make the minimum. However, printing costs have also increased over the winter to \$1.15 per copy. Chris had been making up the difference by mailing printed newsletters to TCA members who live in the Phoenix or Albuquerque areas that belong to TCA National but not the Division or Chapter, hoping to keep them informed of our activities and possibly enticing them to join. Angelo noted that about 50% of the membership is on record of wishing to receive the printed newsletter. The Division Board decided that it was no longer financially feasible to spend \$3,000 a year on the newsletter when dues income was \$3,315. Chris presented these facts to the members at the March General Meet.

A lively discussion began with some members present voicing support for all electronic newsletters others stating that their wives did the computer and email for the family and one member stating he did not own a computer or have email at all.

Phil Monahan moved that; "The Club will go all electronic with the newsletter delivery and anyone who desires a printed copy will pay postage." The motion was seconded, and more discussion followed. Since the dues cycle for the year had closed, how would the club collect the postage for the remainder of the year?

Paul Wassermann amended the original motion; "I move to amend the original motion by dropping the words, that anyone who desires a printed copy will pay the postage." That amendment was seconded, and the dialog continued centered on how to get printed copies to members without computer or email access. Could printed copies be distributed at the meet? What about members who miss the meet or live out of state for either a portion of the year full time? How many members would be affected?

Chris stated that First Class mailing of the newsletter is currently 80¢. He also estimated that "friends of the Division", those TCA members who live outside our geographical boundaries of Arizona and New Mexico but pay yearly dues to be a member of the Desert Division, at about 30.

He also explained that this issue just came up days earlier at the Division Board of Directors meeting when the board was asked to review the yearly postage permit. He felt that the details could be worked out and felt that we could save some money if a few copies were printed and mailed to members.

Since there were motions on the floor the vote was called. First, Paul's amendment to have member's pay for postage was passed by those present with one Nay. Next, Phil's original motion as amended to have the club go all electronic in its newsletter was passed, again with one nay by the members present at the meeting.

Chris stated that he would still get the April newsletter out to all the members who receive the

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Table sales were still going on even with the Great Train Show in Town



Secretary Angelo trying to be optimistic with the dues renewals falling off the mark



Several conversations going on before the meeting got started



Chris Allen with the TCA 2001 Convention offering a MTH 511 flat car with US Pipe & Foundry load



Well, here comes a story as only Merle Parise can tell. This 251/605 set was a box off rust until Merle's magic touch got it restored



Something weird is going on this year. Last month Dana Price won the Hudson Hundred, this month it was Bill Richardson. Why is that weird? They both are recent Hudson winners as well!

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – March 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM at the home of Angelo and Barbara Lautazi

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Paul Wassermann, and Terry Haas. No one was on teleconference for the meeting

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

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 219 members. There are 22 members that still owe dues for 2019. The roster will be printed with those members in good standing after the March meeting. Angelo will prepare the roster and Chris will get it printed and in the mail by the end of the month.

Chris reminded the BOD that as Editor, he needs 200 minimum mailings to meet the Post Office requirement for our non-profit status. With Angelo's report we will fall substantially below that level. The annual permit is up for renewal in April which alone costs the Division \$240 on top of monthly postage fees. Chris explained that we also had a printing cost increase this past winter that puts the cost of each printed newsletter at about \$1.15. Using these figures, he estimates that the annual cost of the newsletter alone will be \$4,000 if they must go out as First Class Mail, the only option that will be left to mail the newsletter. As reference, even with the dues increase the reduced membership now has dues income at about \$3,000. It was recommended that Chris bring the matter to the membership at the March General Meeting.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account is \$19,807.34 and Checking is \$9,930.34. Bob will be sending the payment to Lionel for the La Posada which was just delivered to Peter Atonna.

Old Business:

La Posada Fundraiser – Car has been delivered to Peter and he has begun shipping the cars. Chris has the cars that will be delivered to the members at the meet that took part in the early buy program. Peter has requested the car be listed as sold out on the Division website since the TCA National Headquarter News ad is pending. Only a handful of cars remain.

The Division Board of Directors wishes to thank Peter Atonna for all his hard work on the La Posada fundraising car which was a huge success. The BOD also agreed to give Peter the go ahead on producing the 3rd car in the series.

Annual Raffle 2019 - The Annual Raffle will begin at the April Meet. The BOD has decided on a Lionel set from the Post-war, MPC and Modern era's as the prizes and from items already in our inventory. Chris will print the tickets and bring them to the picnic so they will be available at the April meet.

New Business:

April Meet - Because of an early Eastern Division York Meet Chris will not be at the April Meet. Mike will run the Meet in Chris' absence. Katie Elgar will also be at York, so Chris will get the keys to the Hall to Mike at the picnic.

Spring Multi-Clun Picnic – The picnic will be held March 30th at the McCormick Stillman Railroad Park. Angelo and Mike have agreed to run the grill again. Angelo will purchase all the items needed for grilling, Mike will bring his Grill Master apron. Chris will purchase all the food items. Chris mentioned he will meet with the other clubs to coordinate the other items like chips, soda, water and Ice Cream! After discussion it was decided not to participate in a raffle but rather make the picnic "train free" and a social event. Chris will pass the word to the other Presidents.

Upcoming Motions for the National Board of Directors – Chris reviewed the motions that will be presented to National TCA after input from Division members.

Rio Grande Chapter – Rio Grande has 39 members as of today. Bob will forward a check to the Chapter.

Silent Auction Items - The few G Gauge items in a silent auction were listed in the newsletter. The winners will be decided at the March Meet. Unbid items will be offered for sale at the GPG TTOM show in Tucson in April.

Fall Division Elections - The Division discussed some preliminary plans for the upcoming elections in the fall. Everyone needs to give some thought to their decision to run for re-election and to begin recruit possible replacements that can be mentored and encouraged to run for office.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on April 10th, 2019 at the home of Mike and Michelle Dietrich.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

President's Message

Talk about March Madness! Where has the month and year gone so far? I don't know about you, but this year is whizzing past faster than I care to think about.

We just had our annual spring picnic last week. Working together with the other clubs in town is always a great pleasure. Working with the Rio Grande Chapter on the 2019 Convention I learned that in New Mexico they have a council of model railroad clubs that help keep everyone informed about the other's meetings, shows and displays they do. Yes, it does help to advertise your meets to the other clubs for table sales, but it also lets the other groups know when you will be displaying or running a module and other clubs then have the option to join in if they can.

The three main O Gauge clubs here in the Phoenix metro area work together to host the picnic. We start out in late fall, pick a date that works for the three organizing clubs and then each of us tackles our task. Paradise & Pacific has the hardest. Six plus months prior to our date, P&P is outside of the McCormick-Stillman office at 5:00 AM making sure they are the first in line when they open at 8:00 AM. Overkill? No, there is competition to reserve the biggest ramada that the park has, and the efforts of P&P often get overlooked the day of the picnic. The weather is not always pleasant, and they have had rain and bitter cold waiting in line just so we can enjoy that spot. If you looked around at the other spots last week you may have noticed they were all filled by some high-profile companies and they came in second thanks to the efforts of the Paradise and Pacific volunteers.

Grand Canyon Model Railroaders help out in a big way by getting the chips, soda pops, and most importantly for many of us, the variety of ice cream we enjoy. There is no RSVP when we plan these things out. The call goes out to all the clubs we have contact with and who might have a member in one of our clubs or work at the Railroad Park, but who and how many will show up? GCMR has done a pretty good job estimating and buying the items we need, and we haven't run short of ice cream yet!

The tradition of the grill maestros goes back to the very beginning of the picnic when they were handled by Cole Gibbs and Pete Coleman. Desert Division has never relinquished the baton or should we say spatula since, though we did share them with the TTOS Grand Canyon

Division for a while. Like the other clubs, not knowing if 80 or 125 members and their families will show up can be a task for food buying and meal planning, let alone what time to begin cooking so everyone has hot food.

Of course, we always thank all those who bring something along to share with others. The variety of side dishes is amazing and every year I try and track down a new recipe to add to my growing cookbook (and waistline).

A quick head count indicated we had over 90 members join us last month for a great picnic. Following the picnic many went into the model railroad building to view new additions and displays, one of which was on loan to the City of Scottsdale from the City of Mesa.

Which brings me back full circle to where I rambled off the mainline to begin with, mutual cooperation with other clubs that share the common interest of toy and model trains. Yes, I know that true modelers detest the word "toy" train and I respect that. As many of you know I came back into the hobby via my small HO layout that was all the room I had for in our house.

While I still enjoy the nostalgia of "toy rail" over "high rail", I am amazed at the detail and dedication that goes into scale railroading. The common theme is the trains that run on the layout.

At the end of the picnic I shared thoughts with GCMR President John Draftz and P&P President Bill Lazenby about maybe starting a Council of Model Railroad Clubs here in Arizona. Both were very receptive to the idea and so we will begin. With membership declining we all need to bring together the common theme of our joys we share within the hobby and support each other. Many of our members have not left the hobby, but rather joined other clubs that piqued their interests more. A loss? No, they stayed in our community of friends and helped another club stay dynamic.

I'll miss everyone at the April Meet. I and a few others will be traveling home from a busy Eastern Division York week. Vice President Mike Dietrich will run the meet and I look forward to seeing you all in May at the Pizza Meet!



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER MARCH EDUCATIONAL PICTURES



Greg Palmer holding an East German two rail train that ran on American Flyer track



TCA National President Rupert Campbell talks about his laser printed V2 rocket while TCA National Convention Chair Bob Keller listens



Jim Trevor had three RMT accessories decked out in Navy Blue



Bill Lubert had two Kemtron brass locomotives, one was a finished product in Santa Fe livery



Boyd Reasor talking about working with circuit breakers and surge protectors on his layout



Art Lites and his Lionel 671RR Steam Turbine from 1952 that did not have Magnatraction due to material shortages



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA 94-39039



Baseball Spring Training Games are wrapping up in Arizona and Florida, and we even had a Spring Training game here in Albuquerque with the Isotopes Vs the Colorado Rockies. NCAA March madness had my bracket in a shambles, and the Rio Grande Chapter is moving forward towards the 2019 TCA Convention in June. The March Meet and Meeting was an example of this. We had 23 members at our Meet. Two of those were very special guests, **Rupert Campbell, TCA National President**, and **Bob Keller, TCA National Convention Chair**. They were in town to finalize and pre-check the Hotel and Convention site and both gave a thumbs up to our preparations.

Greg Palmer started off the Show and Tell Educational Segment started with examples of East German S Gauge sets. The sets run on American Flyer type track on 12-volt DC. Next, he had a boxed Marx# 7674, M10005 Streamliner Set from the early 1950's and a Hafner 1938 windup set. TCA President **Rupert Campbell** displayed an example of a 3D printed V-2 Rocket in O Scale. He went over the fact that this rocket was used for testing Rocket Science in Huntsville Alabama, where he is from. Following the conclusion of WWII, the V-2 Rocket was tested and fired, at White Sands in New Mexico. He also raffled off a Southern RR MPC Boxcar from the TCA National Toy Train Museum. The winner was David Nycz. It came with a label showing it came from The National Toy Train Museum. **Jim Trever** showed us three RMT accessories, A beacon, floodlight tower and water tank all bearing the US Navy insignia. **John Trever** presented the group his controversial 6446-60 red hopper. He purchased another on eBay, and it had a painted top vs his other one with a non-painted top. He discussed the differences with Division member Joe Algozzini, who told him the painted cover was rarer than the molded cover described in the Paul Ambrose book. John had examples of both. **Bill Lubert** brought in Kemtron's O Scale two rail brass GP-20 Locomotives, one painted for Santa Fe. (*Editor's note, the history of Kemtron and its many successors can be found at

TCA Western Division's website; <http://www.tcawestern.org/kemtron.htm>) **Boyd Reasor** talked about his problems with circuit breakers and surge protectors. He showed a surge protector made by Automation Direct Company and offered to email the information to anyone interested. **David Nycz** displayed the *Cow Catcher* magazine from Texas with info about the 2019 TCA Convention. **Art Lites** showed off his Lionel 671RR locomotive from 1952. Because of the Korean War and material shortages it was made without Magnatraxion.

The Meeting was brought to order with the introduction of guests and new member Hart Gunther. Welcome Hart to the hardest working Chapter in TCA. Minutes were approved as read.

President's Report: Greg Palmer reported that we have three new members and that we need raffle prizes for the 2019 Pumpkin Meet on October 27th. Flyers will be printed in April. Chris Allen has presented our motion to have insurance on all completed transactions on the TCA Interchange Point. It is now in the Rules and Regulation Committee and will be presented at the April York Executive Committee Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Everett Hagan reported the balance of \$4,908.57 in our checking account.

Convention Chair: The Convention Committee reported that help is still needed, if you can help, even for just a few hours, please call Scott or Elaine Eckstein asap.

David Nycz reported on the latest Meeting of the New Mexico Council of Railroad Clubs. It is made up of 21 Model and Railroad Clubs. There will be a Model Train Show in Los Lunas New Mexico May 11-12 at the New Mexico Railrunner Station in Los Lunas. Table are available, contact David for details.

Our next Meeting will be Saturday April 27th (NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO EASTER) it will be at the Los Altos Christian Church, 11900 Haines N.E. Albuquerque. This will be our last regular meeting before the Convention, so please plan on coming.

MULTICLUB SPRING PICNIC PICS



The Grill Guys, or maybe the BBQ Boys? Regardless of their nicknames Angelo Lautazi and Mike Dietrich did another great job getting the food ready on time



No, that's not the food line but Barbara Lautazi, Beverly and Don Locke and Kay Vokac getting the condiments ready



All the smiling faces and perfect day for friends, laughter and chat



Two nonagenarians share a few laughs, Merle Parise and Bill East



Here comes the hungry picnickers, and you can make it your own way as Irene Wassermann loads up on the catsup



GCMR President John Draftz, P&P President Bill Lazenby speaking, and Chris Allen thank everyone for attending and helping make another successful picnic

MULTICLUB SPRING PICNIC 2019

The annual Multiclub Spring Picnic was held on March 30th with gorgeous Arizona springtime Chamber of Commerce weather! The grill team of Mike Dietrich and Angelo Lautazi had the grills stoked and the Brats, Dogs, and burgers cooking while many members were arriving. Thanks to all the ladies who pitched in and gave us a hand

setting up the pavilion with table cloths to add to the picnic flair. The usual wide assortment of side dishes did not disappoint, and more healthy alternatives are making their appearance as we grow older to help offset the tasty picnic dishes that we love so much. Thank you all for making the day so special.

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printed newsletter and inform them of the decision to go all electronic and to work out the details with the Division Board of Directors.

Under general announcements Paul Wassermann mentioned that the Scottsdale Charros are having a dedication ceremony honoring Bill and Jean Mack for their years of service to the Scottsdale community. Bill, a past Division President, was also Co-Chair of the 2009 National Convention. His contacts within the community allowed us to have several memorable speakers at the convention including Arizona's Official State Historian, Marshall Trimble at the closing banquet. The ceremony will take place on April 18th at 4:30 PM at Laguna Elementary School in Scottsdale.

The 2019 Convention already has several tours sold out and the host property Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town is filling up quickly. Do not delay if you want to attend and we still have a few spots open for you to help.

The question was asked about future convention locations and Chris answered that some are in the works including Jacksonville Florida for 2020 and preliminary discussions are underway for Irvine California for 2021. Paul Wassermann mentioned that Utah would be a great state to host a TCA Convention and spoke about a TTOS Convention he attended there in the past. Chris stated he would contact Rocky Mountain Division to see if they would be interested in hosting a joint convention with Desert Division in Utah, since the state is in their geographical boundaries.

The Educational Segment featured **Merle Parise** telling a tale of being at a show when a couple approached him with a battered box of

rusty track and trains. They asked him if they were worth anything or if they could be repaired, and after examining them he just saw rust on top of rust, telling them so. They eventually gave the set to Merle, who now had a project on his hands. He eventually repaired and restored the 251 engine and 605 and 606 cars into a well running train. The track however is still a pile of rust. **Chris Allen** had an MTH TCA Convention Standard Gauge 511 flat car with a US Pipe Co load from the 2001 Chattanooga Convention0 switcher. He had been chasing the car for some time since a limited amount were made and they seldom appear on the secondary market. He mentioned that the car is very similar to the Modern Marx TCA Flat car from the same convention. They make for a contrasting pair. Also on display was his K-Line GS-4 in TCA colors to match the TCA 40th Anniversary set that was offered by Southeastern Division. Chris says that of the three powered units for the 40th set, this K-Line is the best puller of the bunch.

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order. Dave Brown wasted no time in scooping up the Hudson Ticket, Ray Romstadt - Lionel Southern Boxcar, Chet Henry - K-Line Tank Car, Mark Thompson - MTH Pennsy Boxcar, Angelo Lautazi - K-Line C&O Boxcar, Bill Richardson - Menards UP Flatcar, Fred Hunter - Lionel Mail pickup. The Hudson drawing continues and when Larry Teresi reads this, he will have wished he was at the meet since his name was pulled first for the Hudson Hundred. A no-show means we pull another ticket. This time Bill Richardson, who just won the drawing last year for the Hudson itself was there to grab the Franklin. Buy a Hudson ticket and come to the meet maybe you can go home with an extra \$100 in your pocket also.

2019 CONVENTION UPDATE

Chris and Mary Wieclaw
2019 TCA Convention Tour Co-Chairs

Attention all TCA Members, The TCA National Convention is less than 3 months away. We are still looking for Docents to fill our tour schedule. The tour would be free if you are a registered convention guest. All you have to do is make sure everybody gets back on the bus for the return trip. You must have a cell phone in case you can't find one of the attendees. You will be given a brief training before the tour. It is easy as running your railroad at home!

As of this moment we still need Docents for the following tours; Monday June 24th Tour 3, Meow Wolf and Los Alamos History Museum, Tuesday June 25th Tour 7 and Tour 8, Rail Runner

to Santa Fe Museums and Churches, Tuesday evening Tour 10, Sandia Peak Tram and Sunset Dinner at Santiago's, Wednesday June 26th Tour 12, 2926 Steam Locomotive and Tour 13, Unser Family Racing Museum and Anderson-Abruzzo Balloon Museum, Tour 16 Day trip to Sandia Peak Aerial Tram, Saturday Tour 22 Petroglyph National Monument and Tour 23 Backstage at the Santa Fe Opera.

If you have any questions, please give us a call our name and email is in the current roster. Thank you for your support. Hope to see you at the Convention!

PLAN TO BEAT THE HEAT? – READ THIS!

If you plan to sell at the Beat the Heat Meet this August do not delay getting your table reservations in quickly. We have received word from the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club that tables are selling fast and are **more than**

2/3rd SOLD OUT. We no longer carry flyers in the print version, but the flyer can be downloaded from the electronic version posted on the Division website www.tcadd.org Don't say we didn't warn you!

FUNDRAISING CAR UPDATE

To go along with the next Harvey House Boxcar we decided to add a second car to the program. Since we have heard from a few members that Boxcars are becoming a little boring we have decided to offer a two car Ore Car set featuring some of the lesser known Short Lines in Arizona.

The first will be from the Arizona Picacho Redrock Independence Line and the second from the old Southern Pacific Gadsden Subdivision the Florenece Oro Oracle Line. These cars will be made in the USA and we hope to have the design ready to unveil at the April meet.

APRIL EDUCATIONAL SEGMENT

Since I won't be at the April Meet you will be spared your monthly TCA Convention car update but that means YOU will need to bring in something interesting to share with the members. We just had a very successful Spring Baseball season here in the Valley of Sun and

Easter is just around the corner. Bring in your most colorful train, one that represents your favorite city that has a sports team or something you just find interesting. I'm sure you gotten a new train in the past few months, why not bring it in and share it with everyone?

END OF AN ERA

LAST PRINTED DESERT DIVISION NEWSLETTER

The Desert Division has been mailing newsletters to its members from almost the very beginning. In fact, we have a few copies of the letters that were sent out to members during the organization of the Division back in 1970. Printed newsletters were how clubs kept in touch with the members, but times change.

Most of us no longer have printed calendars at home, or "Yellow Pages" either. Newspapers have come on hard times as have magazines and books. Desert Division started offering the electronic version of the newsletter years ago so members could see the photographs in color and even "blow them up" so they could see more detail. But we've delayed going all electronic because of our members desire to have a printed copy mailed to them each month.

After taking over as Editor for the newsletter I noticed a gradual decline in the amount I was mailing each year. Where we once could get postage discounts by mailing large numbers to the Phoenix area, we now had to combine to blend them into the Arizona State mail. In fact, the numbers dropped so much several years ago I began mailing the newsletter to non-dues paying TCA members who lived in the Albuquerque or Phoenix metro area just to maintain our 200 minimum mail piece count for our non-profit mailing requirement.

This year was our hardest year to date. After the lower than expected membership renewal I was down to 153 members on the printed newsletter list. During this past winter both postage and printing costs were increased, and we now had a "Perfect Storm". With the new costs factored in the newsletter was going to cost about \$1.45 per copy and 50 of them were

going to non-dues paying members. There are some caveats that go along with those figures. Because we print so many pages, we do get a substantial print discount and those extra newsletters helps to keep our monthly postage to \$64 vs. \$172.

This is not the first time we've looked at this issue, but each time we have delayed the inevitable, the costs continue to be more impactful to the budget. With the new costs factored in, the newsletter was going to consume about 92% of the annual dues income. With the increased costs it is no longer financially responsible to continue printing the newsletter.

The issue was presented to the Division Board of Directors and then the membership at the March meeting which was reported in this newsletter.

So, what is next? **For the majority of our members this will be the last printed issue you will receive.** If you have an email on file with Division Secretary Angelo Lautazi you will receive an email when the May issue is available online for you to read.

About 10% of our members do not have an email on file and they will receive a printed copy as always. Check the 2019 roster that was just mailed to you and verify that your email is correct. That is the email address that we will use to email future issues of the newsletter.

If you have an unusual hardship that will prevent you from getting the newsletter emailed to you, please contact Angelo or myself and we will see what we can do to accommodate your request. Our goal will be to limit mailings to 30 members, with the first 23 going to our members who currently have no emails on file with the Division.

MORE PICNIC PICS



The food line wrapped around from the grill all the way down the from of the ramada



A good view of some of the side dishes that the members brought in and a full ramada



We had a good turnout and fabulous weather



Overflow seating, (if you came prepared and brought your own chair) was nearby and in the shade



A view from the other side of the ramada looking towards the grill



The conversations died down once the plates filled up. One thing for sure, no one went away hungry!

RAILROAD



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FOR THINGS THAT DIDN'T FIT ELSEWHERE or BREAKING NEWS



Jon Hinderer checking out the 251 Locomotive that Merle Parise brought in for the Educational Segment



I don't need no microphone to tell this story. Merle was pretty amped up all by himself to go A cappella.



National TCA President Rupert Campbell raffled off a National Toy Train Museum deaccession item at the Rio Grande Chapter Meet. David Nycz won the Boxcar and will add it to his collection which you can tour in June



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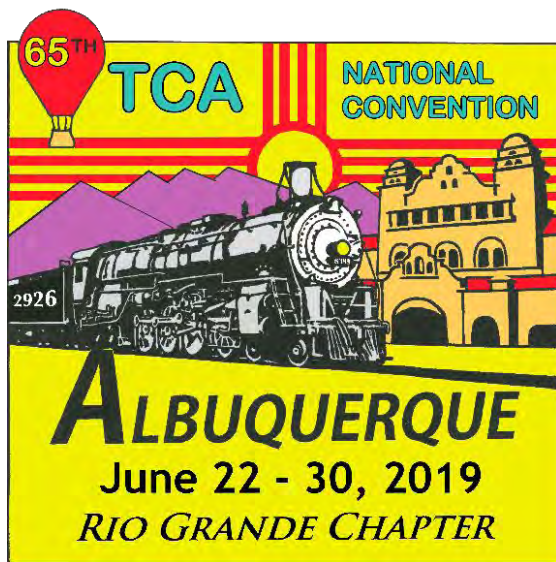
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Deaccession Auction

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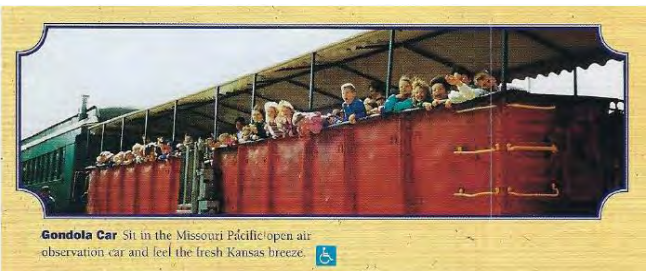
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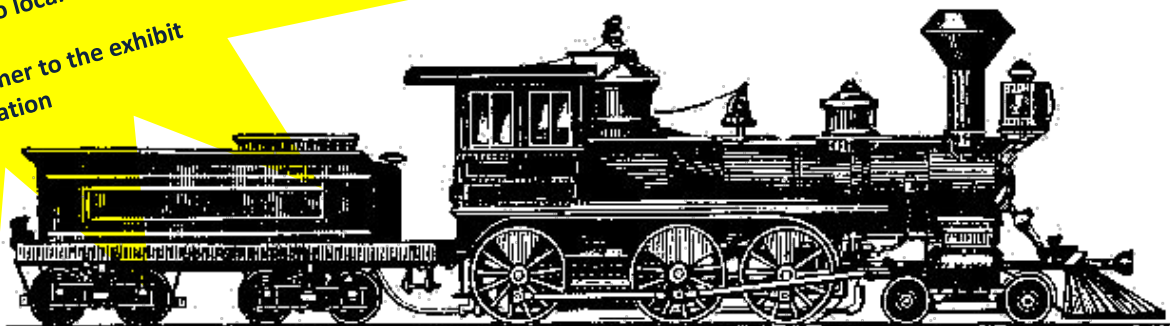
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