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DIVISION ELECTION UNDERWAY

PIZZA MEET COMING UP

Yes, it is time to vote. If you receive this newsletter via email, you should have received a ballot via email already and can vote for free. If you get your newsletter by mail, it will cost you a first-class stamp to return your ballot by mail. If you have not received either ballot, please contact Steve Bienstock via email and request a new one be sent. Voting closes May 31.

The other "HOT" news is that you should have received your 2022 Desert Division Roster in the mail. Inside the roster was your 2022 Division membership card. Contact Angelo if you have not received them as we most likely have outdated information on file for you. Also please check your personal information in the roster. We are finding many of you have not notified the secretary of

your current information. We print what we have on file, so please check.

The April Meet was a great Meet. We saw a few new faces in the crowd and the return of many more, and as always Desert Division hospitality had free coffee and donuts for all.

As the meeting got underway President Allen noted that the club actually had two events going on at the same time. Chris brought the Division module trailer to the church, and it was setup and running trains for the children's Easter party. Members of both the Paradise & Pacific and Desert Division were running trains in the gym while we were having our meeting new meeting room. We will pack up the trailer and get it back into storage following the meet.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14 – Division May Meet and Pizza Meet Member Auction

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM member Only Swap, 10:00 – 11:00 AM Business Meeting,
11:00 **FREE PIZZA LUNCH** and Auction setup, 12:00 Auction starts
Paradise Valley United Methodist Church (PVUMC) **FELLOWSHIP HALL** (Look for the signs)
4455 E Lincoln Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

May 21 - Rio Grande Chapter Meeting

9:30 AM meet at church then drive/carpool to Boyd Reasor's layout for running trains, lunch and fun
Los Altos Church - Albuquerque, NM

June 11 - Desert Division June Meet

8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – PVUMC, Rm H-1 Paradise Valley, AZ

Secretary Angelo Lautazi reported Division membership at 159 members, with 29 members not renewing this year. While this is the biggest drop in Division membership in our history, we need to remember that we did not charge dues last year, so this drop reflects a two-year change. However, it is still disconcerting having our membership shrink by such a large amount. Our goal at a minimum is to stabilize membership with the knowledge that we will continue to have age attrition not just from our members passing away but also those that downsize and need to sell collections or move out of the area. The board can keep the expense side under control, we can continue to keep the club socially active, and plan open swap meets, picnics, and parties, but everyone needs to help recruit new members.

Treasurer Mark Thompson gave the Treasurer report as follows: Checking Account \$11,683. Savings \$7,133, PayPal \$2,459, and the CD is currently at \$20,125. Mark noted that the drop in checking was because we prepaid for a full year on our two storage units. By prepaying for a full year we get one additional month rent free for each unit, a \$400+ savings.

Mark was our contact for the Christmas Party Banquet last year and he informed the Board and the membership that the Elks Lodge is no longer hosting banquets such as our Christmas Party. We have sent several inquiries out looking for a new location for this year's party.

Chris mentioned that we have secured the Shrine Auditorium for the November Train Show. The facility rental jumped quite a bit and it looks like table fees will need to be increased.

The Multi-Club picnic was held last week on the first weekend in April in perfect weather. There although the turnout was a little lighter than planned it was on track with the attendance we have been seeing at our meetings. There were several events going on that day and that also affected attendance. The food was great and we had a new chef working the grill alongside long time Chef Angelo. Treasurer Mark Thompson learned the hard way that he will need to bring his welding apron next year after working the forge

that Angelo stocks up for the grill work. Food was plentiful and our fellow club mates from the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders and Paradise & Pacific all pitched in for a wonderful picnic lunch.

Next, the floor was turned over to Steve Bienstock who is the Election Chair for this years election. He announced that he has received nominations for Steve Bienstock, Terry Haas, Paul Wassermann and John Zaval. There were no nominations from the floor. For Treasurer, Mark Thompson with none from the floor, Secretary, Angelo Lautazi with none from the floor. Vice President John Craft with none from the floor, and for President Mike Dietrich, with none from the floor. Chris thanked Steve on behalf of the Division for securing the nominations and announced that nominations were now closed, and the ballot would be sent out at the beginning of May.

The April Educational Segment featured spring pastels or Easter or whatever you wanted to share. **Paul Wassermann** brought a large selection of Easter novelty trains, borrowed from Irene's collection. He had two versions of the "Chick Mobile" one of which was a rare floor toy with unflanged wheels, and the even rarer set box it came in. If that wasn't enough, he also had the separate sale gondola set in original box and the wonderful Marx Bunny Train. **Jonathan Peiffer** had a few samples of some scale locomotives that are projects in the making. He buys aftermarket part to make these locomotives as prototypical as possible. **Chris Allen** had the recently offered Hogue produce refer that was specially made for TCA members. He also displayed a fake 1967 WB&A door plate showing how good the counterfeit plates have become.

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order: Hudson ticket Mark Thompson, Lionel Chessie Box Car John Upshur, Lionel Burlington Box Car Angelo Lautazi, K Line Scout Box Car Gordon Wilson, K Line Barrel Loader Sam McElwee, Industrial Rail Tank Car Jonathan Peiffer, Ertl Diecast truck Nick Schnakenberg. It was nice to see another new face, as Jim McDonald's name was pulled for the Hudson Hundred.

APRIL DIVISION MEET PHOTOS



Sam McElwee receives a warm welcome back hug from Kay Vocak, and John and Eva Upshur



Sales tables were up as well and Romeo Kubes is waiting for the next customer



Paul Wasserman brought some colorful Easter cars from Irene's collection including the rare Peter Rabbit floor toy with even rarer set box



Technology, love it or hate it! Mike Dietrich and Chris Allen working to get the Facebook feed online for the members who couldn't attend in person



Jonathan Peiffer holding the shell of his newest project talked about the joys of trying to find prototypical parts to complete the build



Jim McDonald is the happy winner of the Hudson Hundred in April. We've had a lot of "new" names being pulled this year, we you be next?

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – March 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM at the home of Paul and Irene Wassermann

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Mark Thompson, Angelo Lautazi, Paul Wassermann, On teleconference
Art Lites

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

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that current membership stands at 159 members. Twenty-nine members did not renew their membership for the upcoming year. Angelo will send all the current roster information to Chris Allen since the Editor of the Division newsletter distributes the roster as part of their assigned duties. The board discussed the cost of having FedEx Kinkos laminate the membership cards. Angelo believes he can get the membership cards laminated with some leftover material he has on hand in the next few days and will bring them to the April Meet for Chris to include with the roster.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Mark Thompson reported the current balances: in the Savings Account \$7,153.33 Checking \$11,683.08, PayPal \$2,459.63 and the CD account as \$20,125.69 Mark mentioned the large drop in the checking account was due to the fact that he prepaid both the club and auction storage units for a year which results in a \$400+ savings for the club.

Old Business:

50th Anniversary A-1 Beer Car – Lionel has reported delivery of the 50th Anniversary car should happen within the next thirty days. Peter will ship the units upon arrival. Still a few available for order.

Annual Picnic Review – Division expenses came to \$266, most importantly those who attended had a great time. It was encouraging to see members come out and attend events again, but attendance did not match previous years with estimated attendance at around 60.

New Business:

Desert Division Train Show 2022 – Chris reported on the contract with the Shrine. The Board discussed the need for the service and decided to go ahead and approve the contract as it stands. This will be the test to see if we can return to this facility next year. Rental costs continue to increase but table sales continue to decline. If there is a large shortfall of table sales we will need to relocate to a new facility next year.

Christmas Holiday Party 2022 – Mark informed the Board that despite his best efforts the Elks does not count the Division as part of his family. We need to find a new location for the Division Party. Chris will contact the Shrine to see if they have any openings.

Division Elections – Chris will announce the candidates and then accept nominations from the floor for all positions. Once nominations are closed Chris will remind everyone of the election process. Electronic ballots will go out at the first of the month, mail ballots will be in the mail at the same time. Election results will be announced at the June meeting.

Pizza Meet May 14 – Paul made contact with his one-time patient who owns DeVito's Pizzeria in Phoenix. They would be happy to work with us for the pizzas for our event. They typically supply pizzas to the Arizona National Guard so our order is just routine for them but their pizzas are anything but routine according to Paul. We are looking for one of the best Pizza Meets in history

Module Trailer for Children's Easter Party – Continuing again this year we will coordinate with the Paradise and Pacific Club to have trains running for the churches Children's Easter Party. The trailer will be dropped off on Friday afternoon and then setup prior to the April Meeting. P&P will supply the operators for the layout while we hold our Meet. Trailer will be packed up and returned to storage when the part is over around noon.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on April 1, 2020 at the home of Mark and Linda Thompson.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

Presidents Message

Dear Friends,

Well, things are either winding down for summer or winding up as we continue to look ahead to the future,

I had a wonderful time last month visiting the Chapter and recoding the memories of Peter Gerity growing up in the same neighborhood as the Lionel factory in New Jersey.

It was a wonderful story about growing up in the 1950's, loving Lionel trains, and being blessed to have the incredible luck of living so close to the Lionel factory that he could ride his bicycle over to the factory and literally dumpster dive in the trash for trains and spare parts.

Pete mentioned that his real-life Godfather actually brought plans to Lionel and he was invited along to tour the factory with him.

The story of how he was excused from school, and his impressions of the assembly line, repair shop and Frank Petit's office left a vivid and lasting memory that he shared.

The plans were for a rail grinder and generator car which powered the rail grinder that his Godfather, Mr. Bruno company was building in real life.

It was a wonderful story and if you'd like to hear it visit the Division Facebook page and play the video from the meet. It is currently unedited, so you will need to fast forward to the 5:30 mark where Peter begins his presentation.

This past month we also held the annual multi-club spring picnic. This was our first picnic back after cancellations in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. All the members who attended had a wonderful time and it was good to see that our grill masters had not lost their touch as the burgers and brats were cooked to perfection. So many members and their families brought out the side dishes that complimented the picnic and there were a few that "hit the spot" and had members going back for seconds and thirds.

Last month also saw the trailer module back in action for a quick three hour run for our host churches Children's Easter Party. We dropped off the trailer Friday afternoon and had

it leveled so when the operators showed up Saturday morning, they just needed to lay the jumper tracks and do a little building construction. Learning from our recent Transportation Days, we kept a minimum of diecast vehicles on the layout. The kids get so many handouts at these events, the vehicles just become another freebie to them. Thanks to the Paradise & Pacific club who supplied the operators for the layout while we ran our April Meet a few doors down.

As we mentioned in the meeting notes, the Elks Lodge does not consider Desert Division part of Mark Thompson's family and cancelled our plans to return there for the Christmas Party. We continue to look for a new location but because of the late date most places are already booked. While we look at this as a good thing, that people continue to come together again, it does make planning very difficult. We continue to look for a new location in addition to looking at alternate options to host the party.

As I mentioned things are winding down or winding up. Peter Atonna received word that our 50th Anniversary car has shipped and he expects delivery any day now. If you waited until the car was here and you could cash and carry, now is the time. While we were not the only order affected by the pandemic ours is a very striking reminder how the events of the past two years impacted even the simplest things. We struggled through factory shutdown, rehiring employees, parts delay, and now most recently the big spike in shipping costs. We have persevered through the ordeal and this car will have a special meaning not just to those of us who had to deal with it behind the scenes but also the strength and fortitude we had that signifies our resolve as a Division. How apropos that this was our 50th Anniversary car! We have been through some tough times in the past and have endured this most recent crisis coming out ready to continue bringing model train collectors and operators together for fun and fellowship. The future continues to look bright! See you at the Meets -Chris



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Art Lites TCA 97-44623



As we move into May, our focus remains on increasing membership and providing interesting and informative meetings. We are exploring moving our meetings to locations that will give us more public exposure. Our goal is to interact with the public and generate interest in TCA. We have been looking at the Wheels Museum and multigenerational centers. These locations have potential for new members. Multigenerational centers are a focus point for retirees looking for something to do.

We are especially excited about establishing a relationship with the Wheels Museum. The museum has operating train displays as well as toy train displays dating back to the turn of the last century.

In addition, the museum has a large diverse membership, and those members are focused on the railroad's influence on Albuquerque. The board thinks that their newsletter circulation of 6000 will give a boost to Pumpkin meet publicity as well as be a factor in attracting new members.

Furthermore, the Museum sponsors a marketplace during warm weather in the renovated Santa Fe Shops. The Shop is located next to the Museum and interested parties will be able to watch trains toy trains run and we will be able to use their table to promote TCA and the Pumpkin meet. The board felt that the key to survival was adapting to change, and we are confident that these changes will have a positive effect.

Our meeting location has not been the only change by the board. We have strived to make the meetings more informative as well as bringing expert speakers. If you missed the April 23rd meeting, you missed an epic talk by Pete Garity. This meeting had our largest attendance this year. Peter Gerity gave a presentation "Growing up in the shadow of Lionel". Chris Allen

made the trip in from Arizona to record the talk for the TCA national archives and Mike Schleyer, a TCA member visiting from North Carolina decided to drop by.

Peter described life in the 50's growing up in New Jersey next to the Lionel plant. His descriptions were familiar to those of us who grew up in that era. Pete and his best friend would ride their bikes thru traffic to the Lionel plant at Irving Hillside and dumpster dive picking up Lionel rejects. Several of his relatives worked at the plant so Peter's collection grew quickly. Peter's Godfather, Antonio Bruno had business ties to Lionel and on one occasion Peter was able to accompany him to Lionel.

Bruno was an engineer at a railroad service company. On this visit he was bringing blueprints for a generator car and a rail grinding car. These prints were enabled Lionel to produce these cars. The eventual results were the 3530 Generator Car and the 3927 Track Cleaner Car. Peter's presentation was both educational and hilarious.

We did not have a Run, Show and Tell due to time constraints. The officer's report included Treasurer Everett Hagan reporting \$5913.63 in the checking and \$15139.14 in the savings. President Art Lites reported that the Board had approved doing some of the meetings at the Wheels Museum.

Old Business:

Our next meeting will start at the Los Altos Church (our normal meeting location) at 9:30 promptly. We will then proceed to Boyd Reasor's house for running on Boyd's 0 and S gauge layout and lunch. Bring your trains to run as he has plenty of track.

We are posting every month on both Instagram and Facebook and have followers from across the country. Check these out and you may get an extra chance at the raffle.

The Pumpkin Meet will be October 29, 2022, at the Netherwood Church. Hours will be: 10am-2pm for the public and open at 9am TCA members only. Chris Allen, Elaine and Scott Eckstein will be working on forms and flyers. Scott and Tom Lawler will be taking table reservations. Prices are \$20/table for members and \$25/table for non-members. Admission for TCA members-free, Adults \$3/\$5 per family. Under 18 free.

Recruiting new members was discussed with Norm Wolstein volunteering to contact the Lego group to determine interest.

New Business:

Tony Porzio is putting together sets for disadvantaged youth. Any help you can give him as far as basic engines and cars would be appreciated. Contact Tony for further details.

Finally, we have two prizes left and two meetings where an attending member will win one of those prizes. So two members who attend the next two meetings will be \$70 richer. You will

have a better chance if you bring something to show. Good luck to all.

Your board is doing all we can to build membership. If you believe you have an idea or something we overlooked we welcome your suggestion. We must rethink what we are doing and recognize that change is necessary. Think about your acquaintances and friends and see if anyone would be a candidate for membership. Then invite them to a meeting.

Remaining Meeting dates for 2022: May 21, and September 17. Reminder, meet at the church on May 21, those interested can carpool over to Boyd's house from there.



To follow the Rio Grande Chapter on Facebook click the Facebook icon



Pete Gerity gave a wonderful and quite often, humorous presentation, on growing up in New Jersey and in the same neighborhood as the Lionel factory



It was a packed house of Rio Grande members for Peter's talk. If you missed it you can relive it by visiting the Desert Division facebook page

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Review of the Lionel Lionchief Alco RS-3 #6-84697 and Bluetooth Control - Part 2

By Art Lites TCA 97-44623

As I stated in part1, this will not be the usual sugarcoated Lionel review. You will read the good, bad, and yes there is ugly.

As I stated, this is a long-term review of the Lionel RS-3 #6-84697. I have owned this model for about 17 months. In the first article, I discussed the three methods of operation conventional, handheld remote and blue tooth phone app. In this part, I will discuss operating blue tooth with other command control systems and conventional engines. We will explore the new Lionel Voice Control and how that works with the blue tooth app, and I will talk about reliability and the problems I have encountered.

When I left you, I was congratulating myself on the purchase of the RS-3. I ran the engine around the Christmas tree last Christmas. After about a total of 10 hours of operation the engine threw a traction tire. Usually, this is not a big problem; however, there were no instructions on replacement in the manual. I could not see how to remove the truck side frames. I checked with online forums and got no help. A fellow toy train friend and I examined the Alco trucks. No way were we able to get traction tires on without removing the side frames.

For those who might have to tackle this problem in the future, here are the four steps:

1. Remove the body. The two screws to the rear are easy. The two to the front are a pain. The front screws are a screw washer combination which hits the truck frame as it is unscrewed. If it were a separate screw and washer, it would be no problem as the washer would slide down

the screw as it was being loosened but being attached it requires all kinds of contortions of the truck to get it out. See the attached picture.



2. Loosen the motor from the trucks by unscrewing the screw on the bottom of the trucks.
3. Remove the two screws on the top of the trucks and you now have clear access to the wheels.
4. Coat the wheel and traction tire with cement and apply tire. I used 3M Super 77 which is easy to remove if you change tires again.

At this point, I thought that I was through with problems. As I placed the engine on the track and applied power, it threw another tire. Please note. This engine will not run unless all traction tires are in place. Again, I replaced another tire. In the process I noticed that one motor was loose. Upon examination, the screw holding the motor was almost out. I tightened the screw and replaced the body. This could have been the cause for the thrown traction tire and for my money, I think it was the cause.

If you thought my problems were over, as the late Johnny Carson said "you are wrong smoke pellet breath". Checking out the operation of the Alco, the front coupler was inoperable. Again, removing the body, I found that I pulled out the wires going into the coupler. These wires were secured via a plastic tie to the motor and I must have pulled them out rotating the trucks to remove the front body screws. I ordered a new coupler and installed it but as I put on the body and turned the engine over, I heard a loud clunk. Once I removed the body, I found that the counterbalance weight on one of the motors had fallen off. After trying some nonpermanent glue to hold it in place, I settled for super glue. Again, attaching the body, I got the Alco fully operating. The Great Karnack from the Johnny Carson Show (for those who remember him) passed on a special blessing for the Lionel engineer who saved money putting these washer screw combinations on the front of the body. "May the Yangtze River flood your dwelling filling it with Yak excrement. Other than that have a nice day."

Moving on, let's review some more of the operating features. Lionchief locos have a feature which I would call cruise control. Cruise control operates much as it does on your auto. You dial in a speed and regardless of drops in voltage or grades the engine maintains a steady speed. This eliminates the constant adjusting of the throttle while you operate the loco along your route. In addition, this feature adds some exciting possibilities as I will elaborate.

Lionel recognized that operating two locomotives on the same track added excitement to the displays. Heretofore, with conventional engines this required relays and insulated sections and once set up was a single

purpose layout. Not so with command control engines, you can operate more than one engine on the same track. Bluetooth engines as mentioned before are command control locomotives. This means you can run two Bluetooth engines or other command control engines on the same track at the same time. Lionel makes a universal remote that will control three Bluetooth engines, thus eliminating have to use three remotes. To accomplish this, start your first engine and adjust your speed. Then start the second engine and visually adjust the speed to match. You will have to use two controllers or in the case of the Lionel Universal dial back and forth between the two locos. This may sound complicated; but in actual practice, it is a piece of cake. I have a small layout and I have lots of fun running two engines and my grandkids love it as well. It is so easy even a caveman could do it. A word of advice from the caveman, start with slow speeds.

One question usually arises, can this be done with conventional engines? I will say a qualified yes. I tried this with club modules, and these are my results: First the conventional engine must have a slow start speed. This leaves out toy train makes such as Williams which start at jack rabbit speeds of 20-30 scale mph. Secondly, lock the conventional engine in forward and thirdly, stay with slow speeds until you get competent.

Just when I thought I had explored the operational limits of Lionel Bluetooth, they added an addition to their phone app. The addition is Lionel Voice control or what I call the "wow" factor. You simply download the free Lionchief app, and it is included. This allows you to control the same functions except momentum with your voice. In addition, you gain some more features. Among those

commands are station arrival and departure. This command rings the bell and brings the loco to a stop or departing reverses the sequence. Additionally, there is a grade crossing command which gives the two long, a short and a long for crossings. Voice control gives you three speeds, slow, medium and fast. Medium is a little fast for my taste and fast is maximum throttle. As in operating a real engine, the response is not immediate. When the command is spoken it will be repeated on the phone before the actions are initiated. In other words, you must think ahead.

These commands with a smart phone allow your visitors to participate in operating your trains. Moreover voice commands give a semi- magical feel. Just when your visitors think they have seen it all, you can operate your trains with voice control. This could stimulate discussion with the younger set. Lest you get bored, the programmer has put in "Easter Eggs". These are hidden functions that are not revealed in the instructions. Two of these are "Two Bits" and "Warp Speed". Two Bits is the old song "Shave and a haircut"

played on the horn. To sum it up, Lionel has added another fun dimension to their Bluetooth product.

The question is: "would I buy this engine considering the experience and problems I encountered" I would have to say "yes". Although I certainly would check those screws holding the motors and I would run the wheels off before the warranty expired. This RS-3 has all the bells and whistles (pun intended) of the more expensive engines and doesn't require expensive signaling equipment required with Legacy or DCS. The setup is simple: apply 18 volts to the track and you are up and running. I believe the Lionchief Bluetooth is an ideal starter engine for the beginning railroader. As for the future, I can see adding an R/C battery for power and running without transformer. Can you envision outdoor operation? Yes, I think the future is bright.

Note to train manufacturers: please feel free to send me your new products and I and the grandkids will be happy to provide real Beta testing.

PHOTOS FROM THE TRAILER DISPLAY FOR THE CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY



We didn't want to go too crazy for the three-hour display and definitely limited the amount of diecast vehicles that the little hands could reach. Many thanks to the Paradise & Pacific who supplied the operators while we ran our April Meet



As Art just talked about in his article, we encourage and even let the children run the trains using the LionChief control on our layout. You can see the concentration in this child's face as he is "in control" of that train, while others wait their turn.

MULTICLUB PICNIC PHOTOS



Angelo Lautazi, our Grill Maestro, cleaning the grills prior to the crowds arriving



Setting up the Stillman Ramada with tablecloths for a special look



Ralph Treichel supervising the setup operations to make sure everything is perfect



All the ladies who work behind the scenes make the picnic a very big success.



The ramada was full and overflow seating was available under the shade trees and under the popups that were brought



Janet Mattern showing off her fruit salad. Everyone brought some great sides and deserts to round out the picnic meal

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This only works 1: you pay by check, 2: your check is received on or before May 13, and of course 3: they are not all sold. We will reserve the sets for you in the order your checks are received. And of course if there are more orders than sets left, your check will be returned to you.

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