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CONGRATULATIONS KATIE!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 12 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

May 11 – 12 National Train Days – Williams, AZ

MAY 18 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – New Mexico Railroad Fair – 9 AM

***** New Location *****

June 1 – 2 Gadsden Pacific TTOM Train Swap Meet – Tucson EXPO Center – Tucson, AZ

June 9 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

June 23 – July 1 – 58th TCA National Convention – Atlanta, GA

The April Pizza Meetza had so much good news in the air the unusually windy and cool spring weather that day didn't seem to bother anyone. The National Election results were on everyone's mind as it was announced that Katie Elgar was elected to the office of National Vice-President and Christie Wilson was re-elected as the National Secretary. Our members can be proud that Katie continues in a long line of National TCA leaders from one of the smallest TCA Divisions which exemplify the camaraderie of train collectors and operators, leadership, and fresh ideas that has elevated Desert Division amongst the elite in TCA. Christie Wilson's re-election as National Secretary marks her sixth year as serving in that capacity. But Katie's election wasn't the only good news the Elgar household brought to the meet. Long time friend to us all, past Volunteer of the Year, and knitter extraordinaire, Ruth Elgar celebrated her **100th birthday** that day and all those in attendance sang a heartfelt rendition of Happy Birthday to her as we all shared this momentous occasion with her. We also shared her Birthday cake; it was the Pizza Meetza after all. With all the celebrating going on, along with the scheduled arrival of the annual pizza buffet lunch looming, President Peiffer conducted a very fast Business Meeting. Several guests were in attendance and introduced, Karl and Cindy Becket, guests of Ralph and Sally Treichel are avid HO collectors and operators, Sheldon Hausman from the New England Division noted that it was warmer back home than it was in Phoenix, and Sonny and Irma Wolf from nearby Rocky Mountain Division also stopped in to browse the sales tables and check out the auction. Division Secretary Angelo Lautazi handed out the 2012 roster to those at the meet and reported that the rest "would be in the mail" shortly. If you were not at the meet you should have received yours by now, so contact Angelo if you're missing it. Treasurer Bob Herman reported \$56,285.47 in the Savings account and \$12,960.99 in the Checking account. Under old business President Peiffer presented Beth Stange with the Member of the Year Award for all her hard work as Co-Chair of the very successful Turkey Meet. Next he presented Laurel Allen with the Volunteer of the Year Award for her work hand-making over a dozen Arizona themed gift baskets that were handed out at the 40th Anniversary Dinner last year. New business brought Phil Todd to his feet where he announced a write up in the TCA Quarterly noting Secretary Lautazi for his 10 years of service on the national TCA's E-Train electronic publication. Angelo has also been the webmaster/designer/guru for the Division during that same time when the Division first went on the internet in 2002. Congratulation Angelo, and THANKS! Phil also mentioned that a group in Mesa is working to restore and move Southern Pacific #2355 in the city's Pioneer Park. They are not looking to get the proud lady in running condition, those days are over we're afraid, but they would like to give her a cosmetic facelift and move her closer to Main St. where she can be proudly put on display. For more information visit the committee's website <http://www.saveourtrain.com>. Lastly, Phil reported that he is continuing his work on the Division visitation to Albuquerque for the Rio Grande Chapter's Pumpkin Meet. Next Ken Barnes presented a motion on behalf of the membership to extend founding member, Tom Stange's Life Membership to his wife, Beth. The motion was seconded. Following a very brief discussion the motion carried unanimously. Last up, Peter Atonna spoke about the joys of National Train Day in Williams Arizona. He went on to explain that wives can truly enjoy a day in this beautiful northern Arizona Train Depot on Mother's Day while their husbands play with trains, a story that had some at the meet wondering if April 1st came a little late this year.



Member of the Year
Beth Stange



Volunteer of the Year
Laurel Allen



HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY RUTH!!

With no further business President Peiffer moved on to the Educational Segment of food related trains or cars. It seems that the Desert Division members really are “Foodies” with the Educational Segment taking up three packed tables. Starting off, Ralph Treichel outdid everyone by bringing in over 20 food related cars. Ralph, like many collectors, enjoys the color of these un-prototypical cars that are made just for fun, which is at the core of this great hobby. Terry Fagan was next up with Hershey Chocolate Boxcars. No one disagreed that Chocolate is an important food group. Phil Todd had numerous HO Billboard style Boxcars and Tony Saulina had a very unusual KMT Nabisco 85th Anniversary boxcar. He bought it several years after the anniversary at a bakery shop he frequented. Marty Wik had numerous American Flyer boxcars including a Coors refer. Again the room was in agreement that beer is also one of the essential food groups. Gordon Wilson had numerous Lionel postwar items including several Bosco and Hershey boxcars. Gordon said he remembered as a youth, that Bosco was promoted as a healthful additive for milk. Gordon also brought in the very rare Lionel 6044-1X McCall’s/Nestles promotional boxcar of which very little is known as to why these two products were teamed up together. Rounding out the educational segment President Peiffer had a little fun with the idea of food related cars and brought in an assortment of diners. These were not the fixed roadside attractions of years gone by but the diners we see in a long consist of passenger cars screaming by.

Winners of the monthly raffle prizes Jim Vokac - Hudson ticket, Peter Atonna - Norman Rockwell Reefer, Jonathan Peiffer – New Haven Boxcar, Peter Atonna - Lionel Railroader Club boxcar, Bill Richardson – Classic Toy Trains Subscription, Ken Barnes - TCA visor and truck, Marty Wik – TW Trainworx poster. April Hudson \$100 winner was Terry Fagan. Congratulations everyone, thank you for supporting Desert Division through your ticket purchases!



Bob Herman helping Ralph Treichel with his large assortment of food related boxcars



Phil Todd displaying part of his collection of HO Billboard boxcars

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting - Apr. 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:25PM at the home of Angelo and Barbara Lautazi

In Attendance; Jonathan Peiffer, Art Triant, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Ralph Treichel, Beth Stange and Marty Wik

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that the current roster has 280 members. There were 17 lapsed members this year

Treasurer's Report - Bob presented the Treasurer's report. There is \$56,285.47 in the Savings account and \$12,960.99 in the checking account. Bob asked that we provide a cover letter for the club's donation to National. Angelo will follow up.

Old Business

Division Consignment Sale - Bob said there were funds in the paypal account from the sale of the HO brass engines. He needs the name and address of the person who consigned them.

April Pizza Meetza - Beth will order pizzas for 11am delivery. Marty will bring the extra paper goods from the picnic. The BOD agreed to purchase a cake to celebrate Ruth's 100th birthday. Ralph and Sally will buy the cake and bring it to the meeting.

Goodyear Car Show - Marty confirmed that the train tables will be setup indoors in the air conditioned room that was used for team merchandise sales. The building will be open at 6AM. There will be setup on Friday between 2 and 4 pm. The GCMR is bringing their train displays.

2012 Turkey Meet - Jonathan and Beth are planning to meet with representative from Chapparal Suites to discuss terms of this year's event. The auctions seem to be lining up and Jonathan wants to find a contract template that the club should use with auction participants.

2012 Holiday Party - set for Sunday Dec 9th. Member and guest gifts are still undetermined.

Rio Grande Chapter visit - Phil Todd has been developing an itinerary and will update at the General meeting.

McCormick-Stillman sponsorship - Scheduling conflicts have prevented Jonathan meeting with the Scottsdale train park representatives to discuss a possible involvement in the Train Display building.

New Business

Member Badges - Angelo proposed redesigning the Desert Division member badge. He presented some designs and estimates of the costs involved. The board decided that further designs should be developed and Angelo will follow up

Wearing Badges - Beth proposed a raffle that would promote the members into wear their badges at the club meetings. All agreed that the idea had merit and we will work on the details to institute this in the future.

May Meet Coffee Club - Angelo informed the board that he will be unavailable to purchase and bring the coffee and doughnuts for the May meet. Ralph and Sally Treichel will cover the duties.

The next board meeting will be on May 9th at the home of Beth Stange

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm by Jonathan.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April is always a busy month in the life of the Desert Division and this year proved to be no different. 100 degree temperatures have come and gone, but we know they will be back soon enough.

Our annual Pizzz Meetza was well attended as always. The theme of "food" for the educational segment brought out a record number of items to discuss. Who would have guessed that food related trains would have been so popular! Pizza arrived promptly at 11. In what may have been perhaps another record, your president was able to conclude the meeting by that time! Our auction was greatly enhanced this year with the addition of the collection of Craige Voisine, a Desert Division member who passed away in December and who many of you remember. Peter Atonna once again graciously provided his services as our auctioneer. The annual tradition of Peter opening the bids at one price only to drop it to half that price so that the item would sell for as much as or more than his original opening bid is alive and strong.

While some members made their bi-annual pilgrimage to York, Desert Division held its first swamp meet and train show in Goodyear on April 21st. Considering the heat of the day, the small window to plan this event, it was well attended and a very successful small meet. TCA national past president, Clem Clement already discussed this in his article in last month's Dispatch, but we saw firsthand how well cars and trains mix for a great show. Please give a big thanks to Marty Wik and Beth Stange for pulling this event together with short notice. Thanks to GCMR as well for bringing their portable trailer layout. It is not too early for planning for next year.

As many of you know, TCA national elections are over and we now have two Desert Division members as national officers. Christie Wilson returns for another year as the national secretary and Katie Elgar becomes the national vice president on July 1st. This only reinforces the fact that Desert Division is the "little Division that can". Take some time to congratulate both Christie and Katie and offer your support to them.

Another important item was passed by the membership; the elimination of the two signature rule as a requirement for membership. As you may recall, this motion was passed unanimously by all of you who attended the meet when this was presented last May. When brought to the national board meeting in Sacramento last June, it was also passed unanimously by the entire board without discussion. Only with the backing of an entire Division could this have been possible and now the entire membership has spoken. This is how we can all have a meaningful impact on

the direction of our national organization to improve it for us and future generations.

Do not forget that this year's National Convention will be held in Atlanta. Anyone who has read the numbers and types of tours will agree that this looks to be a fabulous convention. If you have never been to Georgia, one thing that always amazes me is how green everything is compared to what we are used to here in Arizona and New Mexico. Atlanta is one of the major railroad crossroads of the southeast. It should be a lot of fun!

So what does the future hold for Desert Division? What is going to be our direction as we move well into our 5th decade as a Division? I have put a lot of thought into this subject and often ask myself and others, what is the legacy of Desert Division going to be 10, 20, 30, 40 or even 50 years from now?

Many of you are well aware that I have been discussing various ideas for a project that Desert Division can accomplish that promotes the TCA mission both on a Division and National Level.

We have an opportunity to have a presence at the Scottsdale McCormick-Stillman railroad park for a permanent and changing display of trains in the new model railroad club building. There are a lot of details to work out, but this is a unique opportunity to get a presence at a city park that sees over three quarters of a MILLION visitors each year and in a building that saw in excess of 150,000 visitors in the first year of operation.

There has been discussion of building a portable layout that is easily transported to events near and far. We do have the skills as a Division to pull this off with the support of the division both to build such a project, but also to maintain and operate it.

We have the ability to support our TCA National as well. Eastern Division TCA has put up \$25,000 in matching funds dollar for dollar for any division donations. We already answered the call for the National Appeal and thanks to everyone for supporting our national mission.

Desert Division already has a rich legacy in our accomplishments of the past and I am asking everyone to consider what accomplishments we want to achieve in the future. As with anything, the best ideas take solid research, planning, consensus, commitment to the goal and finally funding. Let's start a Division discussion of where we want to see ourselves in the future and start planning for it now.

See you all in May!



MORE PIZZA MEETZA PICTURES



Bob Dennison brought in some very nice Standard Gauge to sell



Peter will tell you that table sales were slow but the auction heated up in the afternoon!



Jerry Sienkiewicz brought in several items including our favorite, the Pfeiffer's beer Hafner. (Below) Terry Fagan and Bob Herman are both smiling about the April Hudson \$100 prize



Marty Wik showcasing one of his several American Flyer food related cars. The food related educational theme struck a sweet spot with the members as the front tables were overflowing with tasty samples. (Below) Terry Bunish also brought in multiple cars with a food related theme, this one a G gauge boxcar.



Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

Since we had no Meet or Meeting in April this Article will be short and sweet. We will have our Annual New Mexico Railroad Fair Meet on Saturday May 19th at the School Arts Building at Expo New Mexico at 9:00AM. There will be a lot to discuss at the Railroad Fair Meet and your input, ideas, and suggestions are welcome. The primary discussion will be the upcoming October 28th Pumpkin Meet, and although it seems a long way off, proper planning will make for a smoother meet this fall. We are still looking for volunteers, even if you or your wife can only help for a few hours your help would be much appreciated. We also need some raffle prizes along with ideas to help promote, and advertise the Pumpkin Meet so plan to attend the last meet before the summer break and bring your ideas. Also on the agenda that day will be a discussion about the possible visit from Desert Division Members from the Phoenix area on October 27-28th. Division member Phil Todd is working on the itinerary and could use our help. Bring ideas on what they can do for fun while they are here so we can pass it on to him. We also need to talk about moving our Regular Meet location in 2013 or staying in our present location. Included in that discussion we can talk about adding a summer meet. Many clubs have scaled down events during the summer vacation time to keep members connected with each other and to break up the long spell between the spring and fall meeting schedules. If there is enough interest we could schedule one for this year. Another topic that will be discussed is that, as I informed you in January, this is my final term as President of the Rio Grande Chapter. The Division has a four year Presidential term limit in place to encourage new leadership growth, and although we do not, the Chapter members need to start thinking about my final year. We have seen continued growth since we were formed and have accepted the challenge of hosting a National Convention. This puts us among the elite of all Chapters in TCA and even ahead of many Divisions. The new President in 2014 would have the full support of not only the best Chapter members in TCA, but also the full backing and support of our Division. So plan on coming to the May 19th New Mexico Railroad Fair Meet with ideas. The New Mexico Railroad Fair Meet starts at 9:00AM with the Meeting at 10:00AM. It is at the School Arts Building at Expo New Mexico. For table purchase please contact the event Manager Bryan Moseley at 505-345-0657. He has multiple table reductions, give him a call for tables. Discount admission coupons are available at Trains West. Hope to see all of you there.

UPCOMING RIO GRANDE MEETS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

New Mexico Railroad Fair Meet: Saturday May 19th, at 9:00AM, in the School Arts Building, at Expo New Mexico

Regular Meet: September 15th at 10:00AM at the Sombra Del Monte Church at 2528 Utah N.E., Albuquerque, NM Contact: Greg Palmer 505-898-3840.

6th Annual Pumpkin Meet: Sunday October 28th 9:00AM-3:00PM at the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel 2600 Louisiana Blvd. N.E. in Albuquerque , NM Contact: Bill Spofford at 505-821-4051 or Greg Palmer at 505-898-3840.

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APRIL YORK PICTURES



Citizen's Bank Park in Philadelphia



The Main Atrium at the National Toy Train Museum



Located next to the National Toy Train Museum is the Red Caboose Hotel where we spent the night in this N5C caboose in Lionel livery



My long search is over! I finally found the rare variation of the #6220 NW2 switcher to make this one of the best trips to York I've had in years

MAY EDUCATIONAL SEGEMENT ANNOUNCED

May is always synonymous with two holidays Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Since for many of us growing up our only memories of Mother's regarding us playing with trains was telling us to wash up it was time for dinner or bed we have decided to take a slightly different approach this month. With all respect to those who have served our great nation and sacrificed all, the May theme will be your most memorable train. For many it might be your first train, maybe your favorite train, or the one you searched for the longest and finally found. Bring it along to the May General Meeting and share your story on what makes this train stand out in your collection.

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APRIL YORK, 2012

By Gordon L. Wilson, TCA #76-10233

Every so often a trip to the East Coast for a train meet in York can turn exceptionally good. This past April of 2012 was one of those for a variety of reasons. It turned out, in hindsight, just about everything went not just well, but Super Well!

My flight to Philadelphia left Phoenix on time and arrived early! An omen for good things. Then for a Rental Car I received a brand new, loaded (Satellite Radio, Moon Roof, Power Everything) Impala. My usual trip to the Lambertville (NJ) Flea Market with Philly lawyer friend Leslie Engle went well, ending with a wonderful performance of Mozart's opera "La Clemenza di Tito" at the Music School of my Alma Mater, Rowan University. The next day I met with a long time friend for lunch at this country's oldest winery, RENAULT, near Atlantic City, NJ, and then made it to Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia in time to see the Phillies defeat the New York Mets. It's always nice to see the Phillies win, or is it to see the Mets lose? Following the game, a short drive south took me back to Philadelphia International Airport to pick up Christie, who was flying into Philly late on Monday night/Tuesday morning.

Tuesday day allowed us to visit our travel agent and set the stage for our next trip. The remainder of the day saw us visit with several friends and former colleagues. Early on Wednesday morning, it was off for Strasburg, PA, home of the National Toy Train Museum and the TCA Headquarters. I had some volunteer work to do in the library and Christie had to tend to some National Secretarial duties prior to that evening's TCA Executive Board Meeting. The M&E Committee was selling some excess merchandise from the TCA's vast collection and I was able to make a wonderful purchase. Alas, due to the fragile nature of the piece, it remains at my sister-in-law's house for a summertime pickup, rather than chance breakage on the airplane flight back to Arizona. Since Jonathan Peiffer is now the Membership Chair, I was not needed at the Executive Meeting. That meant I could go out to The Iron Horse Inn and enjoy the Lump Crab Cakes for dinner and then retreat to the Red Caboose Motel. We had reserved unit #14 – an Orange and Blue Porthole N5C Caboose lettered "Lionel Lines." It was big, roomy, comfortable, and the TV carried the Soccer game between Barcelona FC and Chelsea FC. Chelsea is the team from the British Premier League for which I root, with the same intensity as I do the Phillies. They were the decided underdog, but won the game 1-0. Could the next two days at York be any better?

My main "WANTS" list at York consisted of but two items, one of which has been on this list for years: a 1949 Lionel Catalog with a Super Rare variation on Page 11. It is an NW2 #6220 with a totally clear white simulated headlight. If I've seen one 1949 Catalog, I've seen a thousand, but NEVER until now did I see one with this variation. Finally, on a table I nearly passed up I found it! It does exist!! And now, I have one. The other "want" was a perfect Santa Fe Alco #220 Diesel. This too was found in the "Blue Hall" on the table of good friends Lloyd and Norman Taaffe of St. Louis. My #220 had a broken apron, so now I have a complete C-10, A-A Santa Fe Also Diesel Set.

Christie made the rounds in the seven halls, collecting a plethora of brand new trains which will serve as prizes at the November Turkey Meet. Our thanks go to David Yost of Nazareth, PA. I also delivered a promo package about the Scottsdale McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park to Carl Swanson, Editor of Classic Toy Trains. Hopefully, if all goes well, there will be a display area in the large Railroad Building which will feature the TCA and the Desert Division. Such an area would present this Division as the PREMIER Toy Train Railroad venue in the area. Stay Tuned!

Thursday night we ate dinner once again in the newly reopened Roosevelt Tavern, one of York's finest restaurants. It had been closed last October as it changed proprietors and menus. I'm happy to report that it is back and, yes, better than before! As you can guess, I had their Lump Crab Cakes – Extraordinaire!

Friday, after the meeting, we headed back to Christie's sister's house in New Jersey, for we had to head to North Jersey for a Memorial Service for a long time high school (and after) friend who had been tragically lost in an auto accident. We had planned to visit him after this year's TCA Convention. After the service, we hurried back to New Jersey's largest (area-wise) city, Vineland, for a performance of the Broadway Musical, "Fiddler on the Roof." There's only one word to describe this show – WOW!!

Christie flew home on Sunday and I flew home on Monday. This was one of those truly magical trips to the East Coast – one to remember. There just didn't seem to be any negatives. All the stars were in the right alignment! As they said in Fiddler, "To life, to life, I'chaim."

GOODYEAR CAR SHOW & TRAIN SWAP MEET PICTURES



The Grand Canyon Model Railroaders brought their module and had a steady stream of visitors all day



The Train Doctor, Jerry Klei, helping a customer evaluate his excellent purchase



"Let me tell ya friend, you really need this car and you can have it for a song, just start singing twenties...."



How did Marty Wik's speeder arrive in front of the swap meet? The Armstrong motor of course.



Steady traffic all day, of course being in the air condition Team Shop when its 100° helps also!



Oh yes, did we mention there was some pretty good looking Detroit metal outside as well?

GOODYEAR CAR SHOW AND TRAIN SWAP MEET

Another first for the Desert Division and like many of its tried and tested predecessors, the first ever combined Car Show and Swap Meet was a success from more angles than a classic Cadillac. Being respectful of a planned January Train Show in Tucson and the local Grand Canyon Model Railroader show in February, along with the City of Goodyear's Spring Training facility being used for the Cleveland Indians and Cincinnati Reds all March long meant the show was going to be held in April. Who knew Mother Nature had a 100° fast ball up her sleeve? Next year promises to be a little earlier in the year when more winter visitors are still in the area and we can work out the details with all the local clubs including our gracious sponsors the City of Goodyear and co-hosts the Pebble Creek Car Club. Both Marty Wik and Beth Stange did a great job with last minute change of plans, and in hindsight, moving the sales tables indoors to where the Goodyear Stadium Team Shop just vacated, was much appreciated to all vendors. There was a steady stream of people into the team shop all day until the afternoon heat took its toll on even the sturdiest desert dweller. The BBQ food was excellent with the proceeds going to help the restoration efforts of the historic Litchfield Train Depot which is the City of Goodyear's Arizona State Centennial project. Just as early Mall displays brought in the public and a few trains to be "evaluated" so did our first ever combined meet in an area where many live but few venues exist for folks to get an honest feel for the vintage train marketplace. Many vendors had interesting talks with the members of the Pebble Creek Car Club who came in to escape the heat and quite a few went outside to look at what they had on display. A good time was had by all and the next combined meet (held a bit earlier in the year) will be an even greater success.

HISTORIANS CORNER – OR WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PIZZAS?

As many of you know I love this Division with all its rich history of a few guys sitting around and wanting to make things happen, did just that. Throughout the last forty years our little Division has started and maintained many traditions, some out of necessity, others because they were fun and still others just because they haven't been done by other Divisions in TCA. The annual Division spring pizza party is just one such event. Started in 1995 because Ray Korte was ill, the Division decided to host a meet and picnic at their relatively new meeting location, the Scottsdale Jaycees Hall. That first year it was just a come as you are, all you can eat pizza party and auction. It didn't have a name, just eat some free pizza for lunch and stay for the auction. That first year we bought 42 pies. The next year because we always like to one up ourselves or each other, we bought 50 pizzas and you thought we were on a roll. But things don't always work out as you plan. In 1996 we lost our dear friend Ray Korte and in his memory we renamed the spring picnic the Ray Korte Memorial Picnic to honor the man who gave so much to the train clubs in the Phoenix area. In 1997, both TCA and TTOS decided to honor Ray and have an old fashion picnic and auction just like we did at his house. That year not a pizza was purchased. On a beautiful April Saturday morning, both clubs met in Chaparral Park for a great picnic and following that went the short distance to the Jaycees Hall and had one heck of an auction. The following year 1998, still basking in the wonderful afterglow our first ever National Convention, the first ever Pizza Meetza was born and has been held continuously since then. So what you say? Well in the words of my mentor, Samuel Clemens, never let the facts get in the way of a good story. When I was putting together the April issue of the DISPATCH I was away from my home and working on my laptop. Working from my memory, remembering when the first "Pizza Meetza" was held, and adding once, subtracting twice came up with the magical 750th pizza order. Once I returned home and discovered the error of my math I had to come clean. This year was our 17th annual, 15th consecutive Pizza Meetza. We have served 712 pies and in 2013, if the Mayan calendar is wrong, we will serve our 750th pizza!

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