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June, 2008

MIGHTY MARVELOUS MAY MEET

The meeting began with a welcome to guest Craig Vokac, Jim's son, as well as some folks we haven't seen for quite a while: George Mertz, Miles Lynk, Steve and Bonnie Rudy. Treasurer Bob Herman announced that we have \$21,452.82 in savings, \$3,995.32 in checking; and \$381.96 in the Trains for Kids account.

Dave Brown reminded members that there will be a bus to Prescott for the Beat the Heat Meet on August 9. The cost is \$30 and it makes 4 stops (Arizona Mills, PV Mall, Metro Center, and Carefree Highway at I-17). It will take folks to the Meet, pick them up about Noon to proceed to the various layouts available in the Prescott area, and bring them back to the Valley. Make checks out to GCMR and send to Dave Brown.

Ivan English reminded everyone of the June 7 Summer Meet in Tucson, as well as the train trip to Chama in August. There are 3 positions left on the bus, so anyone who wants to go should contact Ken Kelley ASAP. The price of \$450 per person includes the bus, the train with run-by's for photo ops, two night's lodging and most meals.

The Rio Grande Chapter is collecting Lionel #310 billboard holders to use with their fund-raising project. Anyone with extras can give them to President Katie Elgar at the June Meet.

Scottsdale Community College has selected a recipient for the first Annual Cole Gibbs Memorial Scholarship. He is Brad Dresler, a student with a 3.9 grade point average and financial need. Once he completes his studies at Scottsdale Community College, he will transfer to a four-year university where he will major in Mechanical Engineering. He will attend the June Meet to introduce himself to the members.

The Module Committee, headed by Jonathan Peiffer, met at the home of Dallas Dixon to view the 12' module now in place. At that time, 14 members of the Division discussed how best to use this module to meet the needs of the Desert Division. Continued dialog took place during the May after-meet visitations. The current plan is to have it up and running by Railfair, the second weekend in October.

President Katie Elgar announced that we are meeting with the Glendale tax bureau to determine what we need to do to hold our Turkey Meet at the Renaissance Hotel on November 29. Steve Bienstock is in charge of the negotiations, and hopefully we will have an answer by the June Meet.

Gordon Wilson asked folks who are going to the Convention in Burlington, Vermont, to sign up for times to assist with tables at registration and the trading pits. We will have three tables: one for sales items, one for Convention and fund-raising cars, and one for trip and tour information. There will also be a TV with a DVD player to showcase some of the venues and the Convention Hotel.

COMING UP...

JUNE 7	Toy Train Show – Tucson, AZ – 9 AM
JUNE 14	Regular Division Meet, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM
JUNE 22-29	54 th Annual TCA Convention, Burlington, VT
JULY 12	Division Mini-Meet, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM
AUGUST 9	"Beat the Heat" Meet, Prescott, AZ – 9 AM
SEPTEMBER 13	Regular Division Meet, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM
SEPTEMBER 20	Rio Grande Chapter Meet, Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM

The silent auction item this month was a John Denny autographed baseball. The winning bidder was Gordon Wilson, who got a hit off this Cy Young winner during Baseball Fantasy Camp in 2003.

The Educational Segment led off with Clark McClure's continuing saga of paper trains. These are new, brought out by a British gentleman, who had such a good response to his trains in England that he decided to produce a line of American models. On light weight paper, they need to be backed with cardboard or balsa wood. Bob Mancus brought in two Bing engines from the early '20's. Interestingly the brush attachments are different. One is like those used in later models; the other has a commutator like Lionel's standard gauge. It is on flat metal strip that is on a spring, which makes it move up and down with the motion of the engine. Made for the American market, it runs on 8 volts. Gordon Wilson brought in his "treasure" from the Denver Auction in March of this year – a 1939 World's Fair Locoscope. First made in 1937, the Lionel Locoscopes had pictures of trains; the 1939 version had scenes from the World's Fair. Most interesting is the box. As this was supposed to be a souvenir of the Fair, why does this one have a Lionel shipping label? Paul Wassermann finished the segment with his completed Lionel Binnacle. The one he has owned for several years came with an inclinometer made by some other company. Finally he was able to replace it with one made by Lionel, so now his binnacle is "complete." Paul also brought in his large billboards from 1932. There were 8 made altogether and Paul has 7 of them. The first four were advertised in the Winter 1932 Lionel magazine as a two-month bargain offer. Paul has never seen an ad for the second set. At this time he is missing only the Coca-Cola Billboard.

Bob Herman and Katie Elgar picked up 45 boxes of trains (mixed Ives, Lionel, Flyer, Marx, and MTH), 1 box of magazines, one huge lamp, and a Knapp trolley with track on a board. Other items include an ON-3 brass engine and 5 more boxes. These will be featured in the Turkey Meet Auction, with leftovers going into a March Madness Auction at the Jaycees Hall.

The Mystery Greeter announced that Bob Mancus was the winner of the 10 free raffle tickets. Winners of raffle prizes were as follows:

Chet Henry	Hudson Raffle Ticket
Tom Stange	Lionel 6162-110 Gondola w/Canisters
Ed Micale	Hallmark Ornaments featuring Norfolk & Western trains
Wayne Ross	Lionel Big Rugged trains and candy train
Jim Vokac	Book of Lionel Trains
Chris Allen	Metal truck and lamp posts
Earl Rasmussen	K-Line Norfolk Southern Caboose
Steve Rudy	Lionel 6014 Bosco Car

The \$100 bill from the Hudson Raffle drawing went to John Przybyla.

The after-meet visitations were held at the homes of Angelo Lautazi and Marty Wik, both with brand new construction. Pictured here is one of them. The other was just as spectacular.

Bob Mancus' two '20's Bing Engines



Seven of the eight Lionel large billboards



Gordon Wilson's Locoscope



John Przybyla wins the \$100 bill.



Paul Wassermann's Inclinator



Angelo Lautazi's train room



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

It is exciting that we are now moving into the summer season! Convention is near, there's time to travel and a lot more great stuff like working on trains. All right, maybe it is just a little hot to work on stuff on the outside train layouts!

We had a great meeting in May! Lots of visitors, some early morning trade deals, great coffee and donuts, and lots of fellowship. Some interesting items were brought in to be shared with all in our Education Segment. Look in this issue for some pictures of those items.

If you didn't have the chance to see Marty's and Angelo's layouts, you missed two great ones! Marty's was a great S gauge layout with a lot of display shelves chock full of trains. Angelo's is high rail with a recent On30 added in, as well as an airport. Both homes had lots of munchies, giving people a chance to visit, and talk about what they had seen! Thanks to Marty and Angelo for all their work and for letting us visit their trains!

The June Open House is near the hall, so try to save time in your schedule to see it! This layout has recently had a huge reformatting, so check it out! Another "Not to be missed" train room!

The end of the month will be the 2008 TCA National Convention in Vermont. Your Desert Division will have tables promoting our Convention in 2009. If you are attending the Convention, let Gordon Wilson know when you can spare some time to help out at the tables!

There are train events happening all over this summer. Many are planning trips on trains during the summer. So we should hear some good stories at our meets, including June 14 and July 12!

Happy Trains!

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BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, June 14, beginning at 8:00 AM at the Jaycees Hall. Members are welcome to attend.

DESERT DIVISION MODULE UPDATE

by Jonathan Peiffer TCA #01-53047

On the 26th of April, the first meeting was held to discuss a new operating module for the Desert Division. Dallas Dixon graciously hosted the meeting at his house and had a 16'x12' working module up and running for us to discuss, observe, and run our trains on. A total of 17 people attended to talk about our goals, ideas, and ambitions. Both TCA and GCMR members attended the meeting.

Dallas was instrumental in starting a group called the "Tin Plate Trackers" in San Diego nearly 20 years ago. Since coming to Phoenix, he and Division member Rolland LaHaie have been two of the three individuals that operate the modules currently. You may have seen the modules in operation at a Rail Fair, Falcon Field, or our own Turkey Meet over the last several years.

The first agenda item at the meeting was to discuss interest in forming a group to build, detail, and operate a quality '0' scale modular rail road. Everyone agreed that a new module would be beneficial to the Division. Currently, without a working module, the Division has no outlet to the public to operate or display the trains we collect and enjoy.

Discussions also included detailed scenery for the new modules, construction standards, and most importantly, being an open and welcoming group where all can participate.

The first goal is to have a presentable module ready for Rail Fair in October, followed closely by the Turkey Meet and ultimately having a sizeable module to operate at the 2009 TCA National Convention. Future plans also could include venues such as malls or other seasonable event locations.

At the end of the discussion, several people took the opportunity to operate trains on the module Personally, I got great satisfaction from running my scale Congressional cars with either a T1 or a GG1 on the point. There was lots of great discussion about trains, modeling, collecting, and operating; and the event was a great success.

If you are interested in attending a future meeting or work day, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>jonathanpeiffer@robertsjones.com</u>. All are welcome to attend and share their talents in any way possible.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

The Rio Grande Chapter has embarked on a fund raising project – creating billboards featuring the New Mexico Railrunner. These billboards were featured in last month's issue of the <u>Dispatch</u>, at which time the Chapter asked the Division for support in supplying extra Lionel #310 billboard frames. Several were collected and passed on to Greg Palmer, Chapter President. However, they need many more frames. If you have any spare billboard frames, please bring them to the Meet on June 14 and give them to Katie Elgar, who will send them on to Greg.

DESERT DIVISION OUTREACH PROJECT A SUCCESS!

by Jonathan Peiffer TCA#01-43047

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April 23, 2008

Mr. Steve Bienstock

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OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Being a 501©3 non-profit organization, the Desert Division of the TCA has an obligation to distribute funds to worthy projects that further the mission of the TCA and benefit the community. As a result of several months of effort by Steve Bienstock, the Desert Division was able to provide a \$1000.00 scholarship to a student in need attending Scottsdale Community College and pursuing studies in pre-engineering. The scholarship was established in the memory of Cole Gibbs and others who served our Division in the past. Brad Dresler was the recipient of this scholarship and will be attending the June meet to introduce himself to the Division. Upon completion of his studies at Scottsdale Community College, he plans to complete a four year degree in mechanical engineering. Congratulations to Brad and a strong thank you to all the people who made this Director of Developh scholarship possible.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DESERT DIVISION COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL

Dear Board of Directors:

over the a manufacture of one more set my major will be mechanical engineering

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

The May 17th Meet was held in conjunction with the New Mexico Rail Fair at the State Fairgrounds (Expo New Mexico). The entire Rail Fair had over 120 tables. Almost 40 of them were purchased by TCA and TCA- Rio Grande Chapter members. All TCA members followed the TCA rules and a TCA Standards Committee member was present. The Rio Grande Chapter also had its membership display on site. Speaking of TCA members at our Meet, Gregory Anastopoulos a TCA member from Ramona, California came to the Meet, as well as Tom Risner and wife Patty from El Paso, Texas. A lot of Railroadiana items as well as toy trains were bought and sold. A good public crowd was present as well. Many thanks to Brain Moseley from Golden Spike International, promoter of the New Mexico Rail Fair, for letting us hold our meet with them.

We held our business part of the Meet and came through with several decisions. The first was that we are going ahead with the New Mexico Railrunner Billboard project. We are producing 100 sheets of four different views of the New Mexico Railrunner. I also announced that the Desert Division has come through for the Rio Grande Chapter with empty Lionel Billboard frames. The Chapter in mass wanted to thank Christie Wilson, Gordon Wilson, and all the Division members who have donated the Lionel Billboard frames. We also made plans to have a table/booth at the National Model Railroad Association Rocky Mountain Region Convention on May 30th and 31st in Albuquerque at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel. We will have our TCA-Desert Division-Rio Grande Chapter display, along with examples of various types of Toy Trains. We hope to gain some more new TCA and Division-Chapter members. We passed out several membership packets to perspective members at our Meet at the New Mexico Rail Fair. As you are reading this, we have already had a good time at the NMRA Convention, and hope to have a lot of new TCA, Division, and Chapter members.

Our next regular Rio Grande Chapter Meet will be September 20th at 10:00AM at the Sombra Del Monte Church, 2528 Utah N.E., Albuquerque, NM. The third annual TCA-Rio Grande Chapter Pumpkin Meet will be October 25, the last Saturday in October. Save the date.

Have a great summer and see all of you on September 20th.

The Rio Grande Chapter Display at the May 17 Meet at the NM Rail Fair



TCA member Greg Anastopoulos, from Ramona, CA, had six tables.



Rio Grande Chapter nember Vince Kole is ready for customers.



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George Domeny and VP George Swajian Some of the Railroadiana items available Even Lionel's Mickey Mouse Circus at the 2008 New Mexico Rail Fair



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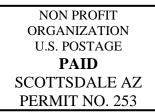
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This page is provided as a service to our members for trading among themselves. Please contact them for items you may have, want, or need.

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June 14	Desert Division Board Meeting – 7:30 AM and Regular Division Meet – 9 AM Jaycees Hall, 8102 E. Jackrabbit Road, between Chaparral and McDonald, Scottsdale, AZ
June 22-29	54 th Annual TCA Convention, Burlington, VT
July 12	Convention General Meeting – 7:30 AM and Division Mini-Meet, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale– 9 AM
August 9	"Beat the Heat" Meet, Prescott, AZ Contact: Peter Atonna at 925-636-4228 or e-mail <u>mjatonna@coimmspeed.net</u>
August 21-24	Cumbres and Toltec Narrow Gauge Railroad Excursion Contact Ken Kelley at 520-299-3243 or e-mail <u>kjkwildcar@q.com</u>
September 13	Convention General Meeting – 7:30 AM, and Regular Division Meet – 9 AM
September 20	Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM - 10 AM Contact: Greg Palmer 505-898-3840

SPECIAL DIVISION OFFERING ORDER YOUR CELEBRATE AMERICA CARS TODAY

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NOTICE

Jonathan Peiffer will be editing the Summer issue of the <u>Dispatch</u>. Any articles, changes of address, ads, or other pertinent information must be sent to him by July 14 at <u>jonathanpeiffer@robertsjones.com</u>.