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# Desert Division

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## YEAR END WRAP-UP

With the New Year upon us we can usually breathe a sigh of relief, the hectic holiday season just past gives way for pause and a quiet respite. Well for most people, but not for Desert Division and its members. But before we start on the new year's events, let's look back at the busy November and December just past. The November "mini-meet" was fun and as advertised, business free. The idea of former founding member Tom Stange, the mini meet would be just a bunch of members hanging out, telling stories, drinking coffee, and maybe buying and selling a few trains. First held in July of 2003, the mini meet became popular to those members stuck in town for the summer or who had to rush home from the recently held convention. We had so much fun with them that they have recently expanded to November and help to set the tone for the Turkey Meet weekend, and set the tone it did! The Turkey Meet weekend was busy from start to finish with many vendors taking advantage of the early set-up on Friday afternoon. Meet Chair Beth Stange and her crew of able bodied volunteer's unloaded vehicles and helped many of the vendors get ready a day early. That also took the stress of the volunteer crew the next morning and made the opening of the show go smoothly. Table sales continued through the day until the afternoon raffle prizes were awarded and the much anticipated drawing for the annual Division Hudson was held. This year's winner turned out to be one of the Division's most cheerful volunteer, Janet Mattern. Congratulations Janet and to all Division members who purchased tickets in this year's drawing. But that wasn't all. Once Beth and her crew cleared the hall Turkey Meet Auction Chair Chet Henry and his crew stepped in for a record breaking 462 lot auction! Sunday morning broke early for this crew as setting up and organizing an auction of such a large size had never been undertaken before. But the months of long planning paid off and auctioneer Peter Atonna banged the gavel promptly at 9:00 AM and we were off to the races. Much to everyone's surprise the auction was over much earlier than anyone had anticipated. Winning bidders were seen picking up their new treasures and the hall was again vacant and quiet for another year by 5:30 PM. Quite a successful two day event and something that the Division has

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 11 – 12 Gadsden-Pacific TTOM Winter Meet – Tucson, AZ**

**January 12 – Division Regular Meet – Phoenix AZ – 9 AM**

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**January 19 & 20 – Special Bostwick 450+ lot Auction – Phoenix AZ – DETAILS INSIDE!**

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**February 9 – Division Regular Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM**

**February 23 – Grand Canyon Model Railroaders Swap Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM**

done quietly, year after year, for almost as long as it has been founded. The logistics of holding a train show in the Valley has not been lost on any member of the committee or the Board of Directors. Prior to Phoenix's rapid expansion, any event within ten miles of Scottsdale would bring out a majority of the population who shared an interest in toy trains or would be likely purchasers. Today that is no longer true and one of the biggest challenges of holding a two day event in the Valley. With Anthem to the north, Estrella and Verrado to the west, Sun Lakes and Queen Creek to the south and Gold Canyon to the east, the Valley is over 60 miles wide in any one of those directions. Hard to find a central location that is "freeway close" yet has the space and importantly the cost to fill our bill. Input is always welcome and the January meet is where you can let your voices be heard. But before we jump off into next year lets finish with another long running Division tradition, the annual Christmas Holiday Party. In the spirit of the season and has been done in the past, the Division invites other clubs it has had a close working relationship with. As in the past a warm welcome was extended to the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders' who show up with modules and smiling faces at our events and this year the invitation was also extended to the Paradise and Pacific Railroad Club working in Scottsdale McCormick-Stillman Park. The Division has leaned on both clubs heavily to bring modules and run trains at our events until a decision on a new Division module can be made. The Christmas party got off to a great afternoon start and the staff at the Mesa Marriott outdid themselves again this year as no one went away hungry or disappointed. Along with the wonderful food Holiday Party Chairs Ralph and Sally Treichel made sure those in attendance got a little gift to remember the day and auctioneer Peter Atonna made sure everyone had a chance to take home a beautiful centerpiece. A great times was had by all and did I forget to mention, the prime rib was excellent! That just about wraps up last year but the January Meet is knocking on the door. As usual the Educational theme will be what Santa brought you or your newest treasure from Christmas past. Bring your smiles, bring your trains to sell and most importantly bring yourself to join in the friendship that makes Desert Division one of the happiest Division's on earth. We will be so bold as to guarantee that there will be no snow blocking your drive to the January Meet so you will have no excuse not to attend.



**Hard to tell if we are selling trains or having a good time. Probably a little of both.**



**The November mini-meet was a last minute decision and the regular meeting room was already booked, but those who came out still had a great day.**



## TURKEY MEET "LEFTOVERS"



**Bob and Sue Johnston working the admission table**



**Barb Lautazi busy selling raffle tickets**



**The GCMR module running trains all day**



**Katie Elgar, Terry Haas and Ralph Treichel**



**DeLon Freije is all smiles as are his customers**



**Terry Fagan, Art Triant and Richard Gayle  
discussing Art's neckwear**

**TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting  
Held at Bob Herman's on Nov 7, 2012**

**Opening:** The regular meeting of the Desert Division was called to order at 6:55PM by Jonathan Peiffer.

**Present:** Jonathan Peiffer, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Beth Stange, Art Triant and Marty Wik.

**A. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

**D. Old Business**

a. 2012 Turkey Meet – review of things to do and follow ups.

Confirmed that the Arizona Rangers will be at the Chaparral Suites on Sat.

Bob confirmed that raffle prizes have been obtained but there were a few items still in the storage shed.

Jonathan will contact Chris to check the shed for train sets and sign holders.

Beth reported that the trifold flyer was mailed but she had not received any back as of yet.

Beth will set the Hall on Friday at 10am. Setup for sellers will be from 2 – 7 pm.

Art will bring donuts on Sat morning. Angelo will bring coffee set up for Sat and Sun.

There have been some additional items added to the Sunday auction. Angelo will email a list to the Board.

Marty will arrange for lunch for the auction workers on Sunday. Angelo will bring the drinks.

b) 2012 Holiday Party – set for Sunday Dec 2nd.

Sally, Shirley and Barbara have secured centerpieces.

Reservations are not flooding in. Reservation forms will be provided at Saturday's meet and the membership will be reminded to sign up.

e) Jonathan confirmed that the March picnic is set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat in March at the Railroad Park.

**E. New Business**

a) No new business at this time.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8.40 pm by Jonathan.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

**DESERT DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012 - 2013**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that the holidays have passed and we are into another new year. It always seems at this time of year we are inundated with retrospectives of the year past. However Desert Division is known as a forward thinking group and we a lot to look forward to in the coming year. What never changes is that the Train Collectors Association is about people and trains. We all share a common interest in the best hobby on the face of the planet and that is how we build lasting and meaningful relationships with each other. To kick off our year, in lieu of visiting a member's layout at our January meeting, Dave Brown is going to bring modules and we are going to run trains before, during and after the meeting. So in other words bring a train, tell us about it during the education segment and then plan on running it on a layout! Let's start the year off on the right track and simply enjoy the camaraderie Desert Division is known for. While we certainly don't want to lose the tradition of visiting member's layouts, perhaps there is interest in future after meet events such as how to wire a layout, how to do scenery, or how to use command control systems. This is your club, make your interests known and it can happen.

2013 is my last year as president of the Division. As of January 1, 2014 a new board of directors will be in place. Per our bylaws the office of president is limited to two two year terms. I fully support this provision in our bylaws because it ensures that new leadership must be developed. I have mentioned in past articles that we are a Division in transition much like most of the TCA. We need new leadership with new ideas to build on what has been 41 years of history to take us into the next 40 plus years. While it may seem early to discuss this topic, the time to find our next generation of Division leaders is now. Whatever your background, you have the ability and skills necessary to serve as a Division officer or director. Consider taking a more active role in the leadership and the future direction of Desert Division. Whether it is heading a committee or a role on the Board of Directors we need you!

While we are a full 6 years out from the TCA national convention coming to our Rio Grande Chapter in Albuquerque, it is time to start planning. Some preliminary planning has already begun and you will see additional information in this month's Dispatch about what is happening now and what will be happening in the very near future. Suffice it say the time for planning is upon us and it is up to all of Desert Division to give Rio Grande Chapter president Greg Palmer and his team all the support we can as we move forward. When working with clients on their first architectural project, commercial or residential, I would always counsel them to understand that at the beginning of a project there are not very many decisions to make, but those decisions have a long lasting impact to the final outcome of a building project. As the project gets closer to completion the number of decisions increases exponentially, however the lasting impact of those decisions also decreases. Planning a convention is no different. The most important decisions will be made within the next two years while the remaining decisions will focus on the details.

Speaking of conventions, start your preparations to attend the TCA national convention in St. Louis this summer. It is one of those years where the convention is being held in the middle of the country so it is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. See you national publications for registration information.

In the more immediate future, the Division is going to have another large auction on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Remember how large the Turkey Meet auction was? This one is going to be the same size and there are a lot of interesting items for everyone. Plan on attending and having a good time and while you are at it bring a friend or two.

Whatever 2013 holds in store for us, always remember we are about people and trains. Let's all do our part to make it the best year ever! My continued involvement in TCA has brought lasting friendships from all over the country and that is something that will always be cherished.



### RIO GRANDE CHAPTER LOGO CONTEST

To begin marketing for the 2019 TCA National Convention the Rio Grande Chapter is having a logo contest open to all members of the Division and TCA. All artwork and ideas can be submitted to either the editor of the Dispatch via the Division's website or Chapter President, Greg Palmer. Voting for the logo will be restricted to Chapter members only and held in early March so get your ideas in today. The winner will receive a \$50 VISA gift card.



## Holiday Christmas Party 2012



The annual Holiday Christmas Party was held on December 2 at the Mesa Marriott. The hotel staff again outdid themselves and all in attendance had a great evening of fun and friendship to kick off the season or wind down the year as the last event for 2012.

## **Ooops!**

If your newsletter looks a little out of whack and later this month than usual you are not imagining things. As the final touches of the newsletter were taking place your humble editor suffered a catastrophic hard drive failure. While I use an online backup service to protect my files, the restore process did not go as smoothly as advertised and many files and my emails were lost to the bits and bytes of the digital domain. I hope to have everything back to normal for the next issue.

## **RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS**

### **NEW MEET LOCATION!**

Unfortunately the Rio Grande Chapter News was one of several pages that disappeared into the digital abyss. I apologize to all members of the Chapter for the inconvenience. The Chapter will hold its first meet of the year in its new location at the Los Altos Christian Church which is located at 11900 Haines N.E. in Albuquerque. You are encouraged to bring an item for the Show and Tell educational segment of the meet. Items on the agenda for the business meeting include preparation for the upcoming national convention and ideas for a Chapter logo and fund raising cars. Please come prepared to give your input on these and other projects on our busy slate for the year.

### **RIO GRANDE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012 - 2013**

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## **DUES ARE DUE**

It's that time of year again. Desert Division dues are due. How do you know whether you owe dues? Look at your address label. If it is highlighted in purple, you owe dues. Please remit \$10 per year for up to five years in advance in a check made payable to Desert Division – TCA and include it in an envelope with the Registration Form which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Dispatch. 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, 2013. That will help us create the Desert Division roster and membership cards which will be distributed in March.



## Christmas Trains



**John Craft and granddaughter Abbey**



**Dave Brown and nieces Anaya and Clarrisa**



**Jim Vokac and son Craig from Christmas 1967**



**Dan Palaschak's grandson Jack Davis  
playing with a special Lionel 2037 that  
Dan painted just for Christmas**



**Chris Allen's first train – Christmas 1952**



**Division Secretary Angelo Lautazi sent this along**



## BOSTWICK AUCTION JANUARY 19 and 20

Desert Division of the Train Collectors Association is pleased to host the Bostwick Auction. This collection offers the opportunity to purchase at auction, a significant collection of trains. This auction contains a great selection of Lionel trains from postwar to contemporary items. There is also a significant number of MTH, K-Line, and some Weaver items included.

The auction will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in the hall of the Valley of the Shepherd Lutheran Church in Central Phoenix. The hall will be open for viewing of the first 300 lots on Saturday at 8 AM. The auction begins promptly at 9 AM with a noon lunch break scheduled. The remaining 150+ lots will be sold the following day. On Sunday the viewing will begin at 12 noon with the auction starting promptly at 1 PM. Anyone wishing to purchase from a quality assortment of trains is welcome. Only the purchase of an auction catalog is required for admission. There is no buyer's premium. Checkout will be at the conclusion of each day of the auction. Catalogs for the auction will be available at the January Meet for \$5 or you may mail a check made out to TCADD to Peter Atonna, 25375 N. Feather Mountain Rd. Paulden, AZ 86334. They will also be available at the door of the auction each day.



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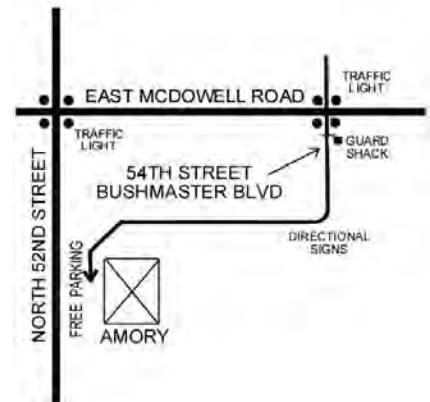
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## MORE PICTURES ROM THE TURKEY MEET



**John and Eva Upshur with their "Black Saturday" Sale**



**Ray Pomper is all smiles**



**Ken Burling is smiling as well**



**Franklin and Nancy Nickerson having a chat**



**Pat Eiff with a customer**



**If you collect Dept 56 we are sure you have met this wonderful lady, Linda Pomper**





# Desert Division Membership Form



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### **TCA Rio Grande Chapter News**

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Hope all of you have had a great Holiday season, but it is time to kick off the New Year. We have a very important Meet to start off with. Plan to join us on Saturday January 19th at 10:00AM. **Remember, we have a new Meet location**, the **Los Altos Christian Church**. It is located at 11900 Haines N.E. which is a block East of Juan Tabo Blvd. We will hold the meeting in the South Education Building, just look for the signs to find us. Since this is the first business meeting of the year there are several important items to discuss and vote on. The agenda items include the date and contract for the 2013 Pumpkin Meet and ideas on how we can improve the Meet. Other items on the agenda are the 2013 Chapter Operating Budget and this fall's election of Chapter officers. Since we will need to begin reporting on our progress for the 2019 National Convention to the Convention Committee and the TCA National Board of Directors, it would be great to have a Chapter logo on our material and begin marketing fund raising merchandise. We had some great ideas when we first discussed this, so the Division is helping us by sponsoring the logo contest. The contest is open to all of TCA but only Rio Grande Chapter members will vote on the logo that will represent us. Since our first report is due at April York the contest will run through the end of February and we will vote in March. You don't need to be an artist, we have members in our Chapter and Division that can help you sketch out your ideas, so put them down on paper and submit them. The Division has set aside a \$50 VISA gift card for us to award the winning design. As always we encourage you to bring an item for the Educational Segment. It is always great to see what we collect and hear about your experiences hunting them down or discovering them. After the Meet we have a special activity planned that will be a joint effort with the TTOS New Mexico Division. Immediately after the Meet, starting at 12:00PM, we will begin a Layout Tour of several members' homes. A list of the layouts will be available at the Meet and many of the layouts on the tour are TCA Chapter Member's, so come to the January 19th Meet and Meeting, and then have some fun at the Layout Tour. The Meet and Meeting will be January 19th at 10:00AM at our New Meet and Meeting Location at the Los Altos Christian Church, South Education Building. Hope to see every Member at the Meet.

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