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Desert Division

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TRAINING SEASON IN THE DESERT

The September Meet of the Desert Division heralded the approach of fall and cooler weather. Visitors David Villegas, Doc Graves, and Dennis Svitek, along with East Coast member Len Gordy rounded out a nice crowd in the meeting room. Trains were on the tables and smiles were on the faces of the attendees. The meeting began with a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the 9/11 incident on this date 9 years ago. Treasurer Bob Herman announced that we have \$28,290.59 in savings and \$13,537.37 in checking.

President Jonathan Peiffer stated that the Board of Directors had approved nominations of Christie Wilson for TCA National Secretary and Katie Elgar for TCA National Vice-President. A motion by Fred Hunter, seconded by Bob Johnston, to accept these nominations passed unanimously by the members in attendance.

Upcoming Meets include the “Pumpkin Meet” in Albuquerque on October 31, a November Toy Train Meet in Tucson on November 6, a meet at the Phoenix Baptist Church on the same date, and Railfair on October 8-10. Katie Elgar asked for volunteers to help with Railfair set-up on Friday, October 8 beginning at 4 PM; last minute details on Saturday, October 9 beginning at 7 AM; running trains on Saturday and Sunday; and tear-down on Sunday afternoon. Dallas Dixon and Jack Eaton have a trailer to move the module once it is disassembled. Katie also asked for volunteers to help out with the Great Southwest Toy Train Expo (formerly the Turkey Meet), with hall set-up on Wednesday, November 24; loading and organization on Saturday, November 27, beginning at 7 AM; and disassembly on Sunday afternoon, November 28. There are many toy train layouts/activities for the family members and the Meet will run two days for those interested in buying and selling. Fred Hunter reminded everyone that Railfair is a great way to meet the public, advertise the club, and promote the November “Expo.”

Gordon Wilson reported on the 40th Anniversary celebration, to be held throughout the year 2011, culminating in a Banquet at Chaparral Suites on October 22, 2011. There will be activities throughout 2011, including two fund-raisers. One is a copper hopper with ruby load. Another is a yet to be announced Atlas car as part of the Celebrate Arizona series. The plan is to sell these cars to reduce the cost of the banquet to where everyone in the Division can afford to participate. National TCA figures will also be invited to attend this gala celebration.

On a sad note, we remembered Bruce Manson (long-time editor of the TCA Quarterly) and local icon Margaret Butler, both of whom had recently passed away.

COMING UP. . . .

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

OCTOBER 9-10 – Railfair – Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM

OCTOBER 14-16 – Eastern Division Meet, York, PA

OCTOBER 30 – “Pumpkin Meet” Dinner – Albuquerque, NM – 6 PM

OCTOBER 31 – “Pumpkin Meet” – Albuquerque, NM – 9 AM

NOVEMBER 6 – Toy Train Meet – Tucson, AZ – 9 AM

NOVEMBER 6 – “In the Heat” Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

NOVEMBER 27-28 – Great Southwest Toy Train Expo (Turkey Meet) – Mesa, AZ – 9 AM

DECEMBER 5 – Holiday Party – Mesa Marriott – 4 PM

JANUARY 8, 2011 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

JANUARY 15 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM

Chris Allen addressed the proposed Bylaws, on which the members will be asked to vote in November. There are a few minor changes. There are three classes of members: Active, Inactive, and Life Members. Also, the word Affiliate seems demeaning, so the Division will be referred to as the Desert Division throughout the document, though the Division will remain an affiliate, as per TCA National verbiage. The method to remove a BOD member is in the Policy Book, so it will not be outlined in the Bylaws. Visitors are allowed one visit per year. This allows them to attend the Holiday Party without joining the TCA. Guest applicants are a different category. Non-Division members of TCA and immediate family members are always welcome.

Angelo Lautazi showed the 2011 TCA Calendar, in which his layout is featured for April. Once again, John Wiley received Honorable Mention for his layout. John Craft brought in a 26 pound piece of Standard Gauge, a GG-1 Pennsylvania 4935. Though Standard Gauge dates back to the teens, in the 1930's it started to disappear. Lionel resurrected it in the 1990's with the Lionel Classics. During the 1970's small companies made Standard Gauge trains, such as McCoy. Also, some individuals, among them Bob Hendricks and John Daniels, continued to make Standard Gauge trains, reconfigured to run on 1-Gauge (Garden) track. They felt the trains should be strong enough to sit on, so they used 1/8" thick metal. In order to allow them to run on 42" radius track, they put swivels in the front and rear trucks. Of these, there were only about 60 made, and sold through such companies as Roberts' Lines. John has two. His statement: "They're big and I like them." Interestingly, the real GG-1's used only 3/32" steel, so this small engine is built of heavier metal than the trains after which they are modeled. Jonathan Peiffer brought in a bag of "matchbooks" a friend had given him in the '90's. Upon opening it, he found that it contained a box of railroad emblems and a sheet of paper announcing, "Be sure to get them all." Printed on the back of one of the cards was the name of the manufacturer (Weber & Co., Burbank, CA) and the date (1953).

Raffle prizes were awarded as follows:

Earl Rasmussen
William Hall
Bryan Rench
Shirley Hunter
Brian DeWelles
John Upshur
Katie Elgar
Gordon Wilson

Hudson Raffle Ticket
Lionel Illuminated Station Platform
Lionel Century Club Box Car
Railking Denver & Rio Grande Double Dome Box Car
Railroad Books, Calendar, Teddy Bear
2000 Toy Fair Car
Train Book, Calendar
Lumber Shed, Calendar

The Hudson Raffle \$100 winner this month was Gordon Wilson.

Members retired to JB's for lunch, followed by a visitation at the home of Bob Herman.



John Craft presents his 26 pound GG-1



Angelo displays April, 2011 in the TCA Calendar



Gordon Wilson accepts the Hudson Raffle \$100 bill.

AS I SEE IT – ADDENDUM

by Gordon L. Wilson, TCA #76-10233

The article last month turned out to be incomplete due to some misleading information posted on the Lionel website. The repairman at Arizona Train Depot, Mr. Steve Gersten, is certified and authorized by Lionel, LLC. This, therefore, makes Arizona Train Depot an Authorized Lionel Service Center.

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, October 6, beginning at 7:30 PM at the home of Katie Elgar. Members are welcome to attend. Call 623-580-6957 to be sure there are enough chairs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What are you enthusiastic about? What excites you within the TCA? With the year quickly moving into the last quarter, there is a lot going on in the Desert Division and there is something for everyone's tastes. It seems there are plenty of volunteers to pull off our last three events of the year and we can look forward to pushing that momentum into next year as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary as a Division. That by no means indicates that we couldn't use some more help and specifically your help.

By the time you receive your Dispatch, it will be about a week before we head over to Railfair at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. This year is special as our friends at the Paradise and Pacific Railroad celebrate the opening of their new building that will house all three model clubs with 1,200 square feet per layout. The P&P has been hard at work all summer pre-assembling the layout offsite and installed the bench work and a lot of track this week at the building. Congratulations to the P&P on a new era of operating! As has been the custom of Desert Division, we will be operating on modules at the park for as many as 15,000 visitors. We have a great crew of volunteers lined up to set up, operate and dismantle the layout, but there is always room for one more. It is one of our opportunities to be ambassadors for our hobby and for the Division. We could always use more volunteers to help hand out fliers, discuss the benefits of membership, and invite guests to our January meeting.

As usual, Railfair will coincide with our Division meet. As the year has progressed, the area that has seemed the most challenging is the educational segment. I know you have something interesting to share with everyone. You may not think so, but I know so. While I love to show off my collection of various items, it would be nice to have more members involved. Thank you to John Craft for bringing his enormous standard gauge GG1 and to Angelo Lautazi for showing us his layout photo in the 2011 TCA calendar in September. Again, what are you enthusiastic about? Share it with us.

The Great Southwest Toy Train Expo is less than two months ahead of us. Again, we have a good crew of volunteers to make the show a great experience for the crowd, but could always use more help. If you want to assist with any aspect of the show, please contact Bob Johnston. Registration fliers are on page 9 of this Dispatch. There are big goals for this meet and we hope to see you all there either as a seller, a volunteer, or a buyer. Remember this is still the biggest and oldest train show in the Southwest. Let's continue to keep it that way. We need your support to make that happen.

To close out our year, we will have our annual holiday party on December 5. In response to concerns about the early time of the party, remember that it has been moved to 4:00 this year to allow for less interference with Sunday morning activities. Once

again, the committee involved has worked hard to make this a fun event for your whole family. Put the holiday party on your calendar now!

As a final piece of business to close out the year, we have our bylaws to vote on. The second publication appears on pages 11-14 of this issue of the Dispatch. Note that there are some minor changes in the language based on input from the first printing and last month's Division meeting. While I cannot advise you how to vote on the bylaws, I can simply say that there are some important improvements with these new bylaws over the previous version. While perhaps a bit abstract, the most exciting part is a limit of two terms for Division Presidents. You may ask why this is a good thing. Rather than recycle the same officers over and over, we need new people to assume the role of leadership or we surely will not be around to celebrate our 80th Anniversary. Please read the bylaws as printed here and bring your questions and concerns to the October meeting. This will be your last opportunity to publicly comment on them prior to the vote.

Next year promises to be an exciting one for the Division. We begin our 40th Anniversary celebrations. Those who attended the meeting in October got a feel for the kinds of events and activities we will share as a Division, but planning is not yet complete. If you have anything you would like the committee to consider while it finalizes planning in the next few months, please let the committee know now. I am excited to take a year to reflect on where we've been, where we are and where we're going. Every organization must evaluate themselves in these ways, so why not make it fun. If you have an idea of something you think might be special, please let Gordon Wilson or myself know.

Desert Division can never rest on past accomplishments, as many as there have been. Let's keep it fresh and fun. With your involvement we can only hope to provide better opportunities for our members, better representation of our mission to the public, and encouragement to people who might have an interest in the hobby to give it a try and see the kind of lifetime enjoyment many of us have had with trains.



DESERT DIVISION BOD – 2010-2011

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Treasurer:	Bob Herman	480-948-2730
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	Greg Palmer	505-898-3840
	Ralph Treichel	602-863-6985
	Marty Wik	480-488-8625

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

The September 18th Rio Grande Chapter Meet was greeted by a very warm morning, as Albuquerque is going through a hotter than normal September. The Chapter Meet was hot as well. We had over 25 members attending and that is a huge percentage of our total. Chapter Member Carl Cataline brought two TCA members from Maine to the Chapter Meet. We welcomed Tony and Treva Masulaitis from Woolwich, Maine. Tony is a collector and operator of Pre War, Post War, and Modern Era Lionel trains. His better half is a G gauge operator. Tony was so impressed with the Rio Grande Chapter that he joined the Desert Division so he could keep up with the Chapter News. Welcome, Tony and Treva, to the Rio Grande Chapter and the Desert Division. We seem to have members all over the country. The Chapter and Division must be doing something right.

The Meeting part of the Meet started with the Education Segment and Show and Tell. I brought in a Yard Sale find, Promotional (uncataloged) Set #19245. This set was in a box within a box; thus I did not know what I had until I got home and cleaned it up and found the set box. The Locomotive is a Lionel 1062. The only operating car is the 3409 Helicopter Car with the yellow helicopter. However, only 2000 sets were made so it was a great Yard Sale find. Next John Trever shared variations of large Lionel Hopper Cars or Cement Hopper Cars. He showed us the black 6436-1 and the maroon 6436-25. He discussed the differences and also showed us a recent E-bay find, a 6436-1969 Hopper from the 1969 TCA Convention. Thanks to John for educating us on various Post War cars from Lionel. Because of space constraints, the photos from this Meet are located on page 6 of this issue of the newsletter.

We then moved to the heart of the Meeting, the 2010 Pumpkin Meet and Dinner. The Dinner already has several people registered. You have until October 22 to sign up, but I would not wait. To be sure you are counted, get your Dinner RSVP in as soon as possible. We will also have a special Dinner Raffle, a Lionel 2010 Dealer Appreciation Car will be awarded to the lucky Raffle winner. Table sales are also going well - we are halfway to our goal of 60 tables with 4 weeks to go. Remember Table Sellers, set up time is 7:30AM. If you want a table, please send in the Pumpkin Meet flyer as soon as possible. We have decided on the Pumpkin Meet Auction Rules. All items will be sold without reserve, and each seller will be responsible for collecting the payments. The Auction rules will be available in the next few days. You can pick them up at the Meet or I can mail you the rules and seller's form. We already have several members who are bringing items for the Auction. The Auction will begin right after the show ends. The Show will end at 2:00 PM the Auction will start at 2:30 PM. We will have the TTOS NM Division Module, Jon Spargo's Kid-friendly Module, and the HOn3 Module Club will have a 40 foot display along the west wall of the Ballroom. This year we have rented the entire Sheraton Uptown Ballroom. Also please remember, if you are staying overnight, to ask for the \$99.00 rate at the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown. Please call the Hotel directly and ask for the Train Collector Association rate. The phone number is 505-881-0000. We will have table sellers from California, Arizona, Southern New Mexico, and Colorado. I do hope more Desert Division Members come from the Valley of the Sun and the Tucson, Arizona areas. Use the Registration Form found on page 5 of this issue of the Dispatch. Admission is free to TCA Members; other adults will pay \$2.00 each and kids under 12 are free.

We had a problem with our TCA ad. For some reason, it didn't appear in the September National Headquarters News, so National Headquarters will be mailing out our Meet flyers to TCA Members in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and West Texas. They will also be sending out an E-Blast to the States of California, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and West Texas. Our flyers are in the Model Railroad Building at the New Mexico State Fair and in all the Hobby shops. Soon they will be put in various restaurants and businesses in the area of the Hotel. In a couple of weeks, press releases will be going out to all Media outlets, as well as an ad in the classified ad section of the Albuquerque Journal, and in Craig's List. We still need Volunteers for the Door, and the Auction. Please contact me or Bill Spofford about helping.

Jon Spargo reported that the Trains for Kids Program is moving forward. He now has a larger classroom to work with and the Special Needs children are having a blast getting the layout up and running for 2010-2011. Speaking of Jon, the after Meet activity was a tour of the 2926 Locomotive restoration site. A great time was had by all. Great job, Jon Spargo. When you see Jon at the Pumpkin Meet please let him know what a great job he is doing for the Rio Grande Chapter and the TCA as well.

See all of you at 6:00PM on Saturday, October 30th at the Dinner or Sunday, October 31st at the Pumpkin Meet at 9:00AM.



TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
RIO GRANDE CHAPTER
**TOY TRAIN SHOW
SWAP MEET-AUCTION**



SUNDAY OCTOBER 31st
SWAP MEET 9:00AM TO 2:00PM
AUCTION 2:30-5:00PM
SHERATON UPTOWN HOTEL

ON THE CORNER OF LOUISIANA AND MANUAL N.E.
IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO



ADULTS \$2.00 UNDER 12 FREE WITH ADULT
TCA MEMBERS FREE WITH CURRENT TCA CARD



DEALER SETUP FROM 7:30AM-9:00AM-TCA RULES WILL APPLY
FOR INFORMATION CALL: Greg Palmer 505-898-3840 or Bill Spofford
at 505-821-4051.

THERE WILL BE A TCA RIO GRANDE CHAPTER DINNER ON SATURDAY
OCTOBER 30TH AT 6:00PM, AT THE SHERATON UPTOWN HOTEL FOR ALL
TCA MEMBERS AND THE TRAIN SHOW TABLE SELLERS RSVP 10/22/10.

NAME _____ TCA# _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

TCA MEMBER TABLES # _____ @\$10.00EA _____

NON MEMBER TABLES# _____ @\$20.00EA _____

DINNER: Prime Rib ___ Chicken ___ Vegetarian ___ @\$34.00EA _____

SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO TCA-RIO GRANDE CHAPTER. MAIL TO:

GREGORY PALMER. 9633 2nd St. N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87114.

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.

RIO GRANDE MEET PHOTOS



L-R: Above: Treva and Tony Nasulaitis visit members Carl Cataline, Art Lites, Frank Dean, George Swajian, and George Domeny. Below: Greg Palmer's Lionel Set #19245 from 1963. John Trever shows his Lionel 6436 Hopper Car variations. Visitation site – 2926 Tender and Locomotive. John Spargo instructing members at the 2926 site.

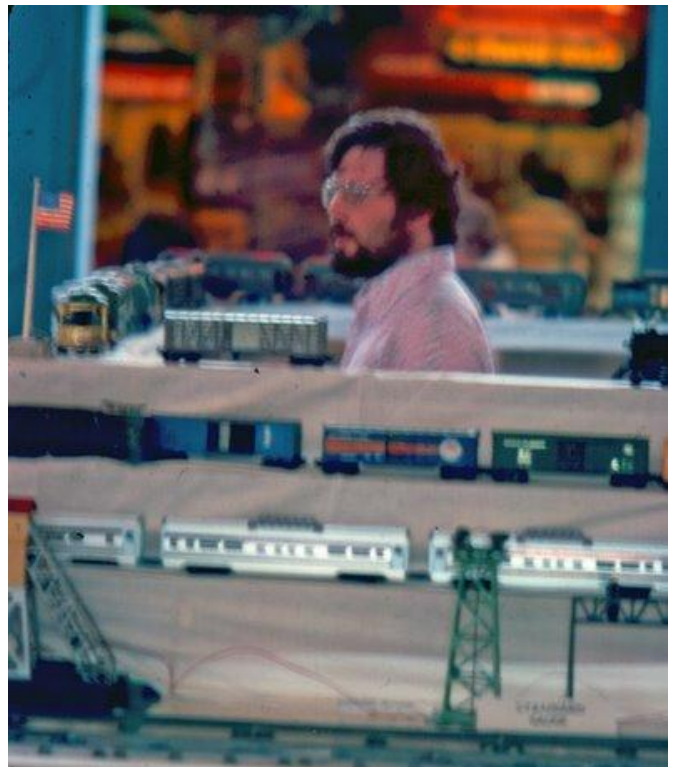
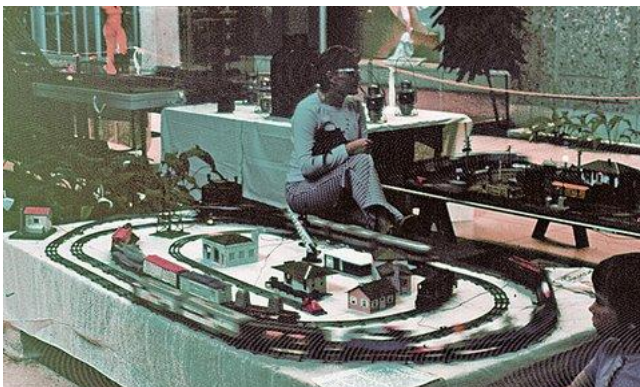
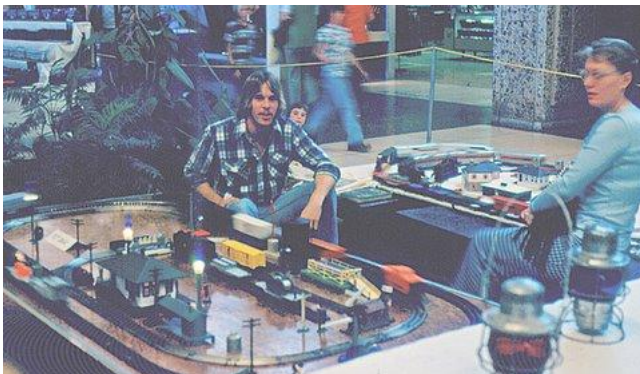
OPERATING LAYOUTS AND THE DESERT DIVISION

By Chris Allen, Division Historian, TCA #95-40580

Photos courtesy of Peter Atonna

With the fall train season underway, I thought it would be interesting to do a little digging in the archives and see when it all began. The pictures with this article are from the very first module display the Division did back in 1979 at the old Thomas Mall. For various reasons the club decided a different location would be better and the following year began the annual display at Chris Town Mall that lasted for over twenty-five years. Shortly after that the Division began participating at Rail Fair, taking breaks only when the park was undergoing renovations. The most recent run began in 1992 and the Division has been participating every year since. Along the way there have been module setups at numerous locations across the valley from the Valley West Mall to Falcon Field, with the trains and the setups growing with the club.

I am looking for any photos you might have of all club activities including any module setups. If you do not have access to a scanner for your early photos or slides, please contact me and I will scan them for you and return your originals with a digital copy for your use. Help preserve the history of the Desert Division. Contact Chris Allen 480-820-9559 or email sparkyshome@cox.net



Do you recognize the Division member in the plaid shirt or the young lady? You should, Roland LaHaie is still doing modules today and Mary Jane Atonna still watches over her husband train tables.

THE STEP VAN MYTH

by Gordon L. Wilson, TCA 76-10233

How often have you heard that the Desert Division got “stuck” with tons of unsalable step vans? The impression left by such rhetoric is that these gray vehicles really cost the Desert Division “an arm and a leg!” Nothing could be further from the truth. These vehicles, made specifically for the Desert Division, were unique among all of the Step Vans that Lionel ever made for the Consumer Market or for other clubs, such as other TCA Divisions and Chapters and the LCCofA.

First of all, there were only a total of 260 produced, but they were fully assembled on Chaparral Road in Scottsdale, Arizona. They arrived in December of 1995 at my home in Fountain Hills in four cartons: one for the cabs; one for the bodies; one for the motor/chassis; and one for the small parts like the headlights and taillights; and yes, they came from CHINA – long before Lionel acknowledged they were manufacturing things “off shore.” That year, 1995, was also the final year of Dick Kughn’s Lionel ownership and we were led to believe that this was the last product produced under Lionel Trains, Inc.

This Step Van was the only one ever produced in Gray plastic. All the others came in Blue or Orange. Our 260 Vans are in gray. To make sure they could not be switched around and suddenly become a part of “RARE” variations, we had these Step Vans LASER ENGRAVED on the cab with the letters TCA over DD and on the rear of the body doors with the letters TCA DD over the numbers 5-11 1996. Additionally, each Van was fitted with three full decals on the rear body plus a three digit serial number decal from 001 to 2602. These features set this Van apart from all others that Lionel ever made.

The Desert Division paid Lionel \$30 per unassembled unit for the 260 Step Vans, delivered. If memory serves me even half way correctly, we sold 180 of them almost immediately at \$60.00. With the 1997 Convention being the next year, we were up to 200 sales of the original 260 we offered for sale. We had 8 of them specially decorated and auctioned off at our 25th Anniversary Banquet on May 11, 1996. These netted approximately \$750 for the 8, if I remember correctly. I won two of them and I know Bob Caplan owns two more of them. We put away Vans 001-010 to be used for Special Events in the future. I know I personally paid \$100 for 004, my favorite number. I cannot speak to how much money the other low numbered Vans have garnered, but I believe they are now all gone!

That left the Division with about 40 units to sell and they became very difficult to sell. They were not the least bit prototypical and few members seemed to care about their unique collectible features. Some members began making “jokes” about them and newer members came to think that these 25th Anniversary Step Vans were a Division “White Elephant” and mistake – one that really cost this Division a lot of money.

Unfortunately, it seems that whenever a project for raising money by producing some sort of Division Collectible Car is discussed, someone supposedly “in the know” will laughingly bring up the Myth of the Step Van. The truth of the matter is that I was the Division President at the time. Those, the rarest of all of Lionel’s Step Vans, netted this Division the better part of \$5000 of pure profit. I think there are fewer than 10 of them still available for sale. When I left office (having been elected to TCA National Office), the Desert Division treasury was the 2nd highest in all of TCA, exceeded only by the Eastern Division. A huge cause of that balance was the success of the Step Van sales project.

I honestly do not know what the current asking price, set by the current Division BOD, might be. However, if you would truly like a piece of this Division’s history, then you might want to see about obtaining one of the few remaining Desert Division 25th Anniversary Step Vans. I expect President Peiffer can put you in touch with the correct “keeper of the Step Vans.”

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STEP VAN ORDER FORM

THE DESERT DIVISION IS PROUD TO OFFER A LIMITED EDITION MOTORIZED LIONEL STEP VAN TO COMMEMORATE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF GROWTH, FUN, AND CAMARADERIE. LESS THAN 250 PRODUCTION UNITS OF THIS MOTORIZED VAN WILL BE MADE. THE VAN IS A UNIQUE LIONEL RUN IN GRAY PLASTIC WITH SEPARATELY APPLIED GRAPHICS. DUE TO HIGH DEMAND AND THE SMALL PRODUCTION NUMBER, THE INITIAL OFFERING IS TO DESERT DIVISION MEMBERS ONLY, ONE UNIT PER MEMBER. AT A LATER DATE THE REMAINDER OF THE UNSOLD UNITS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH A SEPARATE SALE OR LOTTERY. DELIVERY WILL BE IN MAY, 1996.

YES, I WANT TO ORDER MY DESERT DIVISION STEP VAN! ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK, PAYABLE TO “DESERT DIVISION - TCA” FOR \$59.95.

I WILL PICK UP MY VAN AT THE MAY MEET _____
PLEASE SHIP MY VAN _____

MEMBER _____
SHIPPING ADDRESS _____
TCA # _____

MAIL ORDER FORM AND CHECK PAYABLE TO “TCA DESERT DIVISION” TO:



BETH STANGE, TREASURER
DESERT DIVISION STEP VAN
8619 E. CHAPARRAL ROAD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85250

MODELING CNJ'S "QUEEN OF THE VALLEY"

By Jonathan Peiffer (TCA 01-53047)



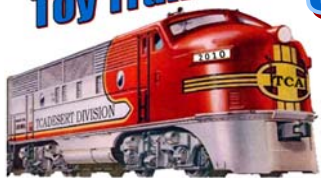
Thanks to Joshua Lionel Cohen, the Central Railroad of New Jersey "Blue Comet" is forever enshrined in toy train history. However, this little railroad with tracks only in New Jersey and Northeastern Pennsylvania operated many trains with names such as the "Mermaid" and "The Bullet." The longest lived of all of the CNJ name trains was the "Queen of the Valley" running from Jersey City to Harrisburg, PA utilizing the tracks of the Reading Railroad west of Allentown, PA. Inaugurated on May 18th, 1902, the "Queen of the Valley" was the CNJ's first express passenger train running continuously to Harrisburg until 1963 when service was reduced to Allentown. It finally ceased operations on April 30th, 1967 as part of the "Aldene Plan" that consolidated many commuter operations within the State of New Jersey. By comparison, the "Blue Comet" only ran from 1929-1941.

The relative anonymity of the train simply lies in the fact that the "Queen of the Valley" did not have the special branding or marketing. The cars were part of the standard CNJ passenger pool. The train remained profitable due to lucrative mail contracts and was the most direct route from New York City to Harrisburg, PA. Various classes of the CNJ's Camelbacks pulled this train. In 1928 five Pacific class G-3s numbered 831-835 were built by Baldwin. 831-833 were painted for the "Blue Comet." The 835, painted black, was permanently assigned to the "Queen of the Valley" complete with a name board hanging on the front. This was the most famous locomotive to pull this train until it was displaced by GP7P diesels in 1952.

So what makes this train interesting to model? To start, it utilized the same passenger cars from 1927 until service ceased. For the era-oriented modeler, this train would have looked more or less the same during this time with the exception of the locomotives that pulled it. Since hauling mail was a primary consideration, the number of head end cars give the train an interesting look with express boxcars mixed in with baggage cars and an RPO. For the O gauge modeler and collector there are lots of examples of cars that can be used to make this train. Express boxcars painted in matching "Pullman Green" paint have been produced by Lionel, Weaver, and Atlas. MTH produced the 835 Pacific in the Railking Line. Any of the various CNJ Ten Wheeler Camelbacks would have been appropriate for this train. GP7s in the appropriate paint scheme are quite common as well. For the passenger cars MTH, Lionel, Atlas, and Williams have produced CNJ passenger sets. Not every passenger train can be the "premier" train of a railroad and workaday trains like this can be fun to assemble and operate.



DESERT DIVISION TCA
Great Southwest
Toy Train Expo



Mesa, Arizona
Celebrating 35 Years in the Desert

DESERT DIVISION TCA
GREAT SOUTHWEST TOY TRAIN EXPO
MESA CONVENTION CENTER
CELEBRATING 35 YEARS



November 27-28, 2010 201 North Center Street - Mesa, AZ

TWO DAY SHOW 9:00am – 3:00pm
RULES

TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET - The Toy Train Swap Meet is our 35th 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 and P&P, 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**

- 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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FEES:

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ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____ *(Registration fee not included in Table Fee)
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ (Children under 14 FREE)
SPOUSE _____ GUESTS _____ Spouse or Guests ___ x \$ 5 ea \$ ____
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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.
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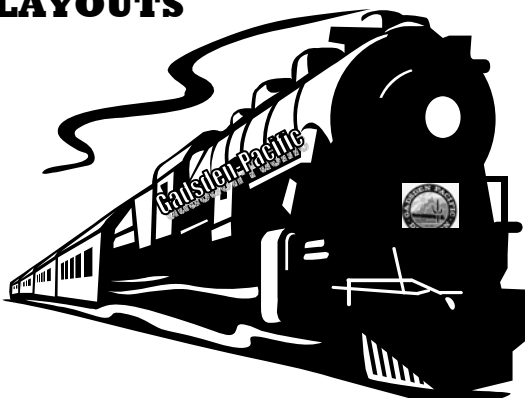
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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2010 9:00AM TO 3:00PM

(Seller Table Setup: 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM)

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BYLAWS OF THE TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION DESERT DIVISION

ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

This organization, an affiliate of the Train Collectors Association (hereinafter referred to as “TCA”) shall be known as Desert Division (hereinafter referred to as the “Division”).

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of the Division shall be to adhere to and support the mission of the TCA

- A. By conducting programs and activities, and to especially serve those TCA members residing within the boundaries of the Division,
- B. To uphold the ethical standards of the Train Collectors Association as expressed in the National Bylaws and policies, and
- C. To conduct activities in compliance with all requirements and standards applicable to a Not-for-Profit organization.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Qualifications

Membership in the Division is open exclusively to TCA members, as that TCA membership is set forth in the TCA Bylaws.

Section 2: Duties and Rights of Members

- A. Active Division Member
 - a. Members shall be current in fees, dues, and assessments. Members whose dues have not been paid as of March 1 shall not be considered in good standing and will be dropped from the active Division roster. The Board of Directors may take such action as it sees fit in the event of extenuating circumstances.
 - b. Active Division members in good standing are afforded full rights and privileges as outlined within the Bylaws and policies.
- B. Inactive Division Member
 - a. Any TCA member living within the boundaries of the Division as set forth by the TCA National, but not paying yearly dues to the Division.
 - b. Inactive Division Member may attend Division Meets but shall not vote in elections or hold office.
- C. Lifetime Division Members
 - a. The Division Board of Directors may, from time to time, bestow the honor of Lifetime Membership on members of the Division.
 - b. Lifetime members shall be considered Active Division Members as outlined in these bylaws but are exempt from paying Division dues. Each Lifetime Division Member must remain a member in good standing within the TCA.

Section 3: Complaints

- A. The Division’s Board of Directors shall take such action as it deems appropriate to protect the Division and to take action to enforce the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of itself and the TCA.
- B. Complaints pertaining to the Division’s functions or activities must be referred, in writing, to the Division’s Board of Directors for appropriate action.

Section 4: Complaints – Disciplinary Action

- A. The Division reserves the right to restrict members from attending meets or events where the member’s presence and/or actions are judged to be adverse to the goals and purposes of the TCA as determined by the Division’s Board of Directors.
- B. All other matters pertaining to member-to-member conduct and/or sales transactions will be submitted to the TCA Membership Committee for review and action, if necessary.

ARTICLE III - OFFICES, DUTIES, TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1: Officers

The officers of the Division shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Directors at Large. They shall be members in good standing of both TCA and the Desert Division and all duly elected.

Section 2: Duties of Officers

- A. The President shall be the chief executive officer of this Division, shall preside at all meetings, and except as otherwise provided herein, shall have the powers, duties, and responsibility usually vested in the office of the President of a not-for-profit organization. The President shall have general supervisory control of all other elected or appointed officials.

- B. The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and perform all the duties of the President during his/her absence or incapacity, or as directed by a simple majority of the Board of Directors.
- C. The Secretary shall act as clerk, shall send out notices of meetings to all members, keep minutes thereof, and send copies to the National Secretary. The Secretary shall receive and record all Desert Division fees, dues and moneys, and after recording, transfer all funds to the Treasurer of the Desert Division.
- D. The Treasurer shall disburse funds on properly presented and approved bills. All funds shall be deposited in a bank selected by the Treasurer and approved by a simple majority of the Board. The President and the Treasurer are authorized signers of a Desert Division check. The Treasurer shall prepare and maintain monthly Treasurer's Reports.
- E. The Directors shall serve on various committees and act in an advisory capacity for the good of the Division.
- F. All offices shall carry full voting privileges.

Section 3: Terms of Office and Vacancies

- A. The term of office for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors shall be two calendar years and coincide with the Division's fiscal year.
- B. If the office of President shall become vacant, the Vice President shall thereupon fill the position of President for the remainder of the unexpired term. In the event the office of President becomes vacant at a time when the office of Vice President is also vacant, the Board of Directors shall fill the office of President for the remainder of the term.
- C. A vacancy of an office other than President by resignation, termination, or death shall be filled by the Board of Directors, who may appoint a member to fill the remaining term of the vacated office until the next regular election.

Section 4: Re-Election of Officers

A member shall serve no more than two (2) terms as President and is no longer eligible to be a candidate for the office of President or Vice President. After serving as President, a member may be a candidate for Secretary, Treasurer, or Director at Large. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors may serve for an indefinite number of elected terms.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEETINGS

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- A. Each of the officers of the Division, namely President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer during their term in office.
- B. Directors at Large being comprised of
 - a. Elected President of a Chapter.
 - b. Three duly elected members.
- C. All past National Presidents shall be honorary non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Duties of the Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall have full power to manage the business and affairs of the Division except as otherwise provided by these bylaws.
- B. The Board of Directors shall control and govern the affairs, property, and finances of the Division.
- C. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once each quarter year, and any additional times as called by the President.
- D. A quorum (majority) of officers, including the President and Secretary, is required to transact Division business. The Secretary shall record and maintain the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings. In the absence of the elected Secretary, a Secretary pro-tem may be appointed by the President. Any member may attend a Board of Directors' meeting.

Section 3: Compensation

All Division Officers, members of the Board of Directors, and committees serve "pro bono" without compensation. Compensation for travel to represent the Division at the annual National TCA Directors' meeting by the President or his/her designee is at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors and requires a majority vote.

Section 4: Removal from Office

Any Officer or Director may be removed for cause at any meeting of the full Board of Directors by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the participants in said meeting.

Section 5: Parliamentary Authority

Parliamentary rules as set forth in the most current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Division in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order TCA or the Division may adopt.

ARTICLE V - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: Eligibility

- A. Any candidate eligible to run for an elected office shall be a member in good standing of the Desert Division for at least one year and reside within the geographical boundaries of the Desert Division.

- B. No one who is an officer or is seeking office in another nationally recognized train club may run for office in the Desert Division.

Section 2: Election Committee

- A. The President shall appoint an Election Committee of three, including the Chairperson, to prepare a slate of candidates for elected office.
- B. The Chairperson of the Election Committee shall also accept nominations from the membership at the October Business meeting. The slate of candidates will be announced and nominations will close at that time.
- C. The Chairperson of the Election Committee shall prepare a ballot, with provisions for write-ins, to be mailed on or about November 1 to all members in good standing. The ballot shall contain provisions for the voting member's name and TCA number for ballot authentication. Ballots shall be returned by mail to the Chairperson of the Election Committee, postmarked no later than November 30.
- D. The Election Committee shall count the ballots prior to the December meeting and announce the results at the December meeting. Ballots shall be retained for ninety (90) days and then destroyed.
- E. Candidates with the largest plurality of votes cast shall be elected to the offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Director(s).
- F. The Secretary shall notify the candidates who do not attend the December meeting of the election results.

ARTICLE VI - DIVISION MEETINGS

Section 1: Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting shall be the first business meeting of the calendar year. Installation of any new officers and the financial report for the closing of the fiscal year shall be given at that time.

Section 2: Business Meetings

- A. The business meetings shall be for the purpose of conducting such business as is usually brought before a general membership, including elections, and Bylaws changes.
- B. Members may buy and sell trains prior to the start of the business meeting; however, all transactions must end with the commencement of the business meeting.
- C. A minimum of eight official business meetings will be held during a calendar year.

Section 3: Visitors at Business Meetings

- A. Definition: A visitor is anyone who is not a current TCA member or an immediate family member of a TCA member.
- B. A visitor may attend one meeting per year.
- C. Minors attending meetings are the responsibility, moral and financial, of their parents or sponsors.

ARTICLE VII - FINANCIAL

Section 1: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be the calendar year, starting January 1 and ending December 31.

Section 2: Dues

Dues are due January 1st and shall be payable annually in advance. Dues may be paid up to five (5) years in advance. Amount of dues and initiation fees are to be determined by the membership.

Section 3: Special Expenditures

Normal operating expenses will be sanctioned by the Board of Directors. Special expenditures over \$1,000.00 must be approved by a majority of votes cast by the attending members at a regular business meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Section 1: DISPATCH Editor

An Editor of the Division Newsletter shall be appointed by the President for a two-year term. He/She shall be responsible for the timely publication of the Division newsletter and shall work with the Election Committee for the publication and mailing of Division elections.

Section 2: Webmaster

A webmaster shall be appointed by the President for a two year term. He/She shall maintain the Division's website with information and news that is current and pertinent and promotes the Division while providing favorable exposure to the general public as well as TCA members.

Section 3: Sergeant-at-Arms

A Sergeant-at-Arms shall be appointed by the President for a two-year term. He/She shall be charged with the duties of maintaining order and security.

Section 4: Media Relations

A Media Relations Chairperson shall be appointed by the President for a two-year term. He/She shall promote the growth of the Division through exposure of meets, events, and activities.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1: Special Committees

The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, such special committees as he/she from time to time deems necessary. Such committees shall be vacated when the President who appointed them goes out of office or when disbanded by the President.

Section 2: Finance Committee

- A. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Vice President, Treasurer, and a Director at Large. The Committee shall review, supervise, and document the revenues and expenses of the Division.
- B. The Finance Committee shall assure compliance with all financial recording and reporting requirements of the TCA.
- C. The Finance Committee shall insure the timely reporting and filing of all I.R.S. forms consistent with a not-for-profit organization.

ARTICLE X – CHAPTERS

Section 1: Formation, Approval, Finances

- A. Groups of members may organize as a Chapter of the Division subject to the Bylaws and policies of the TCA and of the Division.
- B. A Chapter may be formed by filing a petition to the Division Board of Directors with the geographic boundary, proposed name, and 25 signatures pledging TCA membership.
- C. Final approval of the petition for Chapter formation resides with the Division Board of Directors.
- D. All fees and dues collected by the Chapter are the financial responsibility of the Chapter. The Chapter President and Chapter Treasurer shall insure the timely filing of all applicable I.R.S. forms consistent with a not-for-profit organization.

ARTICLE XI – RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Section 1: Power

All power, rights, and authority granted to the Division is dependent on the membership of its members in TCA and the continued adherence to TCA policy and standards by the Division.

Section 2: Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Division, the Division's Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities, distribute all residual assets in the following manner: first, the Train Collectors Association or its successor; second, the National Toy Train Museum; third, one or more organizations which themselves are recognized as not-for-profit under current or future codes of the federal or state government for exclusively public or charitable purposes.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed at any official business meeting, and upon majority vote, will be referred to the TCA Rules and Regulations Committee for review. Upon favorable review by the TCA Rules and Regulations Committee and notice duly given by publication, the amendment(s) shall be submitted by mail to the entire membership for a vote. If a majority of the ballots returned are affirmative, the amendment(s) shall be approved.

ARTICLE XIII – ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws shall become effective January 1, 2011 as prescribed in the regulation governing "Amendments," Article IX, as adopted by the membership of the Desert Division January 1, 1976 and amended under Article IX of these Bylaws in 2004.

PROVISO

- A. These Bylaws shall become effective January 1, 2011, and upon approval of this revision, the terms of all officers in the Division will end December 31, 2011. Newly elected officers will then be seated.
- B. The current President shall serve until December 31, 2011, and as outlined in Article III Section 4 of these Bylaws, be considered to have completed his first term in office.
- C. The office of Past President/Director is eliminated. The current Past President/Director shall serve until December 31, 2010.
- D. The office of Director-at-Large shall be filled January 1, 2011 from the third highest voted candidate of the most recent held election, November 2009. This term shall be for one year and end December 31, 2011.
- E. The President shall form a new Finance Committee January 1, 2011 to insure proper I.R.S. filings for the tax year under Article IX Section 2C of these adopted Bylaws.

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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM |
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| October 14-16 | Eastern Division Meet – York, PA |
| October 30-31 | Rio Grande Chapter “Pumpkin Meet” – Registration flier in this issue.
Contact Greg Palmer - 505-898-3840 |
| November 6 | Toy Train Meet – Tucson, AZ – 9 AM
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| November 6 | “In the Heat” Meet – North Phoenix Baptist Church – 9 AM – 2 PM |
| November 27-28 | Southwest Toy Train Swap Meet (“Turkey Meet”) – Mesa Convention Center
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| December 5 | Holiday Party – Mesa Marriott – 4 PM |
| January 8, 2011 | Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM |
| January 15 | Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM
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DIVISION MEET LOCATION

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