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# Desert Division

## *DISPATCH*

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## JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER

Despite fires all over the state of Arizona, the June Meet was well attended. We welcomed Henry Pettit back from Idaho, and Bill Freeman as a newly reinstated TCA member. Herb Andreen brought his brother Scott to the meet. Treasurer Bob Herman announced that we have \$47,122.81 in savings and \$21,650.03 in checking.

President Peiffer announced that Art Triant will be the 2011 Turkey Meet Chair, with Beth Stange as Registration Chair. The venue will be Chaparral Suites. The hall can easily hold 200 tables. Let's see if we can fill it this year. The first day will be a Swap Meet, with operating layouts, and the second day will be an Auction. See Chet Henry to give him your list of Auction items.

June's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary give-away was a pin with red streamers advertising the date of the birth of the Division. Chris Allen, Division Historian, announced that we need a G-Scale Gondola from the 1997 Convention to fill out the Archives. He also announced that an upcoming issue of the *Dispatch* will have an article by Bill Mack about using an automobile flasher to make trains run. We will have both the original from 20 years ago and an update to match the advances in technology since then.

Gordon and Christie Wilson have announced their retirement from the newsletter, after 23 years as Editor and Publisher. Chris Allen was selected to take over the reins of the *Dispatch*.

The Holiday Party will be December 11, beginning at 4 PM at the Mesa Marriott. Any ideas should be forwarded to Ralph Treichel. Our goal is to make it more festive. Beth Stange volunteered a Santa suit to anyone who wants to play Santa at the Holiday Party. Additionally, it was announced that we will have a one-time 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on October 22, with Marshall Tremble as guest speaker. Save the dates, now!

Grand Canyon Model Railroaders will have a "Beat the Heat" bus to Prescott in August. Dave Brown is taking reservations. In addition, there will be a flier in the next issue of the *Dispatch* for those who wish to sign up.

Fred Fishman is selling his garage layout. See the ad section of the Summer issue of the *Dispatch*. Ken Barnes announced that the club is still collecting cell phones. Katie Elgar reminded everyone to bring in aluminum cans, with cash being donated to TCA.



## COMING UP . . . .

**AUGUST 20 – Beat the Heat Meet – Prescott, AZ – 9 AM**

**SEPTEMBER 10 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM**

**SEPTEMBER 17 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM**

**OCTOBER 22 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party – Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale, AZ – 6 PM**

**OCTOBER 30 – Pumpkin Meet – Sheraton Uptown Hotel, Albuquerque, NM – 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**



The Educational segment started with Jonathan showing his pre-production samples of the E-7 A and B units he is helping to design for 3<sup>rd</sup> Rail Models. The bulldog nose on the A unit proved to be a challenge, and handrail placement on the B units still needs to be corrected. Tying in with the theme of “Summer Fantasies on the Train,” Gordon Wilson brought in a Gilbert hair dryer from 1934 or 1935. It is heavy and it has only one setting – on or off. It is a “fantasy” if you’re trying to dry your hair. He also brought in his postcard scrapbook from a trip to Paris in May. The subway system proved to be fantastic, and the passes (which can be purchased through a travel agent before leaving for Europe) are a godsend. Next was a Lionel Quarterly Employee Magazine called “All Aboard.” In 1950, a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue was produced with a gold cover. It’s a very “down home” issue, full of things like 1950’s fashions and family fun. The owner apparently didn’t like the boss, as J. L. Cowen’s picture on the front of the magazine is adorned with a mustache and horns. From a recent Toy Show, Gordon brought in a complete McDonald’s Happy Meal 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary train set, in which each of the 15 cars has a cartoon character and action as it moves along, pulled by hand. The Travel Channel says this is a rather unusual collectible, from about 1985.

Last came the raffles, which are listed below.

Bob Dennison	Hudson Raffle Ticket
Roger Miller	Book <u>Catalog of Lionel Trains 1900-1942</u>
Jack Eaton	Book <u>Model Railroads</u> and truck
Katie Elgar	2007 TCA National Convention hat
Marty Wik	Lionel Vermont Railway Box Car
Dave Brown	Williams C&O Gondola with barrels
Ken Barnes	Joshua Lionel Cowen Box Car
Bill Freeman	Bachmann Union Station
Shirley Hunter	Lionel “The Perils of Mickey” Hi Cube Box Car

The winner of the \$100 Hudson Raffle drawing was Ivan English.



Ivan English wins June’s Hudson Raffle \$100 bill.



Bob Dennison, John Moline, and John Wiley attract customers to their sales tables at the June Meet.



Gordon Wilson shows his McDonald’s Happy Meal Train Set.

## JULY MINI-MEET NOTES

The July mini-meet lived up to expectations in that it was a “mini” meet. About 30 stalwart members arrived for a meeting in the Shepherd of the Valley chapel as the AC was out in Burns Hall. Sam McElwee and Bob Denison brought out items for sale. President Peiffer started the meeting a few minutes late as usual to let everyone socialize a little bit more. The agenda was brief and mainly focused on the recently completed 2011 National Convention held in Sacramento. It was an open discussion and those who attended the Convention gave their thoughts about the Convention.

Richard Gayle presented his Lionel binnacles during the Educational Segment. These binnacles were used in life boats and smaller boats in WWI and WWII. The design is nearly identical, with the WWII version having battery terminals where the WWI version did not. Both were made of copper and brass.



Richard explained how he originally came across the WWI version for parts, but decided to do an extensive rebuilding. Both versions had a canister with oil and wick and a drawer for matches. The WWII version was all original and appeared to have never been painted. Richard also presented the literature that Lionel put out regarding these binnacles. Overall, it was a very enlightening presentation.

Raffle prizes were awarded after the Educational Segment and the meeting concluded around 11:15 AM.



Above: Richard Gayle's WWI and WWII binnacles.

Far left: Earl Rasmussen spends some money at Sam McElwee's table.

Middle: Ralph Treichel wins one raffle prize and pulls a ticket for another one.

## RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA#94-39039

Hope all of you are having a great summer. The weather here has been dry and very smoky, due to all the fires in New Mexico and Arizona. Let's hope it rains in August to put out all the fires and help improve the air quality.

Our next regular Meet is September 17th at the Sombra Del Monte Church at 2528 Utah N.E., in Albuquerque. This is the last Regular Meet before the October 30th Pumpkin Meet. Please plan to attend. We need to have members help at the Pumpkin Meet with the following: the Door, Auction, and of course to purchase tables. I would suggest if you want a table that you sign up right away. We almost sold out last year, and this year we need the numbers a week before the Meet because of the new table policy with the Sheraton Uptown Hotel. So sign up for tables early. We need to explore, at the September 17th Meet, new ideas of how to advertise the Meet so that we can get more Public in the door. We also need donations of items for the Pumpkin Meet Raffle. Also at the September 17th Meet we will announce our slate of Officers and Board Members for 2012-2014. If you wish to be a member of the Chapter's Board of Directors, please contact Scott Eckstein our Secretary, or myself, as soon as possible. We will also discuss the TCA National Convention in Albuquerque in 2019.

Please bring items to show and tell about at our Education Segment. It is always a great way to learn about Toy Trains, Model Railroading, and Trains in general. Please feel free to bring anything relating to Toy Trains, Model Railroading, and Trains. Our after Meet activity is lunch at the Flying Star on Manual and Utah N.E. which is a block away from our Meet, and then come back to Sombra Del Monte Church for a running session on the Jim Spatafora Memorial Layout downstairs. Bring trains to run on the layout, and plan for an afternoon of train running fun. Please do not miss this very important Regular Meet, Saturday September 17th, at 10:00AM, at the Sombra Del Monte Church. Hope to see all of you there.

The Pumpkin Meet flyer is page 11 of this issue of the Dispatch.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many positive things came out of the TCA National Convention in Sacramento. During the National Board Meetings several important issues were resolved. The motion to remove the two signature requirement passed the Board of Directors unanimously without discussion and it will be put to the membership for a vote in the not too distant future. I want to thank the Desert Division for the support to bring this motion to the Convention with the backing of our Board of Directors as well as the support of a vote of the membership. Now it is up to all of us who support such a measure to promote this important change and most importantly vote when the ballot comes out!

We can all be proud that our Rio Grande Chapter was selected to host the 2019 National Convention in Albuquerque, NM. Soon the real work will begin to bring this long term project to fruition, as our Chapter and Division have an opportunity to spotlight a real railroad town founded around the operations of the Santa Fe Railroad.

In other business, now Past-President Ron Stowell announced a conclusion to the lawsuits that have been challenging the TCA for many years. We can now put those matters behind us and move on with a positive spirit focused on the issues that matter the most, the camaraderie we share around this wonderful hobby of trains. Finally, the National BOD approved a balanced budget that does not involve a dues increase.

In terms of Convention activities, Mark Boyd and his Convention Committee put on a fine show based out of Sacramento. Members could choose from a large diversity of tours that included many incredible train collections, trips to Lake Tahoe to the North and Yosemite National Park to the South. The Welcome Party was held within the halls of the California State Railroad Museum, which boasts some of the best exhibit design represented in a train museum anywhere. The standard and #1 gauge collections in "Grass Valley" of original and unrestored trains from the very early years of the last century was nothing short of spectacular.

For those of you who do not yet know, Gordon Wilson has elected to step down as the Chair of the TCA Membership Committee, having served for 11 National Presidents. Let's thank him for a job well done in the most thankless National Committee position one can hold. While this may be the end of an era in many ways, the Membership Chair position has stayed in the Desert Division and simply

continues in the tradition of national leadership where many of our members have willingly served. Be sure to check your next National Headquarters News to read what the current committee chair has to say!

Before we know it, August will be upon us and it will still be hot in the Valley of the Sun. It is that time of the year where the desert dwellers of the Desert Division make their annual trek to Prescott for the Beat the Heat meet. If you plan on taking the bus trip up, please contact Dave Brown as soon as possible. Spots are limited!

While we do not meet again until our September 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Division Meet, there is plenty happening in the meantime. We have a Turkey Meet and Auction to plan for and we need volunteers! Please contact Art Triant and volunteer to help with this annual tradition of our Division. Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner is only three months away. Remember to keep October 22<sup>nd</sup> open on your calendar for this event. This event has been well planned and it is affordable enough for everyone to participate. Let's make this celebration well attended and have some fun! Special cars are still available and at \$65.00 for a die cast hopper, these are truly a bargain. Please contact Christie Wilson and order yours today!

Personally, all this activity has distracted me from pursuing the parts of the hobby I enjoy most. I promised Tony Saulina that I would repaint an engine for him into our common home road "New Jersey Transit." Still not having found the time to start this project, I will put in writing in our own Dispatch that there will be visible progress on this project and I will bring it to the September meet for all to see to help keep me honest! As many know, this is the aspect of the hobby I truly enjoy the most, ruining the value of otherwise potentially collectible trains! This project involves printing some custom decals and mixing a custom paint color. What projects are you working on? How about writing an article for the Dispatch or bringing it to a meet for the education segment? What continues to make this hobby great is the diversity in our interests when coming together for a common goal of enjoying this hobby.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on September 10, if not before!





## RUBY HOPPER RAFFLE

In addition to the custom designed Ruby Hopper Cars (See order form below), there is one special car, the prototype, number 1. With the car comes a ruby jewelry set, including earrings, ring, and necklace. The ring will be sized to fit the winner, after that winner is announced. The entire collection, jewelry and hopper car, will be raffled off by the Committee from now until the Anniversary Party on October 22, when the lucky winner will be announced. Tickets, which cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5, will be available for sale from now through the gala Banquet on October 22, 2011.



### GET YOUR DESERT DIVISION RUBY HOPPER NOW!

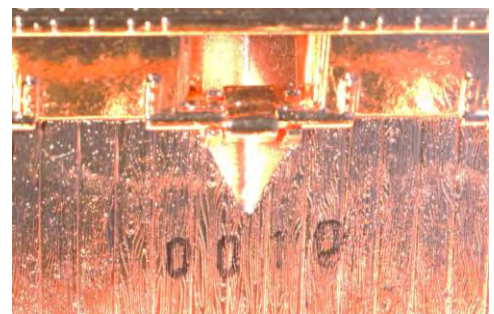
Have you purchased your 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Desert Division Ruby Hopper made from Copper, yet? There were but 104 of them made, but as this is being printed the number is far closer to 50 and they are selling very well. To insure that you have your commemorative memory of the Desert Division's Celebration as a Division in the Train Collectors Association on June 25, 1971, be sure that you place your order today.



Thanks to Nick Ladd, these cars were specially constructed for K-Line by Lionel out of real Copper. They are similar to the cars which were used as Banquet Table prizes at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual TCA Convention held at the Phoenix/Scottsdale Desert Ridge JW Marriott in 2009. There are differences, and they are significant. First of all, the loads are a sparkling Ruby, which is the jewel associated with all 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries. One end of the Hopper is emblazoned with data about the formation about the formation of the Desert Division, plus each car is individually numbered from 002 to 104. The same number appears on its box. Upon the sides of the Hopper is a small decal which discreetly shows off the Division's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo. The hatches on the bottom of the Hopper are spring loaded and actually work, manually. The total weight of this car is in excess of two pounds, so it is quite substantial.



You would expect to spend in excess of \$125.00 for such a special car, and at that price it would be a bargain. However, we can offer it to you for the unbelievably low price of just \$ 65.00, if you can pick it up at one of our meets in September or October, or at the Banquet on October 22, 2011. Should we need to ship it to you, we ask that you add an additional \$10.00 to the cost, which is below what it will cost us to ship it to you, but the Division has agreed to pick up the difference.



Fill out the attached form and send your check made payable to: TCADD to the following address: Christie Wilson, 40<sup>th</sup> Ruby Hopper, 16231 E. Ocotillo Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268 – 4950.



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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ TCA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

No of Ruby Hoppers \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 65.00 each; Shipping @ \$ 10.00 each; Total = \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up at a Desert Division train meet in September, October (circle one).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## TCA NATIONAL CONVENTION - 2011

by Gordon L. Wilson, TCA #76-10233

We have been looking forward to the TCA Convention in Sacramento for quite some time. This area of Northern California is one of our favorite vacation locales, and when combined with a hobby we felt that there was no way it could possibly disappoint. Guess what? SURPRISE ! It didn't. From the opening trip/tour of a Railroad excursion from Carson City, Nevada to Virginia City, Nevada to the closing trips visit into one of America's premier National Parks, YOSEMITE, this was a Convention that had something for everyone.

Whether you were a history buff or simply wanted to experience the "old west," the Virginia & Truckee Railroad's trip passed the Comstock Silver Mines into the town where Mark Twain got his "start," Virginia City is today very much as it was in the 1800's. Riding behind a real steam train wasn't too shabby either!

For me, the chance to play golf with some fellow TCAers was a real treat. It was even more of a treat when the Calloway Handicap System adjusted my mediocre score and made me the day's winner. Mark Boyd suggested another adjusted item for all of us – a trip to a real Ice Cream parlor where we piled on the calories we didn't really need, but thoroughly enjoyed after the round of golf. We were all in heaven, while talking about the "near misses."



Engine 18 goes from Carson City to Virginia City.



L-R: Golfers Gordon Wilson, Mark Boyd, Bill Kotek, Allen Doran, Dannie and Lynne Martin.



Not far away from Sacramento is the town of Fairfield, home to the greatest Factory Tour in the USA. I billed it that way years ago. They "bill" it that way now. What is it? The JELLY BELLY Factory Tour, where millions of those colorful jelly beans are made every day. If you have never been there, you should go the next time you are near Sacramento or San Francisco – it is right off of Interstate 80. Murals of many famous people made entirely of these world famous Jelly Belly jelly beans adorn the facility – it is an Art Museum where you can literally eat the "paint" and smack you lips with glee.

Then, just about 15 miles to the North east is another tour you could have taken as part of this well conceived convention. The Napa Valley Wine Train, in Napa City is only a 30 minute ride away from the Jelly Belly Factory. You can have your choice of riding and eating in a classic Dining Car from the 1920's or a more modern Full Length Dome Car from the 1950's. The food is gourmet and the service is exquisite – comparable to that of the fabled Orient Express. I make that comparison, because Christie and I have been on both trains and agree that the food and service on the Wine Train is equal to the Orient Express. The Wine Train travels from Napa City to St. Helena, CA. and back, past many famous vineyards and at a pace that allows you to savor every moment of the trip. It is a first class experience every minute of the trip.



Ride through Napa Valley on the Wine Train.



The Dirigible Box, artfully displayed.

A very unique Layout Tour was provided for members of this convention, one which had I been a neophyte in this hobby, would easily have steered me into collecting/operating trains of the era before WW II. The combined collections of Clyde Easterly, Chuck Stone, and Chuck Brasher were beyond amazing; they were Spectacular! Phenomenal! Magnificent! Impressive! It wouldn't matter what adjective you placed here, it wouldn't adequately describe what you were seeing. Suffice it to say, "WORLD CLASS" would barely cover the term for their three fold collections in Grass Valley.



Ives Circuses; Rare Dorfan Sets; a Plethora of Dirigibles, Boats, Bridges, Figures, and so many more things that most of us have only ever seen in books, if at all, were there in front of us – ALL of them in a condition so pristine, one would swear they had just been manufactured. It was overwhelming!!! The thing I learned and remember most? The last Saturday of every October these three men have an open house for anyone who happens to be in their NEIGHBORHOOD, complete with a bar-b-que. Mark down THAT DATE!

What else happened at this super convention? More than I can go into detail about. However, the welcome party was a real treat. On Thursday night, the California Railroad Museum belonged to the TCA. There was a full catered dinner in the Roundhouse for starters. At the Turntable, should the spirit move you, every half hour or so, you could board a train for a ride along the Sacramento River pulled by a real live Steam locomotive, complete with a very informative narration about what you were seeing. Once back inside the Museum, you had the contents of this World Class Museum all to yourself to digest, at your leisure. One of the main attractions is the only surviving Cab-Forward Locomotive in existence. A visit to its Cab was surely a highlight. Then, on the second floor of the museum, was the Thomas Sefton Toy Train Collection. This is a spectacular assemblage of toy trains of every gauge and nearly every manufacturer from every era of toy trains in the USA. It is high well next to impossible to describe here, but must be seen to be appreciated. It is huge and wonderful and was the focal point for most of our members. Roger Carp, of Classic Toy Trains, was instrumental in establishing its presence at the California Railroad Museum in Sacramento. Roger, btw, was present to speak to us about the collection.

The next tour for me and Christie was a Dinner Cruise on Lake Tahoe on Friday night. Lake Tahoe is the 3<sup>rd</sup> deepest lake in the USA and one with the purest water content. The lake was surrounded by snow covered mountains and was a glorious setting, especially as the sun set. The food aboard was wonderful and the 300 TCA members on board had a special time enjoying the wonderful Tahoe weather, which dipped into the 50's that evening, since the Sacramento temperatures during the day were well into the 95 – 100 degree range.

At the Trading Pits, the Desert Division was provided with a complimentary sales table. The purpose of that table was to make available to conventioners our very attractive 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Copper Hoppers and other Desert Division material that we have had for sale from as far back as the 1997 TCA National Convention. I am proud to announce that we did a booming business selling many of our left over Celebrate Arizona Cars, shirts, hats, Step Vans, Beer Cars, Mint Cars, and of course, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hopper Cars and raffle chances for the Prototype # 1 Hopper with the Ruby Jewelry. Later in this Dispatch there is an order form for you to insure that you will be able to reserve one of the beautiful Commemorative 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Copper Hopper Cars. Within the Trading Pits, many of our Desert Division members had sales tables and were busy selling their wares from Friday morning through Sunday afternoon. I was able to secure for myself a very hard to locate Lionel Dealer Display Board from 1952, and thanks to Chris & Laurel Allen, it found its way safely back to Arizona. On Sunday morning, on my last swing through the hall before heading off on a final trip, I was able to secure NEXT YEAR'S HUDSON RAFFLE Locomotive for the Division: a gorgeous 1964 #773 in C – 9 Condition with solid, crisp original boxes. During the convention, Christie was able to sell a number of our 2011 Hudson Raffle tickets, so that very few now remain to be sold; so in the fall, if you have yet to purchase yours for this year, be sure to do so, lest you be left out. There are only 8 of the ducats left to be sold @ \$25. Remember, we have a significant Runner-up prize this year.

Saturday evening's Banquet concluded the convention. Paul Edgar received the ceremonial GAVEL from President Ron Stowell as the new, incoming President of TCA and Greg Stout conducted the auction of specialty toy train items. I was fortunate to be the winner of the first and last items auctioned off. As usual, the dinner food was quite tasty, and when the proceedings ended, President Stowell, invited the whole throng to his suite on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor to his room to celebrate another successful year of TCA business.



A special treat at the Welcome Party was a train ride along the Sacramento River.



A vintage paddlewheeler plies Lake Tahoe during the evening Dinner Cruise.

Sunday morning an intrepid group of Conventioneers boarded buses in Sacramento for a trip to one of America's most incredibly beautiful and visited National Parks, Yosemite National Park. Calendars and place mats across this nation are festooned with photos of the vistas from this favorite place of John Muir's. Because of an inordinate amount of snow and rain this year, the waterfalls are flowing at a rate not seen in more than a century, so we were to be treated to some incredible scenery. Many members availed themselves of a guided two hour narrated tram tour which highlighted all of the most important sites within this fantastic valley.



Panoramic view of Yosemite Valley

To me, the most bizarre thing was a stop adjacent to the El Capitan, a sheer granite cliff seemingly going straight up from the valley floor to the sky, and seeing people actually CLIMBING this rock, a la Spider Man. The only problem is that they weren't cartoon characters and they weren't going to do it in an hour or two, but more like a day or two. I get the "jitters" just thinking about hanging out in a hammock from a few thousand feet in the middle of the night, let alone doing it. This was an ALL-DAY trip, but I am quite sure that for everyone who beheld Yosemite for the first time, or even for the umpteenth time like us, Yosemite National Park provides an inner peace and a special feeling available in very few other spots on this earth. It was a fitting end to a wonderful TCA Convention. Thank you Mark Boyd and your Nor Cal Convention Committee. Hope to see everyone on June 23 of 2012 in Atlanta. It will be for Christie and me, our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Come celebrate with us!!!!

**RAILROAD**

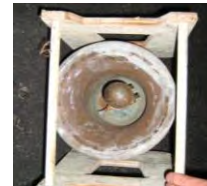


**CHANGE**



WANTED – CTT – October 2009, Lion Roars – August 2001 and October 2002.  
Keith Swett, please call 480-332-0255 or e-mail [k-swett@cox.net](mailto:k-swett@cox.net).

FOR SALE – Ever wanted a Real Locomotive Bell? Now you can own one.  
A real Graham White, solid copper bell for only \$270.00. See photos at right.  
Call Gordon Wilson at 480-837-5344 or e-mail [christielwilson@aol.com](mailto:christielwilson@aol.com).



FOR SALE – Prewar accessories. These are from the 1941-1942 time when Lionel could not get the silver needed for their paint and all parts normally painted silver were gray. #313 Bascule bridge, complete with the frame, OB and interior inserts - \$500. #165 magnetic crane. Sadly, the Bakelite base had warped and cracked, so has been glued. However, the metal parts are in great condition and it operates perfectly. With OB \$80. #164 log loader. The red paint on the roof had flaked off, so I have repainted it; otherwise, this piece is all original and in great shape. Note, I found out that the prewar version in wired differently than the postwar version. \$110. Peter Atonna, 928-636-4228 or e-mail [mjatonna@gmail.com](mailto:mjatonna@gmail.com)

See other ads on Page 13.

### **DESERT DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2011**

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### **BOD MEETING**

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



## ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS NEARS

It will soon be time to elect new Desert Division officers for 2012-2013. All offices are open for the election to be held this November, with the winners announced at the Holiday Party in December. Do you know of anyone who would be a good candidate? Would you like to be on the Board of Directors? This will be a topic of discussion at the September 10 Desert Division Meet.

## BEAT THE HEAT MEET

By Peter Atonna, TCA #75-7578

All tables for the Swap Meet are sold, the earliest we have ever sold out. So, if you needed one, I hope you got your reservation in. But in any case, it looks as if it will be a good show this year. Hope you can make the trip or even make it a Prescott weekend. Please check the May issue of the Dispatch for a full agenda for the day, places to stay, and things to do in the Prescott area. If there is anything else I can do to help you, just let me know. Just call 928-636-4228 or e-mail [mjatonna@gmail.com](mailto:mjatonna@gmail.com).

## BEAT THE HEAT MEET BUS TOUR

It's that time again, time to "beat the heat" and go up to Prescott on August 20 for the "Beat the Heat" Meet. We will be leaving from four convenient locations around the valley in a 44 passenger bus with its own bathroom on board. We will arrive at the "Beat the Heat Meet" around 9:30 AM. Those who don't want to go to the meet will have use of the bus until about 12:30 PM to go antiquing around the Prescott area. An optional \$7.00 lunch can be purchased from the people that put on the Meet. After that time we will be doing layout tours in the area, including Peter Atonna's great "O" gauge layout and as many of the others that can be fit in.

The first pickup point will be at Arizona Mills at 6:30 AM, followed by a pickup at Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00 AM, then a pickup at Metro Center Mall at 7:30 AM. The last pickup point will be at the Carefree Highway and I-17 intersection area about 7:45 AM.

Please fill in the form below. We need your phone number because the person at the pickup point you choose will contact you with instructions on where to meet specifically for the pickup. If you have any questions, call Dave Brown at 480-650-5336. I'm looking forward to seeing you on the bus on August 20, 2011.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Pickup Location:

< > Arizona Mills at 6:30 AM

< > Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00 AM

< > Metro Center at 7:30 AM

< > Carefree Highway at 7:45 AM

Number of Adult riders \_\_\_\_\_ at \$30 each \$\_\_\_\_\_

Number of children under 14 \_\_\_\_\_ at \$12 each \$\_\_\_\_\_

Number of lunches (OPTIONAL) \_\_\_\_\_ at \$7 each \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total. Make checks payable to "GCMR" \$\_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and check to:

David Brown  
2625 W. Lynne Ln.  
Phoenix Az. 85041





# Prescott's **Beat the Heat**

## **Model Trains & Old Boys Toys**

# ***SWAP MEET***

**Saturday, August 20th, 2011 9am to 1pm**

**Adults \$4.00, under 12 free with adult**

**At the Prescott Activity Center 800 E. Gurley**

**Presented by:**

## **The Central Az Model RR Club**

For information call: Norm Delucchi 928-445-5379

Brent Schnitzius 928-445-6560

**Not responsible for lost or stolen items**

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**Table sales subject to availability**

**1 free admission with each table**

**Dealer setup time 7am to 9am-No Early Public Admission**

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