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# Desert Division *DISPATCH*

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## WE HAD A PARTY

Where were you at 7 PM on October 22? That is what is known as a “loaded question,” because if your answer is NOT Chaparral Suites and Resort in Scottsdale, AZ, then you missed what was likely one of the best parties in the 40-year history of the Desert Division.

One hundred and sixteen persons attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration commemorating the Desert Division's acceptance into the Train Collectors Association in 1971. Each of those 116 persons, upon arriving at their Banquet table, received a specially decorated die-cast figure holding a simulated ruby and a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary chocolate wreath. Each of the 15 Banquet tables had a panoramic centerpiece designed by Bob Herman, featuring a throwback memory of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary step van and a wonderful representation of our Division logo, the Santa Fe F-3 in War Bonnet livery. Also at each table were DVD's showing the 40 year history of the Division. Before the evening would finish, every couple at each table would take home a copy of that DVD, and two persons at each table would receive either the Centerpiece or a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ruby Hopper.



Centerpieces made by Bob Herman



Just a few of the 16 Door Prize baskets.

Additionally, attached to each dinner reservation ducat was a Door Prize ticket. Prepared by Committee members Laurel and Chris Allen were 16 Door Prize baskets of a variety of useful merchandise. Throughout the evening 16 attendees had their Door Prize ticket numbers drawn and received these surprise “thank you for coming” gift baskets. Those who received these gift baskets were: Paula Wik, Don Locke, Bob Johnston, Janice Rasmussen, Sandy Novak, Herb Andreen, Greg Novak, Mary Lou Durboraw, Gordon Wilson, Barbara Turner, Jace Smith, Diana Dixon, Phil Monahan, Marty Wik, Lillian Dixon, and Sue Russell.

## COMING UP . . .

**NOVEMBER 12 – Desert Division Mini-Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM**  
**NOVEMBER 26 - Turkey Meet Swap Meet– Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM**  
**NOVEMBER 27- Turkey Meet Auction – Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale, AZ – 8 AM**  
**DECEMBER 11 – Holiday Party – Mesa Marriott – 4 PM**  
**JANUARY 14, 2012 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM**  
**JANUARY 21, 2012 – Gadsden-Pacific Train Show & Meet – 9 AM**  
**JANUARY 21, 2012 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM - 10 AM**



Angela Trotta-Thomas's original oil painting of the Ruby Hopper



Diane Rodriguez's original watercolor painting of "Ruby Reds in the Desert."

To help defray some of the costs incurred for this celebration, there were a limited number of items available in both silent and live auctions. Lionel LLC, TW TrainWorx, Jim Spellmire, Diane Rodriguez, and Angela Trotta-Thomas provided our Division with some incredibly fine items for these auctions. We are extremely thankful and appreciative to these firms and artists for their contributions to our Division's activities. Once again, it speaks volumes as to how we are perceived by others throughout this hobby. You should be proud of our fine reputation. The successful bidders in the Silent Auction were as follows: George Smith got the bridges built by TW TrainWorx; Fred Hunter won the pair of Atlas Reefers from our Celebrate Arizona series; Terry Haas took home Step Van #8 from our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party; Jean Mack secured the very last Division "Wavy Flag" Mint Car; and Phil Monahan won the rare "Vision" box car donated by Lionel LLC. In the Live Auction, four items were bid on rather spiritedly. Jonathan Peiffer won the MG Switch Tower donated by Lionel LLC; Phil Monahan secured the Die Cast Figure with a Real Ruby, courtesy of Jim Spellmire; Diane Rodriguez's Original Watercolor Painting went to Gordon Wilson; and the Original Oil Painting by Angela Trotta-Thomas found a home with Paul Wassermann.

The evening started off promptly at 6:00 PM with a Social Hour and Wow! Did our members socialize! Many long time friendships and acquaintances were renewed and/or continued. What a fun way to begin such a Memorable Evening.

At 7:00 PM the banquet hall doors opened and Emcee Paul Wassermann welcomed everyone. Jean Mack offered a thoughtful Invocation and Past Division President and Retired USAF Colonel, Bill Mack led all in a Salute to our Nation's flag.

Representing the Train Collectors Association National Board, Immediate Past President Ron Stowell made a presentation to Division President Jonathan Peiffer. In turn, Jonathan thanked the Committee (Gordon and Christie Wilson, Co-Chairs; Chris and Laurel Allen; Bill and Jean Mack; Paul and Irene Wassermann; Jonathan and Robyn Peiffer) for their work in promoting all of this year's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities. Paul Wassermann pointed out to all that of the Original 25 petitioners to TCA for Division Status, two (2) of them, Bob Johnston and Ron White, were in attendance at this Anniversary affair. Bob offered a few comments, saying that in 1971, none of them could have ever dreamed that this Division could ever have achieved the status it has attained in the TCA.



Jonathan Peiffer accepts a presentation from Immediate Past TCA President Ron Stowell.

Exactly what has been attained? In 1997 and 2009, the third smallest TCA Division hosted very successful TCA National Conventions, with a third one scheduled for 2019. In 1993 Alvin Levin was elected as TCA National President; in 1999 Gordon Wilson was elected TCA National President; in 2003 Paul Wassermann was elected TCA National President; and in 2007, Chris Allen was elected TCA National President. Also in 2007, then Division Secretary, Christie Wilson, was elected as TCA National Secretary and has been reelected again in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011. That is an incredible achievement for members from a Division whose membership is barely 1% of the TCA's total membership. This truly is a "Special Division" and it is such because of only one reason – YOU – the members!



Entertainment by Marshall Trimble

The highlight of the evening, however, was our very special guest: Arizona's official Historian, song writer, story teller, college professor, and Entertainer Extraordinaire, Marshall Trimble. A native of Ash Fork, he proceeded to put the audience into a spellbound mood. Many were laughing so hard they had a hard time keeping from crying as Marshall's tales were so "true to life" and those with which nearly everyone could relate. Truly we were extremely fortunate to have been able to secure Marshall Trimble's services for this memorable occasion.

The next big challenge for the Division will be the 2019 TCA Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Then two years later, 2021, will come the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the Desert Division. Hopefully we will all meet at these events and once again celebrate the continuing success of "The Little Division that CAN," better known as the Desert Division.

## OCTOBER MEET NOTES

The October Meet opened in the Chapel at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Tables were filled with trains and things to sell; folks were social and enthusiastic; plans were underfoot for the rest of the fall activities. Visitors included Vinny Bocchino and Brian Curry, both retired from the Long Island Railroad and now living in the Valley of the Sun. Henry Pettit visited from Boise, ID, while Marjie and Jim White joined us from Dewey, AZ. Angelo Lautazi celebrated his birthday with a friendly crowd. We bid a fond adieu to Boyd Reasor, who will be moving to New Mexico in early November. Treasurer Bob Herman announced that we have \$36,784.47 in the saving account and 30,988.10 in checking.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee reported 110 paid reservations to date. This month's Anniversary Celebration item was a drawing for two free dinners from those who had reserved before October 1. Franklin Nickerson asked whether or not he could get Nancy's free dinner, as he had paid for her dinner in the first place. Assured that that would be between Nancy and himself, we proceeded with the drawing. First name drawn was Richard Gayle. The second name drawn was – Ta Da – Drum Roll – Nancy Nickerson.

The Turkey Meet is proceeding on schedule. Tables are nearly sold out. The Hotel is doing the hall set-up. All we need is for folks to help sellers unload on Friday, November 25, beginning at about 9 AM. The doors will open on Saturday for sellers at 7 AM, with early registrants admitted at 8:30 AM. Buttons have been ordered. Food is available on site, at the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Grill. Posters and flyers are available to be passed out to various hobby shops and train stores. Tri-folds were mailed out Friday, October 7.

The Holiday Party is set for Sunday, December 11. A registration form is in the November issue of the Dispatch. We will have the same menu as last year, at the Mesa Marriott, with all the usual "bells and whistles."

Chris Allen, this year's Election Chair, read the nominees for various Desert Division offices for the two-year cycle 2012-2013. For Director, Ralph Treichel, Marty Wik, and Beth Stange; for Treasurer, Bob Herman; for Secretary, Angelo Lautazi; for Vice-President, Art Triant; and for President, Jonathan Peiffer. As no office is contested, Katie Elgar made a motion that we accept these nominations and elect them by acclamation, as per Roberts' Rules of Order. Unanimously accepted.

Mystery Greeter Bob Kamenca chose Larry Melvin to receive 10 free raffle tickets for today's drawings.

Winners are as follows:

Jim Vokac	Hudson Raffle Ticket
Tony Ford	Lionel 2003 TCA Convention Mint Car
Chris Allen	RailKing P&LE 6464-2004 Box Car
Ralph Treichel	Lionel UP Double Door Box Car
Larry Melvin	Book – <u>The Great Trains</u>
Art Triant	Book – <u>Lionel Trains</u>
Earl Rasmussen	Bachmann Union Station
Gordon Wilson	Steering Wheel Cover

The Hudson Raffle drawing was won by Chuck Brasher, who bought his ticket at the 2011 TCA National Convention in Sacramento, California. He will receive a \$25 check. Chris Allen made a motion to abandon the \$25 consolation prize and revert to the \$100 being given to the first name drawn in attendance at the meet, effective again, beginning in 2012. Unanimously passed.

Marty Wik announced that there would be a social club for all S-gauge collectors, beginning immediately. After the October meet, he and several others held their first informal meeting.

As the meeting ended, members dispersed to RailFair at the McCormick Railroad Park.



L: An eager crowd awaits the beginning of the Meet.

M: Chris and Laurel Allen conduct the drawing for two free 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinners.

R: Larry Melvin wins a Raffle prize.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we move into the holidays already, the Desert Division has been and will continue to be busy right up to the end of the year. Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is now a memory as we finish our preparations for yet another Turkey Meet. No sooner will that be complete than the Holiday Party will be upon us as well.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event was delightful. After an hour of socializing, some opening remarks, and a presentation to our Division by Past National President Ron Stowell, we moved right into our dinner and program. The food was excellent and Marshall Trimble was brilliant in sharing his special version of Arizona History. Marshall's knowledge of railroading history in the state combined with unique story telling skills really made for a very, very special evening. Most importantly we as a Division got together and celebrated 40 years of continuous history, remembering old friends and meeting new ones. While we gather around our common hobby of toy trains, it is the people, not the objects, of this Division who have created the opportunity for the successes we have had in the past and will continue to have in the future. A lot of work went into making this event come together and there are many people to thank, but the most important thanks goes to all of you for supporting this Division so heartily. It is amazing the things we do based upon our numbers.

Now we look forward to another Turkey Meet. Based on the preliminary number of tables sold, we are on track to have a great meet. To those of you who were at the dinner, you saw the hall and location. There is still work to be done to pull this meet together. Art Triant and Beth Stange have been diligently putting together this meet and they will need your help. Large or small, your participation in helping make this meet a memorable one will be critical and we look forward to your help in any number of areas. Be it to simply arrive on Friday to help people unload as they begin to setup, or volunteer some time elsewhere, your help is needed! Don't be afraid to volunteer. This is what makes our Division so special!

Saturday, after the swap meet is over, don't forget that TCA members have been invited to Beth Stange's house to share in some food and run your own trains on the layout. Don't have an opportunity to run those large cars and locomotives at home? Bring them to Beth's and see what it is like to run those big trains! Look for further details soon.

Finally, lest we forget, we have our Holiday Party on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. It is not too early to register. This year promises to be another fun

opportunity to get together as families and socialize. The more we do together, the closer our Division becomes. If you have questions, please contact Ralph and Sally Treichel. (Phone - 602-863-6985 or e-mail – [salmud@aol.com](mailto:salmud@aol.com))

As has been noted in previous issues of the Dispatch, the October meeting is where nominations for officers of the Division are held. This year, in spite of attempts to have more people offer themselves for office, we had only a single individual for each position. As a result, your Board for 2012-2013 was elected by a vote of acclamation. Lacking additional candidates for the ballot, there is no need for an election, so you will not see a ballot coming out. This means that I am your President for another two years. The year is not over, so I will not reflect on my first term as your Division President at this time, but as I am ineligible to serve past my 2<sup>nd</sup> term as your Desert Division President, it's not too early to think about who the next Division president will be. Our Division has been successful because we move our members up through leadership and limit terms on presidents. We stimulate new thoughts, encourage new ideas, and develop our leaders rather than simply re-elect the same people over and over again. This is a very important aspect of our success. New and fresh ideas are always needed to keep the club invigorated and fresh. The mutual expectations are also clear. People who have previously served in positions of leadership are expected to mentor those who come after them. Current leadership should always be looking at the membership to identify the future leaders and encourage them to run this club effectively in the future. Finally, members should have an expectation that they too may be called on to lead this Division and should feel welcomed and empowered to offer themselves for leadership.

Why bring this question up now? We have just come off a wonderful celebration of 40 years of fellowship, friendship, and trains. Now let's focus on how to make Desert Division even better in the upcoming 40 years. We have a lot to celebrate and a lot to look forward to. It is the individual efforts we all make for the common good that continue to make the Desert Division one of the true success stories of the Train Collectors Association.



## TCA RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

Once again we had another great Pumpkin Meet. The 6th annual Pumpkin Meet saw several out of town TCA Members. Mark Boyd, Editor of the TCA's Quarterly, came to the Rio Grande Chapter, with the express intent of seeing what our Pumpkin Meet was all about. He visited with several members and made some Toy Train purchases for his collection. We also had several visitors from the Rocky Mountain Division area, and they purchased several tables as well. One of these members was an old friend to Albuquerque Toy Train Collectors, as well as the Desert Division. Jerry Calkins, all the way from Wyoming, purchased two tables and had a great time. Jerry sells super items, such as the Lionel Pre-War M-10000 which I bought from him. His stories about the Desert Division activities and his stay in Albuquerque in the late 1980s' are always a treat. Hey, Desert Dwellers where were you guys? I would like to see more Arizona folks at the Pumpkin Meet. We also had a TCA Member from San Diego, California. This year we had close to 50 tables, though our public attendance was down. We will have final figures for all at the January 21st Chapter Meet and Election. Thanks to all the Volunteers who helped make the Meet a great one. Special thanks to Scott and Elaine Eckstein, Don Kuster, John Anderson, Carl Soderberg, Bill and Bonnie McIntyre, John Trever, and Paul Hurford. Once again a special thank you to Meet Coordinator Bill Spofford; without his help this Meet would not happen. As always, we owe a round of applause to every Chapter member who purchased tables, for they make the Pumpkin Meet a success. Thanks go to everyone for all your support of this Chapter and its activities.

Our next Meet and Meeting will be January 21st at 10:00AM at the Sombra Del Monte Church at 2528 Utah N.E. in Albuquerque, NM. At 9:00AM the Jim Spatafora Layout will be open to run trains before the Meet starts, so bring trains to run as well as those you wish to sell during the Meet. Also bring items for our Education Segment Show and Tell. Show off what you collect; it's always interesting to see what others have to share with each other and learn from their expertise.

I want to wish everyone a great Holiday Season, and I hope everyone comes to the important Election Meet on January 21st. The slate to be voted on is the following: President Gregory Palmer, Vice President George Swajian, Secretary Scott Eckstein, Treasurer Bill Harris, Directors Carl Cataline, Jon Spargo, and Art Lites. Please attend the January 21st Meet and Meeting to vote and also to go over next year's Pumpkin Meet plans. We hope to see all of you at this very important January 21st Meet.

### DESERT DIVISION ACTIVITIES

Keep saving those aluminum cans. The Division is recycling them with the proceeds going to the TCA National Museum for use in maintaining the collection which is housed there. To date, the Division has sent over \$100, with more coming in each month. Bring your cans to any Meet, including the Turkey Meet, and give them to Katie Elgar who is overseeing the program.

Additionally, you may still recycle your old cell phones. Phones only, no accessories, are sent to an organization which turns them into 911 phones for the needy.

### DESERT DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2011

President: Jonathan Peiffer      602-561-4131  
Vice-President: Bob Johnston      623-582-2110  
Secretary: Fred Hunter      480-947-3639  
Treasurer: Bob Herman      480-948-2730

Directors:      Greg Palmer      505-898-3840  
                 Tony Saulina      480-756-1563  
                 Ralph Treichel      602-863-6985  
                 Marty Wik      480-488-8625

### DESERT DIVISION BOD MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on November 9, beginning at 7:30 PM, at the home of Bob and Joan Herman. Members are welcome to attend. Please call 480-948-2730 to be sure there are enough chairs.



The hall was filled with tables which were filled with toy train sale items.



John Spargo's layout always draws a crowd of children of all ages.

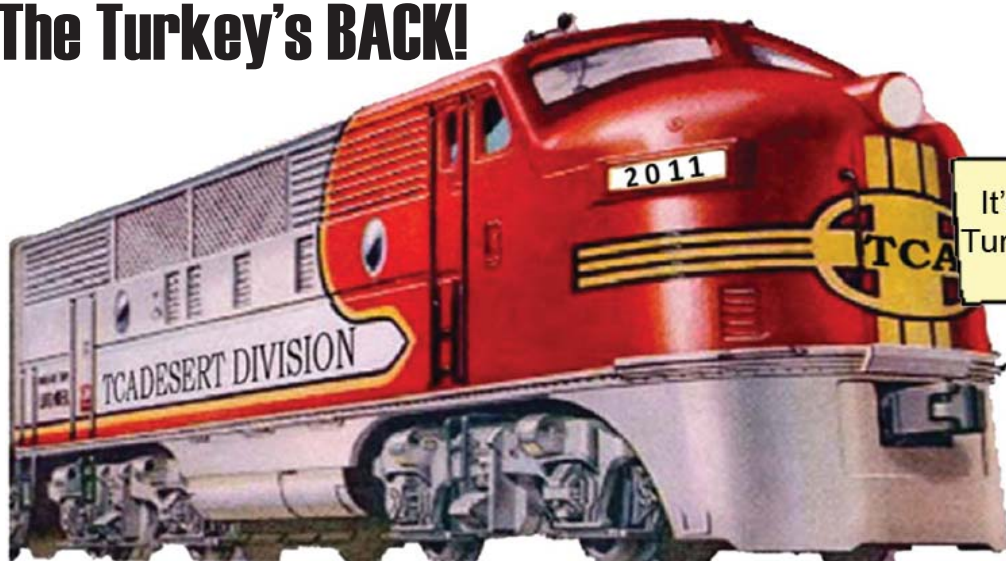


# Desert Division Train Collectors Association 36th Annual Turkey Meet

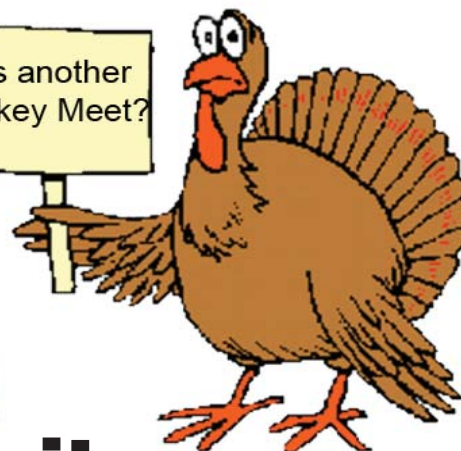


## The Turkey's BACK!

## Toy Trains!



It's another  
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## Now at Chapparal Suites

5001 N. Scottsdale Road - Scottsdale - Arizona - Close to the AZ 101!

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For additional information and registration contact: Beth Stange 480-947-5663

**Saturday, November 26th**

**Sunday, November 27th**

**Swap Meet: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Auction: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

REGISTRATION - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TCA# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the Great Southwest Toy Train Expo in regards to buying, selling, ethics and behavior. I further agree, that in the case of a dispute, the meet chairman, or an impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairman shall arbitrate the matter and render a binding decision. I shall upon the direction of the Meet Chairman, in the case of a disputed sale, refund a buyer's money.

Signed X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Desert Division TCA

Mail Registration to: Beth Stange, 8619 E. Chaparral Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

NO MAIL REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 20, 2011

FEES:

Registration\* \$5.00

\*(1 Registration fee per table included in Table Fee)

(Children under 14 FREE)

Spouse or Guests \_\_\_ x \$ 5 ea \$ \_\_\_\_

Table Fee \_\_\_ x \$25 ea \$ \_\_\_\_

Additional Tables \_\_\_ x \$20 ea \$ \_\_\_\_

TOTAL Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_

Reg# \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rcvd \_\_\_\_\_

Chk# \_\_\_\_\_ Chk Amt \_\_\_\_\_

## **“MY FAVORITE TRAIN” RETURNS TO TURKEY MEET**

Do you have a FAVORITE Toy Train Set? Would you like to let everyone know about it? The upcoming Turkey Meet will let you do just that. Here's how!

The first 10 members who contact Gordon Wilson (480-837-5344 or [exTCA1@aol.com](mailto:exTCA1@aol.com)) to express their desire to participate will be a part of this presentation. You will then bring that train set to the Chaparral Suites on Saturday morning, November 26, 2011, and obtain an identification number. The set will be placed on a display table with that identifying number and you're finished until the end of the day. Simple? That's all there is to it? Well, for you!

Each table holder, helper, and visitor to the Turkey Meet will be given a ballot and urged to select which of the 10 sets, to them, qualifies as THEIR favorite set. Near the end of the meet the ballots will be counted and a winner declared.

What will the Winner receive? Thanks to Carl Swanson, Editor of Classic Toy Trains, the Desert Division has received some very nice Kalmbach gifts. For this “My Favorite Train” contest, the winner will receive a one-year Subscription Certificate to Classic Toy Trains.

Be sure to enter your Favorite Train now. Entries, remember, will be limited to the first 10 members who wish to participate.

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

The Turkey Meet Registration Form is on page 6 of this issue of the Dispatch. Fill it out and send it in. Tables are nearly sold out, so don't delay. Additionally, early registrants will be admitted to the hall half an hour early to begin perusing the sales items before the general public. Don't delay. Register today.

## **HISTORIAN'S CORNER – 40 YEARS OF PICTURES**

by Chris Allen - [Historian@tcadd.org](mailto:Historian@tcadd.org)

For the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet, Tom Stange collected material and put together a binder of the early correspondence and newsletters from the first twenty-five years. He also spoke in detail about those early years. That binder is part of the Division archives today and provides a unique view of the formation and early years of this Division. Not being able to speak directly to those first two decades, I decided to take a different approach for our recent 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet.

Desiring to have something that members could have as a reminder of the 40 year journey of this Division and with the benefit of modern technology that Tom did not have at his disposal 15 years ago, I set out to compile our history digitally. With the help of numerous members who provided photographs this past year, we were able to put together an unofficial pictorial history of the Division. Over 1,400 photographs went into the presentation culled from a variety of sources and members.

The DVD is somewhat weighted towards the last two decades by the sheer volume of photographs available along with the explosive growth of Division membership. To give some perspective to the first twenty years of the Division, the archives contain very few newsletters from the 1970's and early '80's and there are fewer than seventy-five photographs of those first two decades. This drought of information changed in the 1990's when 35mm cameras were the rage and One-Hour photos were available at every drug store and supermarket. It became inexpensive to take photographs and have a second print developed. The Division has numerous photographs from the 90's, and the last decade's use of small digital cameras has increased the amount of images yet again. During the past two decades Division membership nearly tripled, and events such as the 1997 National TCA Convention, the Lionel Centennial Celebration, and Denver “Field Trip” propelled Division membership to the levels we have today.

However, all those old photographs had a dark side to them that soon revealed itself. While compiling the photographs I was overwhelmed by the loss of so many friends over the years. That sadness was soon replaced with fondness, when I noticed the smiling faces on all of them. Tom's desire to preserve the friendships and stories of this Division revealed itself in those photographs of us sharing our joy over these trains that brought us together and made the task more of a tribute than a memorial.

I have about 20 additional copies of the DVD handed out at the banquet which will be available at the Christmas Holiday Party and the January Meet. The history of the Division can best be recorded from several views. If you have additional photographs please contact me. I am always looking for additional material. If you have only one photograph or many, I can scan them and return them to you, or you can email me digital images c/o the website.

## 2012 TCA CALENDAR

By the time you receive this, you should have received your November issue of the National Headquarters News. On page 58 is a statement and order blank concerning the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of TCA's annual calendar. It is not only a magnificent "collectible," but a document filled with all manner of invaluable TCA data, plus a plethora of incredible photographs of layouts belonging to fellow TCA members. One of those members, as was the case with the first two calendars, comes from right here in the Desert Division. December of 2012 features a significant portion of Paul Wassermann's layout. In 2010 and 2011 the Desert Division was honored to have Peter Atonna and John Wiley featured on those calendars. The National Business Office is currently soliciting photos of layouts to be used in the 2013 calendar, so you may wish to consider submitting a photo or two of your layout for consideration. Meanwhile, turn to page 58 in the November, 2011 issue of the National Headquarters News, and place your order for the 2012 calendar. You'll not only be supporting TCA, but also giving a vote of approval to Paul and the Desert Division at the same time.

### 2011 HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 11, 2011  
Mesa Marriott  
200 N. Centennial Way  
Mesa, AZ 85201

4:00 PM: Meet and Greet (cash bar available)  
Santa will be there to see the children under 12

5:00 PM: Dinner

Fellowship, Food, Favors, Raffles, Auctions and Fun!

Chair: Ralph & Sally Treichel

Reservation deadline: December 3, 2011



-----Cut here and send with check-----

Make check payable to Desert Division TCA and send this form and check to:

Ralph Treichel  
16802 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85023

Adults: \$25.00

Children 12 and under: \$15.00

Children 2 and under: Free

Please print names of persons attending, giving ages of children 12 and under.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Adults @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

# children 12 and under: \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you will need handicapped seating. Thank you.

## TCA NATIONAL NEWS

Did you answer the call for the Annual Appeal? If so, TCA thanks you. If not, it's not too late, as the 2011-2012 campaign has just begun. Your November National Headquarters News contains an insert which explains the program, provides a form for you to fill out, and has a return envelope for your use. What could be easier! All of your gifts to TCA are tax deductible.

The first category is "I've Got TCA Spirit" and that denotes a \$30 donation. The rest are named for railroad personnel, with the next level being Watchman at \$50. Then comes Brakeman at \$100, Conductor at \$250, Engineer at \$500, and Rail Baron at \$1000 or more. All monies given to the Annual Appeal are used to fund the many needs of our National Toy Train Museum and Toy Train Reference Library, which are not covered under the general budget. Your donations could help pay for LED lighting in the Museum, which is effective and economical. The reduced heat emissions from the lights help to better preserve the displays. It could also help pay for putting our library "on line" and collecting the oral history of TCA on tape through interviews with Charter and other early members. TCA would love to have an outdoor Garden Railway to attract more visitors and give us a showcase for our G-Gauge Collection. TCA remains the premier toy train hobby group. Through your donations this will continue to be the case.

TCA also wants to reach the youth, who represent the future of our hobby. There are two ways to attain this goal. One is through your generous contributions toward the 2011-2012 goal of \$30,000 in the Annual Appeal, a mere \$1.00 per member! You may send in donations with your membership renewal, but be sure to indicate that they are for the 2011-2012 Annual Appeal. Another way to attain this goal is to join the WIN BIG Membership Challenge. From now until June 30, 2012, the Registration Fee of \$25 for new members has been waived. Invite your friends to join us at a monthly meet. Urge them to join TCA. It will never be more economical than in the next eight months. TCA's goal is to attract 1500-2000 new members each year.



The National Headquarters News, on page 7, lists priority needs for the Library, National Business Office, and Museum. Some are affordable by one person; others would require a joint effort. Could you see your way clear to offer to help finance these much needed items? All you need is a checkbook, an envelope, and a stamp. Could the Desert Division perhaps purchase a much needed flat screen Computer or Laser Printer for the Library? How about one of the Display cases for the Museum? Maybe a donation toward the much needed new heating/cooling system to replace aging equipment? TCA is YOUR organization. Now is the time to step up to help it maintain its status, prestige, and member services.

Can TCA be more fun? Exhibit more camaraderie? Bring you in touch with more interesting people? Just look at the photos below to see TCA in the Desert Division.



RailFair



Turkey Meet



Lionel 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Garden Railroad Layout Tour



Jam-packed Layouts in tiny spaces



Celebrations with fellow TCA'ers

**Get on the Train**



**New This Show**

## **Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Museum**

**Seeks Vendors for its**

### **Train Show & Meet**

**SATURDAY JAN 21, 2012**

**9:00AM TO 3:00PM**

**LAS CAZUELITAS EVENTS CENTER**

**GRANT RD & I-10**

**TAKE GRANT RD EXIT WEST**

**TURN IMMEDIATELY SOUTH INTO**

**PARKING LOT NEXT TO GRANT INN**

**ENTRANCE BADGE FOR VENDORS AND HELPERS \$5.00**

**VENDOR/HELPER BADGES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES**

**EARLY PREPAY: SIX (6) FT. TABLES ARE \$20.00 EA.**

**ALL TABLES PAID FOR AFTER JAN 9<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE \$25.00 EA.**

**TABLES MUST BE PREPAID FOR \$20.00 RATE CHECK PAYABLE TO GPD TTOM**

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| January 14, 2012 | Desert Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM  |
| January 21, 2012 | Gadsden-Pacific Train Show & Meet – 9 AM<br>Contact: Bud Stewart 520-749-0228 or e-mail <a href="mailto:bud@at.tuccoxmail.com">bud@at.tuccoxmail.com</a> |
| January 21, 2012 | Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM<br>Contact: Greg Palmer 505-898-3840   |
| February 11      | Desert Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM  |
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