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Desert Division

DISPATCH

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OCTOBER MEET LOCATION

The October 10 Regular Division Meet will be held in the Reynolds Hall of the Bethany Lutheran Church, 4300 N. 82nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ. Please note the change of location. The Jaycees Hall has been closed for renovations, and it will not be available to us.

Directions are as follows: From Route 101, take the Chaparral Road Exit. Proceed west to 82nd Street. Turn left (South). Proceed .7 mile to 4300 N. 82nd Street. The Church is on the Right. There is ample parking at the site.

STEPPING OUT IN SEPTEMBER

September 12 brought us back to the Scottsdale Jaycees Hall for the last time, as it is now closed for renovations. The Meet was well attended, with new members Jim White and Karl Wuepper in attendance, as well as reinstated Matt Imbrogno. Out of town guests included Greg Palmer, President of the Rio Grande Chapter in Albuquerque, NM.

Treasurer Bob Herman announced that we have \$12,142.51 in savings, \$2,744.47 in checking, and \$944.40 in the Trains for Kids fund. President Katie Elgar reminded everyone to be on the lookout for children who want train sets for Christmas. “Angel Trees” will appear at the malls very soon, and we should all be alert for kids who express desires for trains.

This year’s Turkey Meet will be a two-day swap meet, on November 28 and 29. A registration form is included on page 9 of this issue of the Dispatch. Members’ costs are as follows: Registration = \$5.00; Tables = \$35 each; Admission at the door = \$6.00. All costs listed are for two days. Bob Herman will again be Registration Chair, so see him to sign up for your tables. There will be no auction this November. We would like to add a parts dealer, so anyone who knows of one, please ask him or her to sign up as a Turkey Meet vendor. The Mesa sales licenses from two years ago are still valid. Any seller who already has one does not need to apply again.

Watch the Dispatch for the location of future Meets. We are looking for something with easy access to the freeways and ample free parking close to the building. Once we know the costs for our new venue, we may have to address the issue of admission charges and/or table fees.

We are still collecting cell phones. The program, however, no longer benefits the Convention, but rather our Desert Division treasury, with funds going to the Kids Club or some other charitable cause.

COMING UP...

OCTOBER 10 – Regular Division Meet – Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM

OCTOBER 10-11 – Railfair – McCormick Railroad Park – 9 AM

OCTOBER 15-17 – Eastern Division Meet – York, PA

NOVEMBER 1 – “PUMPKIN MEET” – Albuquerque, NM – 9 AM

NOVEMBER 28-29 – TURKEY MEET – Mesa, AZ – 9 AM

DECEMBER 6 – HOLIDAY PARTY – Mesa Marriott - NOON

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Chris Allen, 2009 TCA Convention Registration Chair, announced that he will have a Final Convention Report, including a financial statement, ready to present to the Division BOD on October 7 and to the Desert Division membership at our Regular Meet on October 10. As soon as that is done, the report will be given to TCA National for their records. Our final Convention numbers are as follows: 467 TCA members registered, 24 guests, 4 new members who joined TCA at the door plus 36 who registered at the door; 40 of the 50 states were represented, plus Washington, DC; 5 came from foreign countries – 3 from Canada, 1 from Japan, and 1 from Germany; 320 spouses and 95 children were listed on the registration forms. Total attendance was 915, and 164 sales tables were sold. As the Convention posted a profit, we will receive about \$10,000 from TCA National for our Treasury. Additionally, the Convention Treasury will reimburse the Division for their early loans.

At this time, we await the results of the TCA National Election. Desert Division President Katie Elgar is running for the office of Vice-President. Also on the ballot is the question of whether or not the new Bylaws pass. If the Bylaws pass, the officers elected at this time will take office on July 1, 2010. There is NO proposal for a dues increase at this time. All TCA members have a say through their elected officials. Local Presidents have the power to bring items to the attention of the National BOD at any time.

Bryan Rench has a list of trains being sold by TCA member 55-2773. Contact Bryan for a copy of the list.

The Division will hold elections this year. All offices are available. Steve Bienstock, Chair of the Election Committee, will present a slate of potential candidates at the October Meet. Those who are running will need to furnish a 50-100 word statement to the Secretary, who will prepare a ballot to go out on November 1. Ballots must be returned by November 30, and the results will be announced at the Holiday Party on December 6, 2009.

Sam McElwee announced that Mesa Models will be changing their hours and inventory. See their ad on page 11 of this issue. Sundays at Noon on Channel 8, Tracks Ahead is airing. Sometime in 2010, several local layouts will be featured: Paul Wassermann, Peter Atonna, Angelo Lautazi, McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, to name a few.

The Educational Segment began with Paul Wassermann, who announced that the fund-raiser wavy flag mint cars have arrived. The program was very successful, but the lighting in the cars is a problem. The two lights are visible through the window. However, it is a very simple matter to take the car apart, unplug the lights, re-center the plugs, heat glue them, protect the roof with a reflecting material (like aluminum foil), and reassemble the car. This creates a very attractive, well-lighted load.

Greg Palmer presented a pre-war 85 dual oval made in early 1900's for race cars. He bought this from Paul Wassermann at the 2009 Scottsdale Convention. He also brought a C-161 radio telephone telegraph coil for phone operators, made for the signal corps in 1945. Another item is a J-38 telegraph key made for classrooms. It has a shut off key so one can listen, then switch it back on to transmit. It was wired to a teacher who could access students' Morse code transmissions and grade their skills. Lionel made a J-36, a J-38, and two versions of the J-47 telegraph keys. He explained that some J-47's have rounded corners with the Lionel "L" logo on the bottom; others have square corners with no Lionel "L" but the Lionel logo on top. Lionel made these for use during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Greg suggested going to ham radio shows to procure these items, as the prices are far below the prices on e-Bay.

Tom Stange brought in something which he rates as "truly rare." In 1954 Lionel brought out a Lackawanna FM with a gray Lehigh Valley caboose. At the Convention, he found the same caboose in a Tuscan color, a very rare item.

Richard Gayle showed us a Geiger counter set he purchased at the Convention. It is called a Shelter Radiation Kit, made in the 1950's, during the Cold War with Russia. There are two versions. The Victorine Instrument Company from Cleveland, Ohio, built the probe into the base; Lionel's probe is hand-held. This one came with the two Geiger counters, box, instructions, battery recharger, 2 D-cells, and headphones through which to hear the clicks as you read the radiation level. Richard also brought in a motor made as part of Lionel's war effort. This one was designed to operate windshield wipers aboard merchant ships. It has a gold and black Lionel logo and an inspection tag which reads 3/44.

John Wiley brought in three poles he purchased at the Convention, hoping to find out who made them. At the Meet, he found the answer. They are Hafner, with brass nuts on the top, which were added later.

At the Scottsdale Convention, Terry Bunish bought a McCoy red and blue train made for the TTOS Conventions in 1975 and 1976. He has been collecting McCoy since 1979. When he was a youth, his family went to Knotts Berry Farm in California where there were some McCoy box cars for sale. At the time he had nothing but HO trains; however that exposure to McCoy stuck with him throughout the intervening years.

Bob Johnston commented that he likes color, so he bought colorful items at the Convention. One was a black and white car with red trim; another was an orange boxcar with a white stripe; and the third was a Southern box car in blue, yellow, and green. Very colorful, indeed!

Gordon Wilson finished the segment with his story of the Angela Trotta-Thomas painting from the Convention. This is the first time Angela did an original painting for a Train Convention. At the April York she showed three original renditions of ideas for that painting. Folks could vote on the one they liked the best. Included in all three were the Desert Division's fund-raiser "Celebrate America" wavy flag mint car, a Lionel Santa Fe diesel, and some Arizona desert scenery. Gordon bought all three of these earlier small paintings from her. After York, she painted the one which was purchased by Fred Hunter at the Convention Banquet Auction. Gordon has since purchased an "Artist's Proof" of this painting, which he had framed and on display at the September Meet.

Marty Wik announced that Division Copper Hoppers (no load) are available for sale at \$60 each. He will have a supply of hoppers for sale at the October Meet.

Raffles prizes were awarded as follows:

Jonathan Peiffer	Lionel ADM Steel Sided Reefer
Ivan English	Hudson Raffle Ticket
Greg Palmer	Uncoupling Track/Apache Billboards
Les Gnatz	Book – <u>Lionel Trains 1900-1942</u>
Chris Allen	Trains DVD/Apache Billboards
Lenora Stein	Williams Bachmann Platinum Club Car
Diane Martin	Figures/Apache Billboards
Gordon Wilson	TCA Tee-Shirt

The winning ticket from the Hudson raffle was Beth Stange, who won \$100.

At the conclusion of the Meet, folks went out for lunch followed by visits to two layouts, at the homes of Tom and Beth Stange and Dave and Judy Brown.



Richard Gayle describes differences in two Geiger counters he bought at the Convention.



Top to bottom: Tom Stange's truly "RARE" Lehigh Valley caboose from the Convention.
Greg Palmer's telegraph keys and radio telegraph telephone coil.
Bob Herman's Convention Banquet table centerpieces.



Gordon Wilson explains his Artist's Proof of Angela Trotta-Thomas' original painting for the 2009 TCA Convention.



September's after-meet visitations were at homes of Dave Brown and Tom Stange.



The well-attended meet had items for everyone, from raffle tickets to trains to stories to camaraderie. This was our last meet at the Jaycees Hall.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings!

We had a great meet in September. There were a good many items brought to show that were found at the Convention. It is always interesting to see what one missed going up and down the aisles, and what others considered a treasure they couldn't pass up.

After 15 years at the Scottsdale Jaycees Hall, the Desert Division is moving. The City of Scottsdale is closing the facility as of September 30, to determine what type of remodeling needs to be done, so we are out. After a great deal of work by Jonathan Peiffer, Bob Herman, and myself, we have located another meeting place for our October meeting. It is Bethany Lutheran Church, Reynolds Hall, 4300 N. 82nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. The meeting will run from 9 AM to Noon on October 10th.

October 10th and 11th is also Railfair at the Scottsdale Railroad Park. Desert Division will be running the module with Tinplate Trackers on both days. As the weather is cooling down, this is a good time to get out and talk and run trains! If you can help, please contact Jonathan Peiffer or Dallas Dixon. Also, plan to stop by and say hello to other Desert Division members!

Steve Bienstock is serving as Nomination Chair and will present the slate of officers at the October meeting. All offices are open. If you wish to run for an office in the Desert Division, please contact Steve (480-998-9227 or e-mail bienstock1@aol.com).

The Desert Division Turkey Meet will be a 2-day swap meet this year. The dates are November 28th and 29th. We will be back in the Mesa Conference Center for this event. Contact Bob Herman about registering early, and for a table or two.

The Desert Division Holiday Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 6, at the Mesa Marriott, adjacent to the Mesa Conference Center. Save the date for that event.

Don't forget - **DO NOT** to go to the Jaycees Hall for the October 10th meeting. We will not be there, but rather the meeting will be at Bethany Lutheran Church, Reynolds Hall, 4300 N. 82nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. The hall will open at 9 AM, at which time set-up will begin. It remains open only until NOON.

Happy Trains!

Katie

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly we announce the passing of Chuck Archbold. He was a devoted Division member, attending activities as long as his health held out. He looked forward to the 2009 Convention with the same passion as he displayed at the one in 1997. Our condolences to his family at this time of sorrow.

WHOOPS

The electronic copies of the September newsletter contained an error as to the date of the TCA National Convention being held in Baltimore, Maryland. Please note that this Convention will be June 20-27, 2010.

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, October 7, beginning at 7:30 AM at the home of Fred and Shirley Hunter. Members are welcome. Please call 480-947-3639 to be sure there are enough chairs.

DESERT DIVISION – TCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008-2009

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	Greg Palmer	505-898-3840
	Gordon Wilson	480-837-5344

PHOTO

Tom Adams has sent us this photo of the trains (See his article in the September issue of the Dispatch) that blew away in the tornado.



DESERT DIVISION ELECTIONS

This year the Desert Division will elect new officers in all positions. Steve Bienstock is the Election Chair this year. Please contact him if you wish to run for any office within the Division.

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

The late Summer air is turning cooler and it is time for Toy Trains again. The September 19th Regular Meet of the TCA Rio Grande Chapter had a good turnout. We started the Chapter Meet with a great Education Segment of Show and Tell. John Trever brought his collection of Lionel 6454 Boxcars, including the scarce Baby Ruth with the PA. RR Logo. He also showed us the differences in all the variations of the Lionel 6454 Boxcar. Thanks to John, we all learned something new about the 6454. Ross Jordan brought his original restoration of a Pre-War Lionel 763E. Ross went over some of the work he did on this loco. It looks super. Scott Eckstein brought his original 380, which he had as a kid. This Lionel Standard Gauge Locomotive is a great running engine, and Scott is trying to bring this one back to life. Carl Soderberg told us of the Orphan Train Museum in Kansas. He told us the history of the train which helped get orphans out of the East Coast cities and put them in foster homes in the farm country of the Midwest. I brought an Airex-Lionel Fishing Reel I found in Phoenix (Mesa) last Saturday while visiting the area for the Division Meet. I also showed the members a J-38 Lionel U.S. Signal Corps Telegraph Key and a Bing Electric style Locomotive from 1915, which I purchased at the 2009 TCA National Convention in Scottsdale.

The regular Meeting started off with reports from the Board of Directors. The Chapter now has 39 members in the Chapter area. Bill Harris reported that the Chapter's Bank account had before this Meet \$1,054.52.

The 2009 Pumpkin Meet is November 1st. A lot of great ideas for advertising took place. Several members took fliers to pass out. All the Hobby Shops and Antique Malls in the area will have fliers to handout. Fliers will be taken to Churches, and we will try to take fliers to the two malls in the area of the Hotel to get coverage. Fliers are also going up to Denver, for the Rocky Mountain Auction, so we hope to get Some Rocky Mountain Division Members as well as Desert Division Members. We have sold tables to Desert Division Members from Phoenix already, with more on the way. We will have our normal ad in the Journal, and another type of Newspaper called New Mexico Market Place. We also have several members helping at the door during the Meet. If anyone else wants to help, please contact me or Bill Spofford. We have already sold 13 tables, with checks on the way for about 14 more. Tables are selling very early, so if you want tables for the Pumpkin Meet, please send in your check now. The event will be at a facility that is in the Retail Center of Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Sheraton Uptown Hotel. The special Rate will be \$99.00 per room night, plus there are other hotels close by the venue. We encourage you to sign up for tables early.

Jon Spargo needs a Fastrack expansion Package which has a switch and track for expanding the Middle School Layout for our Trains for Kids Project. At the next Division Board Meeting, I will ask if the Division would like to purchase this pack for the project. The Chapter is currently using all cash reserves to push the upcoming Pumpkin Meet. Jon needs the pack sooner rather than later. The cost is \$150.00. I told the group that I would ask for this possible donation to our Kids Club activity. The Election of Officers will take place at the January Meet, which will be January 16th, 2010. A complete list of Officers will be in the November Chapter News. Right now all the Officers will be running again for another 2 year term. The Board Members at large have not contacted the Secretary as of this date. If anyone wants to run for any office or Board position, please contact the Secretary by October 15th, so we can get it into the Newsletter.

The After-Meet Activity was a visit to Trains West Hobby Shop. There, I put on a Toy Train Repair Tips and Diagnosis Seminar. Several members brought in their sick and hurting Toy Trains. I was able to give repair tips, plus help them repair their toy trains which they had brought. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon.

Next month is the Eastern Division Meet at York, PA. Once again I hope to go, and eat Crab Cakes, and spend too much on Toy Trains. Please do not forget the Pumpkin Meet on November 1st, at 9:00AM at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel in Albuquerque. I hope to see all 39 members there, as well as all you Desert Division Members in Arizona.



L-R: John Trever's 6454 Lionel Boxcars. Don Kuster and Don Mantay look on. Ross Jordan's #763E Lionel Loco. Scott Eckstein's #380 Lionel Standard Gauge Loco. Greg Palmer's Airex Reel, J-38 Telegraph Key, Bing Loco, and 1952 Lionel Catalog P-10 Condition.



TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
RIO GRANDE CHAPTER
PUMPKIN MEET
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st
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I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of Train Collectors Association (TCA) and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time, specifically including all rules and regulations of all TCA committees and any actions and rulings of TCA committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA member at any TCA sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacturers original condition unless I have caused any such item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction.

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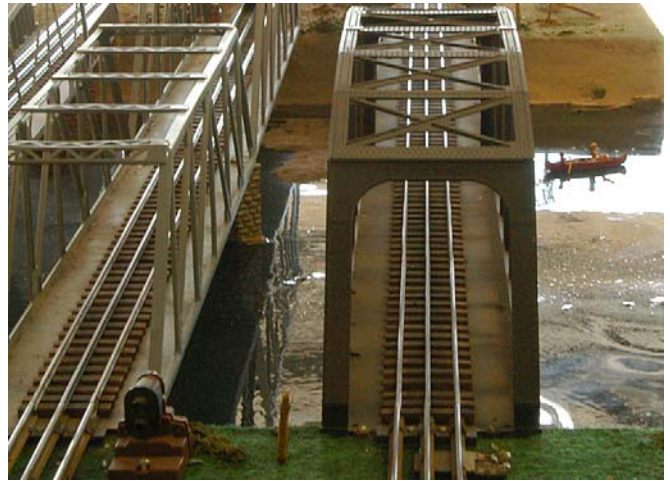
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MODULAR RAILROADING ON TRACK IN THE DESERT DIVISION

by Jonathan Peiffer TCA #01-530437

After a very successful week of operating trains for the TCA National Convention in July, it is that time of year again where the opportunity to run your trains on a large layout for the public is plentiful. With two definite events and a possible third before the end of the year, what started as just three people less than a year ago is beginning to gain some traction. As always, if you have an interest in seeing your trains run, helping with setting up or tearing down, or simply learning how a modular layout goes together for successful operations, please volunteer as all are welcome to participate.

Prior to the Convention, a dedicated group of 8-10 volunteers spent several weekends in the spring checking wiring, replacing track, touch-up painting and adding new scenery to create the layouts operated at the Convention. The result was well worth the effort; the Division was afforded flawless running for three complete days. During two days, the layout operated 12 hours continuously. In this author's completely biased opinion, the club layouts operated more consistently than the big expensive commercial one! It certainly was a lot of work, but it was also a lot of fun.



afternoon. Last year, over 2000 people attended this event and as a Division we handed out over 1500 flyers about the TCA, Desert Division, and our annual Turkey Meet. Speaking of the Turkey Meet, we will have a two-day meet to run trains this year. If you are not selling trains, come on out and run some! Expect the details to follow soon.

If this much progress can be made with 10 people, imagine how much could be made with 12, 15 or 20. The beauty of modular operations is that it will grow as the group grows. The possibilities are endless. How about attending Cal-Stewart next year? It can happen with the right group of people interested in showing that train operations are alive and well in our Division. At the end of the day, we can all be proud of the efforts of our Division in getting the public involved with our hobby. There is no better way to promote the hobby than this.

Moving forward, there is more work to be done. Everyone brings different skills to group and the opportunity to learn is certainly there. Interested in learning how to properly wire a layout? Come prepared to get answers. Interested in learning how to do scenery? There are plenty of modules to learn on. Interested in simply having some fun running your trains? Bring some!

The next major event is Rail Fair, Friday, October 9 through Sunday, October 11. We are planning if possible to set up another 12'x32' layout. To set up a layout of this size takes a sizeable group so it can be up and running quickly and efficiently. We will be setting up at 4:00 pm on Friday and tearing down Sunday



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34th ANNUAL DESERT DIVISION TURKEY MEET MESA CONVENTION CENTER

November 28-29, 2009

TWO DAY SHOW



TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET - The Toy Train Swap Meet is our 34th Annual Turkey Meet. The meet features approximately 200 sales tables of toy trains and related model railroading items for sale by local train enthusiasts. The Swap Meet brings people together with special interests in the model railroading hobby to buy and sell toy trains and train related items of all gauges.

ADMISSION FEE

Pre-registration admission fee for the event is \$5 cash donation per person. Children under 14 years of age are admitted FREE when accompanied by an adult. Admission fee at the door is \$6 cash donation per person.

REGISTRATION

Everyone must register. Registration fee is not included in table fees. **Pre-Registered members of TCA, GCMR, LOTS, LCCA & TTOS, in good standing**, will be admitted to the trading hall thirty minutes prior to the general public.

TABLE SALES

Tables will be assigned on a first come - first serve basis. The tables are approximately 30" wide x 8' long. Consult posted floor plan for seller assignments. Limited electrical outlets are available for an additional fee and must be requested at registration. Special table requests with friends must be made in writing with pre-registration. Every effort will be made to accommodate special requests. **TRADING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED DURING UNLOADING OR SETUP**

RULES

- Seller badges must be worn at all times.
- All sale items must meet TCA policies.
- Restoration and reproduction items must be marked per TCA policy.
- Table holders must remain setup until 3:00 PM on both days of the meet.
- Trading will not be permitted during unloading or setup. Persons not involved in setup will be asked to leave the hall.
- NO SMOKING PERMITTED in trading hall.
- Keep your table covered for security when leaving the hall.
- Sellers are responsible for obtaining the sales tax permit from the City of Mesa unless the exemption for Casual Sales applies [Ref: City of Mesa ordinance, Chapter 5-10 Privilege and Excise Tax].
- "I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the Train Collectors Association (TCA) and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time, especially including all rules and regulations of all TCA Committees and any actions and rulings of all TCA Committees."
- "I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA Member or at any TCA sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacturer's original condition unless I have caused any such item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction."

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For Additional Information and Registration
Contact: Bob Herman 480.948.2730

REGISTRATION - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

NAME _____ TCA# _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SPOUSE _____ GUESTS _____

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the Turkey Meet 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: Robert Herman, 11429 N. 68TH St. , Scottsdale, AZ 85254-5148

NO MAIL REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 20, 2009

FEES:

Registration* \$5.00

*(Registration fee not included in Table Fee)
(Children under 14 FREE)

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

Table Fee ____ x \$35 ea \$ ____

TOTAL Enclosed \$ ____

Reg# _____ Date Rcvd _____

Chk# _____ Chk Amt _____

**HELP MAKE THE DISPATCH THE BEST THAT IT CAN BE!
or with apologies to the late Paul Harvey, “Here’s the Rest of the Story. . .”**

by Gordon Wilson, TCA 76-10233

Apparently some members didn’t care for page 1 of the September Dispatch. I’ve never ducked or avoided a query as to anything that appeared in the newsletter, but no one, not a single solitary person in the Desert Division e-mailed, phoned, faxed, or spoke to me about the content of the last issue. Yet, I’ve since found out that the complaints came hot and heavy from persons who objected to my reaction to an illegal e-blast that was sent to every member of this Division who has an e-mail address.

I urge everyone to please reread that article under my byline. It clearly states to whom it is being aimed – to those on-line who received an e-blast from three members of the Eastern Division. I have been in attendance at previous Desert Division meetings when erroneous information appeared on the Internet and heard the anti-TCA rhetoric coming from the mouths of our members as a result of what they believed to be the truth. The response I penned went to our National Officers and Board of Directors before it ever found the pages of the Dispatch. It is not something I printed without much prior thought. I received nothing but kudos from our National President and on down. President Clement asked me to include his response as well. That response was also sent to the other 19 Divisions and all of the TCA Chapters for their newsletters.

If you look and read President Clement’s response, he urges everyone to respond, yea or nay. This is where I have a problem with what took place in this Division. I’ve been told that many persons who complained did so because they didn’t know of what I was speaking. My answer to that is, why then did it bother those persons? I’m told that they were upset because it was NOT Desert Division news. I’m glad that came up. I’ve asked repeatedly for help with the Dispatch through contribution of an article or two for publication. The usual responses are “I don’t have time” or “I can’t write.” Check out the meaning of the word editor. It doesn’t mean that I have to write anything. Christie has degrees in the teaching of English. She has taught it since 1962. I have collected some nice checks from East Coast newspapers, National Sports publications, Toy Train journals, and publications within our hobby. We don’t need to put our bylines on your works, but we will make sure they are grammatically spelled, punctuated, and otherwise correct. If you have photographs, so much the better.

So back to last month! Why did the lead page not have anything about the Desert Division on it? Two reasons, basically. First was that when we arrived home from vacation, there was supposed to be a computer full of material for us: Beat the Heat review; Turkey Meet tri-folds, Vote for Katie article, After Meet Visitation article for September, and things I’ve frankly forgotten about. Instead, there was nothing. Not a thing. And if we were to get a Dispatch out on time, it was going to be up to us to come up with material, and fast.

In an effort to save printing costs, we’ve changed printers when our printer of some 20 years retired. Many of our “perks” have gone away, one of which was being able to get things done at “the last moment.” Then the second thing happened – the e-blast from three officers of Eastern Division. Right or wrong, and in hindsight, I’m sorry, that item simply overwhelmed everything- locally and nationally. I’ve already explained to you the thought process behind my (and President Clement’s) response to it. I can only ask you to believe that had any of the items listed in the previous paragraph been on the computer as promised when we returned on August 24, the “VOTE” would NOT have been the lead article in the September Dispatch.

Now for something which will be a shock to everyone. A main style of journalism I use is referred to as PROPAGANDA. Since Adolph Hitler, that has been a “dirty word.” However, you and I are subjected to it every day of our lives IF we listen to the radio, read a paper or magazine, and/or watch the TV/movies. It is simply a means of altering our way of thinking. We have a different word for it today – we call it “Spin.” Be it from a “cutie” like Beverly Kidd or an old “war horse” like Dan Rather, it may be the same news, but its presentation/perception in your eyes is completely different. I look at each Dispatch as a political tool and I aim it at the member who isn’t at the meet. My words are nearly always positive in an effort to try to entice that missing member to feel as though he/she is missing something too good to continue to miss. Therefore, next month he/she will make an effort to come. I put my “spin” on what took place at the meet when reporting on it. I ask again – we need your articles about trains, train trips, how to, anything to do with trains – real or toy. No, they won’t be “my spin,” but they will be enjoyed by the entire membership of the Desert Division.

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| October 10-11 | Railfair – 9 AM – 5 PM - McCormick Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale, AZ |
| October 15-17 | Eastern Division Meet – York, PA |
| November 1 | “Pumpkin Meet” – 9 AM - Sheraton Uptown Hotel, Albuquerque, NM
Contact: Bill Spofford 505-821-4051 or Greg Palmer 505-898-3840 |
| November 7 | “In the Heat” Meet – 9 AM - North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ |
| November 28-29 | Turkey Meet – Mesa Conference Center, Mesa, AZ – 9 AM
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| December 6 | Holiday Party – Mesa Marriott, 200 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ - NOON |

OCTOBER MEET LOCATION

After a concerted effort on the part of the Desert Division Board of Directors, we have found a location for the October Meet. It is the Bethany Lutheran Church, 4300 N. 82nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. We will determine if this hall meets our needs before we sign a contract for 2010. Any Desert Division member who would care to offer a comment is welcome to do so. Please let Katie Elgar or another member of the Division BOD know of your concerns.