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Six More Weeks of Winter?

Well did he see his shadow? Not that overstuffed rat in Pennsylvania, but our own Agua Fria Freddie. How a groundhog in Punxsutawney (yes, I did have to look up how to spell it) can predict the weather in the Sonoran Desert is beyond me. I'll stick with the local guy, even if he is a snake in the grass.

It seems the Post Office took their time delivering the last newsletter and many of you missed the early January Meet last month. We are back on schedule and we'll see you on the second Saturday February 9th. You might want to have your name added to the electronic distribution. Tell Angelo you still want the hardcopy, but he can send you the electronic version which arrives several days before the printed one. You can read the electronic version and see the photos in color and still have a printed one for your files.

The January Meet started right on time with President Allen explaining the need for the Annual Business Meeting. Even with the earlier than normal date, over forty members were in

attendance. In fact, we signed up a well-seasoned veteran Merle Parise, to the Division ranks. Merle and wife Doreen recently moved to Sun City. Merle was president of Pacific Northwest Division for many years and is a retired Navy submariner.

Bill Richardson brought along Earl Whitley from the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders as a guest to check out our organization.

Chris started the Annual Business Meeting at 10:05. Bob Herman gave the Treasurer's report. Currently we have \$19,806.81 in Savings and \$12,318.28 in checking. Angelo reported 222 dues paying members in the Division with about 120 owing dues this year. It was revealed that the Division has two large liabilities coming due in the next few months. Outside of our normal expenses we have two invoices from Lionel, one for the La Posada fundraising car and the other for the 2019 Convention Banquet Car.

Sales of the La Posada car have reached the halfway point in the 125-car run. Although the car is expected to be a sellout, lower than expected

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9 - Desert Division Monthly Meet

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

February 16 - Rio Grande Chapter Meeting

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

February 16 – Grand Canyon Model Railroaders – Cactus Winter Swap Meet

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM North Phoenix Baptist Church - Central & Bethany Home – Phoenix, AZ

March 9 – March Division Meet

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

sales from Division members who normally purchase their cars and pick them up at the meets is 50% below past orders. While we still predict a complete sellout, strong preorder sales typically pay for the invoice and we will come up a little short when the order is delivered. Unlike the La Posada car, we planned for the temporary budget shortfall for the Banquet car. Obviously, we cannot sell these cars until after the banquet in June. Chris stated that because the first mint car was a complete sellout at 350 units the Banquet car variation with only 150 produced should sellout as well. There is still a very strong market for true Lionel Mint Cars, and this is a 100% genuine Lionel product.

The only questions from the membership about the state of the Division was how they could put their names on the waiting list for the Banquet Cars. Chris stated that he would discuss this with the convention committee when he visited the Chapter next month. With no other questions the Annual Business Meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.

The President next announced the Division committee appointments for the upcoming year. Chris Allen will stay as the Editor of the newsletter, Angelo Lautazi will remain the webmaster, the Lautazi's and Hunter's will co-chair the Christmas Party. Auction Chairman is Chet Henry however, Chet is planning to step down after 20 years and is looking to mentor his replacement. To avoid the appearance and to prevent any conflict of interest the Auction Chair cannot be a member of the Division Board of Directors. The ability to use Microsoft Excel is preferred, since inventories are sorted and emailed to Peter Atonna and to Angelo for invoicing and auction lotting. See Chet or Chris if you are interested or have any questions.

Speaking of auctions, the November and January 2020 auction are looking for some modern era MTH, Kline, Atlas, or Williams trains. We have several consignments of postwar but would like to diversify the auction and make it appealing to more members. If now is the time to thin your herd a little and don't want the hassle of carting your items from show to show give Chet Henry a call and reserve your spots early. Many

consigners only put in 10 – 15 lots, so don't feel you need a trunk load.

Bill Richardson won the 2018 Hudson drawing. Since he as an avid American Flyer collector/operator he opted for the \$750 cash option.

Because of a schedule conflict with the Gadsden Pacific Train Show in Tucson the spring picnic has been moved to Saturday March 30th this year. The Chefs have ordered more brats and fewer hot dogs. This means Picnic, Tucson Train Show, and Desert Division meet three consecutive weekends. What more can you ask for?

Phil Todd mentioned that the Great Train Show will be in town in March. The show will be at the Arizona State Fairgrounds on March 9 & 10 which conflicts with the March General Meet.

We have received a few donations for the 2019 Convention. Chris is making a trip to Albuquerque for the Chapter's February Meet so if you bring your items to the Division meet, he can take them with some donations we have already received. Chris also mentioned that convention registration is already open and the Cumbres and Toltec Parlor and Tourist cars sold out within the first few days, but plenty of coach tickets remain. Docents are needed for many tours, look for Chris Wieclaw's article in this issue.

The Educational Segment featured **Paul Wassermann** who brought in a selection of lamp posts and talked about how to identify manufacturers such as Lionel, Lambert, Thomas and Colber and what to look for including the "crown of thorns". **Katie Elgar** had two Christmas gifts from her brother, one a unique nightlight that displayed a locomotive when lit, the other was a calendar that featured only trains from the New York area. **Angelo Lautazi** brought in a LIRR conductor hat that he had been the subject of a long search. He also had a BNSF hardhat that was gifted to him by a visitor to his home layout. **Chris Allen** displayed the Marx train that he recently ran from inside the Grand Canyon.

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order Jim Caras-Lionel Boxcar, Earl Whitley Lionel Boxcar, Don Locke-Williams Hopper, Merle Parise K Line Boxcar, Earl Whitley-Hess Truck, and Terry Haas-MTH Lamp set.



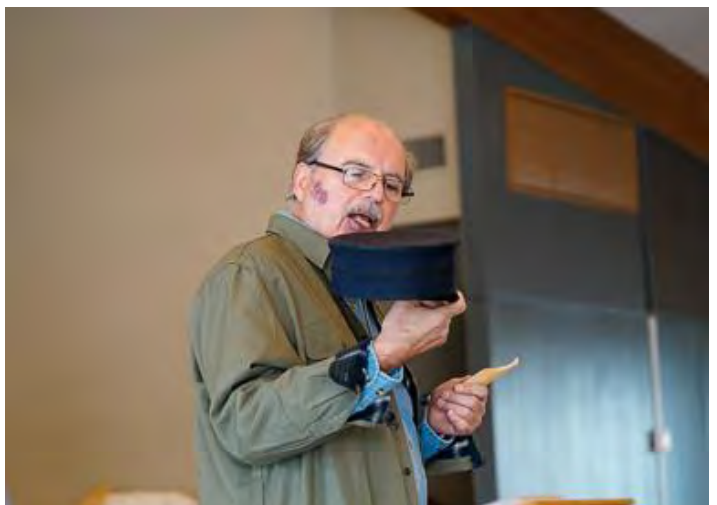
We think that's Bill Mahan under that ATSF 2926 cap adding to his inventory



Janet Mattern in the middle of a sale. The weather might have been cool outside, but sales were hot



We didn't get a picture of Paul Wassermann talking about these different lamp posts but did get a picture of the wide variety he brought in



Angelo Lautazi and his genuine LIRR Conductors hat that he has been chasing for a long time. Angelo traveled on the LIRR when he worked in Manhattan



Katie Elgar was able to light up the meeting with her unique nightlight Christmas gift from her brother



Bill Richardson was laughing pretty good at winning the Lionel Hudson, seems the \$750 will be put to good use buying some American Flyer

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – January 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Chris and Laurel Allen

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

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

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 222 members of which 120 owe dues for the upcoming year. A dues reminder has been sent by email. All dues should be sent to the Division Secretary.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account is \$19,806.81 and Checking is \$12,318.28. The budget for 2018 will be discussed later under New Business.

Old Business:

The year-end financials of the November Train Auction, November Toy Train Show, and Christmas Holiday Party were reviewed. The 2018 Budget was expected to have a \$3,000 deficit; however, expenses were trimmed and a lower than expected loss was the result.

New Business:

2019 Budget - Bob submitted a proposed operating budget for 2019. The reduced expenses from last year were discussed and carried over to this year. Newspaper advertising for the train show was eliminated last year with no noticeable loss in gate attendance. The new proposed budget is balanced for the new year. In addition, last year the club bought two Hudson's, so we will not need to purchase one this upcoming year.

Desert Division Train Show 2019 – It was decided to keep the November Train Show as a one-day event on Thanksgiving weekend Saturday. This year that date falls on the last day in November, on the 30th. A raise in the cost of tables was discussed but left unchanged, since most shows in the area charge the same price for tables as we do. Admission will remain at \$5 rather than deal with coupons.

Christmas Party 2019 – Comments received about the Christmas Party were discussed. It was decided to continue this event at the same facility. Member concerns will be addressed as part of the new contract but overall those in attendance gave the service staff and new facility high marks compared to previous years.

Committee Chairs and Appointments 2019 - Editor of the Newsletter – Chris Allen, Webmaster – Angelo Lautazi , Auction Chairman – Chet Henry , Christmas Party – The Lautazi's and Hunter's The Division needs to mentor a new Auction Chairman, Chet will stay on and help but has asked that someone else step-up to fill his spot. To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, the auction chair cannot be a member of the Division Board of Directors.

Trailer Module – The Division will be at two pre-school Transportation Days again this winter/spring. The Division received a generous donation for new tires for the trailer explained the reason for moving the award to the Annual Business Meeting and away from the Christmas Party. He also clarified that the Volunteer of the Year must be a non-TCA member. After discussing various candidates, it was decided to award two Volunteers of the year to Barbara Lautazi and Shirley Hunter for their work on the Christmas Party. Chet Henry was nominated as Member of the Year for his tireless efforts as the Division Auction Chairman.

Annual Raffle – Financial commitments will put a strain on the Checking Account so the Division will hold an Annual Raffle again this year. Through the generous donation of several members we have two Lionel sets one postwar and one modern era. The raffle will begin in March.

Other Division Events – The Spring Picnic is set for March 30th at the Stillman Ramada and the Pizza Meet will be held on May 11th

2019 Banquet Car – The Division is donating the Banquet Car for the 2019 TCA Convention Banquet. The sale of unused Banquet Cars is expected to pay for the donation. Only 150 will be made in and it will become a collectable.

La Posada Fundraising Boxcar – Pre-order sales continue and have reached more than the halfway point. We are seeing very weak support from the Phoenix members who wish to pickup at the meet.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on February 7, 2019 at the home of Paul and Irene Wassermann.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

President's Message

Well it seems as if the New Year has kept us just as busy as we ended up the year. The January Meet and Annual Business Meeting was just the start. Thanks to Chet Henry and Peter Atonna and the rest of the Division Auction crew, we had a successful "Souper Bowl" Auction. Souper Bowl would not be so super if it wasn't for all the tasty chili and soups that our members, and many times their better half's, prepare and bring along for our lunchtime enjoyment.

A few weeks ago, I took the module trailer out to a pre-school "Transportation Day" event in Tempe. These events are fun in that we don't have to decorate the module too much since it's more about the trains than the buildings. I had a ball as did the kids and many of the adults as well. Setup began at 8:00 AM and I was all done with the trailer back in storage by 12:30. The module is doing exactly what we designed it for, quick and easy setup, running, and cleanup.

We have other dates ahead in which we can run trains for the public and the children as well as our plans to take the module to Albuquerque and run trains at the convention. This will be an item for discussion at the February Meet and I'd like to hear your input.

If you attend the meetings you often hear Angelo report about our paid membership. Perhaps you've heard so often that the numbers become meaningless. They are not, and they foretell a trend that many of us have tried to plan for.

Our current paid membership is 223 members with over half owing dues this year. Of those 223 members about 30 are "friends" of the Division and live outside of our true Division boundaries. Some are past TCA National Presidents, some are friends of ours who have moved away but still like to keep in touch and follow the Division and friends left behind, while others are just great TCA members who support smaller Divisions in TCA like ours.

Why is that important? Well, even before we begin out new year of membership renewals, we have a membership level that is lower than we were in 1997, the year of our first convention in Phoenix. This same

trend is being felt nationwide. While it's easy to point at the Millennial's and blame them, most of us are from the baby boom generation and just as we shaped the economy for decades, this group is again changing the way everything from shopping and car purchases to politics and volunteerism.

It's not all doom and gloom, but all of us need to display the hobby and TCA in a different light. Sure, some of us still like to rivet count. I was born a collector. My mother taught me to be observant and I still enjoy playing the "Find the Differences" type of puzzles, but I'm in an acknowledged minority these days. Operating has become a growing segment of the hobby. The loud outcry from my generation of just a few years ago about technology from phones and pads to internet buying has not only diminished but has reversed. It is not uncommon for someone of any generation to come up to my sales table, smart phone in hand, comparing my prices vs. something online.

How can the Division offset this trend? Simply by doing what we have always done and do best. It's our warm personality and genuine friendships we develop as being part of a small group of likeminded members who keep no secrets, openly share ideas and genuinely care for each other. Most of you may never travel to the Eastern Division York Train Meet. One of the biggest reasons I go twice a year is not for my quest for trains, but for the friendships I have and the people I meet only there. The Division Board has always maintained the traditions of fellowship in our budget. Picnics, Pizza Meets, Auctions, they all have a genuine fellowship and "brotherhood" about them.

TCA National is currently running the Win Big campaign. It's your chance to help us build membership in the local area so that even friends that might have a passing interest in the hobby might join in the fun and friendships we offer. Make sure you use the Win Big TCA membership form on our website, or ask me for one at the Meet, you might really Win Big!



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER JANUARY EDUCATIONAL PICTURES



Scott Eckstein displaying his restoration project he is currently working on, a Lionel prewar station



David Nycz shows off his postwar Madison Cars that he just completed restoring



Jim Trevor and his Lionel AEC reactor boxcar with a voltmeter built into the side



Art Lites displays his MTH caboose that was repainted for the D&RG



John Trevor displayed and talked about the difference in the large and small door Lionel 2530 postwar baggage car



Boyd Reasor with one of his three new add-on cars to the American Flyer Polar Express set



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA 94-39039



A cold and breezy morning greeted us for the January Meet and Annual Business Meeting on January 19th. The cold weather influenced our turnout which was lower than expected, but those that came had a great time. Table sellers were few but profitable for those that brought some items in to find a new home.

Show and Tell: **Scott Eckstein** showed off his restoration project of a Pre-War Ives Station. He had help from Ross Jordan. It is a great job of restoration. **David Nycz** showed off his Lionel Madison Car set, some of them have been restored. They looked super. **Jim Trever** gave us a look at a Lionel LLC Radioactive Boxcar with a volt meter inside. **Art Lites** brought in an MTH Caboose which he repainted and re-lettered for the Western Pacific. **John Trever** went over the large and small door variations of the 2500 series baggage car. **Bill Lubert** brought in an O Scale DC 2 rail Central Locomotive Works Locomotive. A Locomotive just like his was in the "Who Done It?" section of the TCA Quarterly. **Boyd Reasor** brought in a Lionel American S Gauge Polar Express Cars. **Greg Palmer** brought in a 1962 Marx set that he received for Christmas, along with a Hafner #100 Windup Locomotive. He also displayed an American Flyer Pre-War Container Car. A big thank you goes to everyone who shared information and items.

The Annual Business Meeting was called to order;

President's Report: Greg Palmer thanked Scott and Elaine Eckstein for the Convention Catalog in the Headquarters News. There are 44 members in the Rio Grande Chapter.

Treasurer's Report: Everett Hagan reported the balance in checking is \$5027.57 this is an increase of \$539.89 for the year.

Convention Chair: The Ecksteins' gave the Convention Committee report. There are currently 108 members plus guests registered for the Convention, The Cumbres and Toltec Parlor Car and Tourist Car are sold out. The first of the Convention Car Suite is being delivered this coming Friday, and the Banquet Cars have been delivered to Chris Allen and he will be bringing them to Albuquerque next month. We still need 23 "O" Gauge Cars for the Banquet we would like donations from any members who are able.

Chris Wieclaw explained the need for Docents for the different tours, anyone interested in being a docent should contact Chris to see what tours are available.

Old Business:

Pumpkin Meet – turned a small profit of \$53.31 reduce income was mainly due to low attendance

2018 Raffle – Sales were up, and we posted a profit

2019 Raffle - There will be no chapter raffle this year so that we can focus efforts on the National Convention.

New Business:

2019 Budget - Everett submitted the proposed budget for the year which has a projected \$2,925.00 income, and \$2,680.00 expenses. After discussion the budget was approved as submitted

Pumpkin Meet – Will be held on October 27, 2019 at the Sheraton Uptown, Albuquerque.

After meeting Educational Segment:

We visited the home of Frank Dean. It was a great open house and Frank has done a great job with his layout, with the help from David Nycz. Frank's layout will be part of the Convention Layout tours.

Meeting dates for 2019: February 16, March 16, And April 27, September 21- 9:00 AM members only swap meet 10:00 AM meeting.

Other Events:

February 23 - TTOS Swap Meet

March 2-3 - Rocky Mountain Train Show in Denver, CO

Our next meet and meeting will be February 16, 2019. Members only swap Meet begins at 9:00AM the Meeting starts at 10:00AM. It will be at the Los Altos Christian Church, South Education Building, 11900 Haines N.E. in Albuquerque, NM. Our Division President Chris Allen will be there to answer any Division and or Convention questions. Please plan on coming. I would like to have a large turnout for this Meeting and the March Meet and Meeting where we will have a visit from TCA National President Rupert Campbell and TCA Convention Chair Bob Keller as they tour the Convention Hotel. Hope to see everyone there.

A NOTE FROM THE 2019 CONVENTION TOUR CHAIRS

Hello TCA members! The 65th TCA National Convention is coming to Albuquerque in June. I hope you plan to attend this great event. We will have lots of convention action and fabulous tours, but we need your help to pull off the best model railroading show ever.

Anyone registering for the convention is eligible to be a docent on our fabulous tours. You could attend the tour at \$0.00 ticket price. Any guest you would like to include with you will have to pay. Docents need not know about the tour specifics, only keep track of people getting on the

bus. You must have a cell phone to track down people who are late getting back to the bus.

These positions will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Please contact us at wieclawc@yahoo.com or 505-286-0626 if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

We will contact you with approval and how you should register. See Attached for available docents positions.

Thanks for supporting TCA.

Chris and Mary Wieclaw Tours Co-Chair

OK, I'M IN ALBUQUERQUE, NOW WHAT?

For many of you attending the convention in June this might be your first trip to Albuquerque. Like many conventions you might have some spare time on your hands between tours or a day that you only went on one tour. What am I going to do?

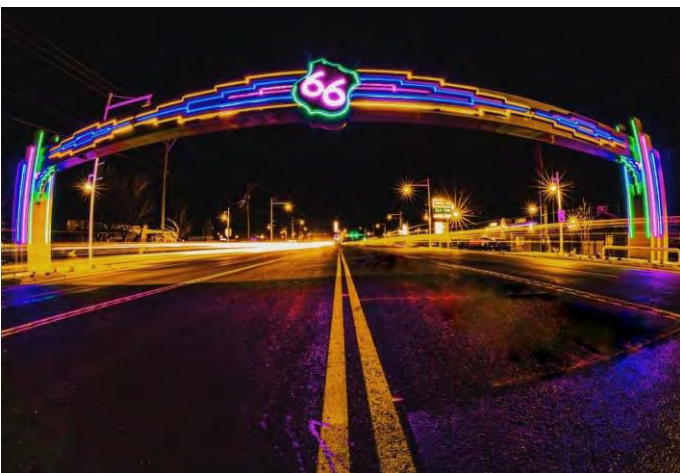
How about walking a short block out the back door to Old Town? Outside of the rich history and the numerous shops, there are restaurants, and several interesting museums just steps away.

If you drive or have a rental car options jump up exponentially since Route 66 is just a few blocks away. Albuquerque embraces the historic mother road unlike no other city its size. There are several retro style diners in the city, and we will only have the opportunity to visit two of them.



Albuquerque is also home to the University of New Mexico and with that is all the nightlife and microbreweries that come along with such a youthful community. A 15-minute drive around the convention hotel sports almost a dozen brew pubs and along with them some very nice nightlife spots and bistro's.

I won't mention my local favorite spots to eat, but here is a quick rundown of some interesting spots to visit nearby. The Albuquerque Bio Park and Zoo, a great place to spend the afternoon is a short two miles away. Explora! A block away from Old Town is a hands-on Science Museum for children and adults alike. The Rattlesnake Museum in Old Town might provide you with some interesting tails and photos to share with your friends back home.



Hudson Raffle 2019

Postwar 773 or \$750.00?

It's back again this year so, will this be the year you win? The Hudson Raffle for 2019 features a beautiful postwar Lionel 773 from 1964. It has been thoroughly checked and lubricated so it is ready to run or take a place as part of your collection.

But what if you don't collect or operate three rail or maybe have no interest in postwar or steam locomotives? Well, there still is the option to walk away with a cool \$750 to help buy the engine of your dreams.

Tickets go on sale at the February Division Meet. Starting at that Meet and at every monthly Meet through October we will pull a ticket from those purchased for a crisp Benjamin. Remember you MUST be present to win that \$100. We will keep pulling tickets at every meet until someone in attendance goes home with the Hudson Hundred in their pocket. The raffle will end December 8, 2019 at the Christmas Party. Unlike the drawings at the monthly meets, you do not need to be present at the Christmas Party to win.



DUES ARE DUE

How do you know whether you owe dues? Look at your address label. If it is highlighted in pink, you owe dues. Please remit \$15 per year, for up to five years in advance in a check made payable to Desert Division and include it in an envelope with the registration form in this issue of the Dispatch.

Please insure that we have all your personal information including phone numbers and email address correct. Not only will it help us to create the Desert Division roster and membership cards, it helps us keep postage costs contained.

If you don't want to pull apart your newsletter you may also print out the form from the Desert Division website. Visit TCADD.ORG and click on the "How to Join" button on the left, at the bottom of that page is the link for the current Registration Form. Mail forms and checks to Angelo Lautazi, Division Secretary, at 6109 E. Sonoran Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85266 on or before February 28, 2019. You may also save yourself postage if you wish to bring it to the January Meet or the Souper Bowl Auction.



WIN BIG IS UNDERWAY



Here's an overview of TCA's "WIN BIG" New Member Drive:

- All members will earn chances to select the top-of-the-line MTH or Lionel Big Boy of their choice when they help sign up a new member.
- Members helping three new members signing up will earn a *one year FREE* TCA membership, PLUS a bonus.
- Desert Division wins. The Division signing up the largest number of new members AND the Division signing up the largest percentage of new members will EACH earn the chance to pick the Big Boy locomotive of their choice.

"WIN BIG" is designed to be a multi-year effort with exciting new opportunities to win each year. Now all we need is your participation. Where are those new members?

Here are a few ideas:

- First, we believe prospects are attending our train shows and just not getting the full TCA story; so **let's** talk up the TCA. Invite a table visitor to join. Have sign-up forms, on your table, with your signature already on it!
- **Next don't overlook your relatives that are interested in** our hobby and your friends at work or wherever. Invite them to a TCA Division or Chapter meet. Invite them to join in the fun.
- **Third, don't overlook friends that collect cars or guns etc.** Often there is crossover with trains. They have the collecting bug, and they just might have their first train in the closet. Invite them to a TCA meet with you. Then invite them to join.

This all may seem like a "Full Court Press", but we all benefit when there are many more Train hobbyists out there. Often operators are collectors and collectors often have a layout. It's the love of those little toy trains that brings us together and our fellowship and friendships that we develop within the hobby is our strongest selling point. Share the joy.

When you participate, you can "WIN BIG"; Desert Division can "WIN BIG", TCA will "WIN BIG" and the next generation of TCA new members will "WIN BIG" when they experience what we have come to value as a member of TCA.

I'll have applications at the meet, or you can download the WIN BIG application from our website. See me if you have any questions. Jump onboard.



SHORT APPLICATION FOR TCA MEMBERSHIP

Train Collectors Association™ National Business Office, PO Box 248, Strasburg, PA 17579

Instructions for the completion of form:

1. All questions must be answered (***please print legibly***) and form signed by applicant.
2. **Applicant's dues payment** (cash, check or major credit card) **must accompany this application:** \$50 for a full twelve-month membership; \$20 for a six-month trial membership; \$25 for a twelve-month, under-age-25 membership).
3. **Applicant name, address, phone number and TCA number will be published to the entire membership** during a probationary period. At the end of the probationary period, the National Business Office will issue an Annual Membership card.

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____ Gender _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Type of membership applying for: ☐ Trial Membership (6 MONTHS) ☐ Full Membership (12 MONTHS) ☐ Junior Membership (12 MONTHS)

Have you ever been a member of the TCA before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Note: You may be eligible to reinstate your old TCA number!

In TCA Officer and Bylaws Elections, I prefer to vote:

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I will be emailed a link to vote securely in each TCA Election

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I hereby subscribe to the purposes, policies and duties of its members as described in the bylaws of the Train Collectors Association™ (TCA). I also understand and agree to the admission procedures. I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the TCA and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time, specifically including all the rules and regulations of all TCA committees and any actions and rulings of all TCA Committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA Member or at any TCA-sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacturer's original condition unless I have caused any such item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

"Win Big" Recruiter Info: Member Name _____ TCA # _____



Desert Division Membership Form



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____ TCA No. _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Dues are \$15.00 per year. (Members may pay up to 5 years in advance). No of Years: X \$15.00 =

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A Desert Division Badge is \$14.00 (optional):

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Here is a closeup of Angelo Lautazi's new caps. The LIRR Conductor cap had a note from the original owner, the BNSF hardhat was from a recent visitor to his train room



Bill East keeping his donut close to the vest while shopping the tables, the convention slide show was playing on the TV in the background



Greg Palmer displayed his Marx 4040 Set that featured a steam locomotive that he received for Christmas. The set box was in exceptional shape.



Bill Lubert brought along a O Scale, DC 2 rail, Central Locomotive Works brass locomotive kit

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