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# Desert Division

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## FIRST UP, A SLICE OF PUMPKIN

Fall is officially here and so are all the train shows and Meets. One of the first ones in our area is the Pumpkin Meet, held in Albuquerque, New Mexico by the members of the Rio Grande Chapter. With one of the other shows in the Albuquerque area having to cancel out because of a scheduling conflict (they were in a National Guard facility, sound familiar?) the tables will sell out quickly. If you are planning on attending, make sure you get your table reservations in early.

Back here in the Valley of Perpetual Summer the September Meet was well attended. Sales tables sprang up quickly and a colorful setting greeted everyone as the church had the hall decorated for another event that was to follow ours.

While members enjoyed the free coffee and donuts we noticed quite a few sales being made, maybe everyone was getting in the mood for the Holiday Season just ahead. The friendly crowd was still busy munching and chatting away when the meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Secretary Angelo Lautazi announced that over the summer we had picked up an additional new member and our active membership now stands at 257.

Treasurer Bob Herman gave the Treasurer's report showing Savings at \$27,799.27 and Checking account balance of \$7,740.80. Bob explained to

everyone that he paid the Lionel invoice of \$16,075 for the Cumbres and Toltec boxcars. The majority of the funds needed to pay that invoice were in the Checking account through preorder sales and through everyone's hard work the entire project has come in under budget.

President Allen went on to say that in order to keep the timeline on track, the next fundraising car has to be kept on schedule regardless of where the sales figures for the first offering are at. Just as with our recently held 2009 Convention, there will be a total of three fundraising cars. The second car is waiting for permission to use a logo and will be under contract very shortly. We are very close to the sales needed to turn a profit. John Upshur volunteered to take a case of trains to York and sell from his table and Dallas Dixon also will take a case to try and sell to members of the Paradise & Pacific club. Chris will have the cars for sale from his table at the GPD TTOM meet in Tucson and Cal-Stewart.

Next up President Allen spoke about the upcoming HO & G gauge auction that is (was) being held the following weekend. This auction is the result of numerous inquiries the Auction Committee has had from estates that are dealing with these types of trains. The Division needs to investigate how popular and profitable this type of auction could be and if more should be scheduled in the future. Results will be

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10 - **Desert Division Meet** - 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Phoenix, AZ

October 10-11 – **RAIL FAIR 2015** – McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park – Scottsdale, AZ

November 1 - **Rio Grande Chapter - PUMPKIN MEET** - 9 AM – 3 PM Sheraton Uptown Hotel Albuquerque, N.M.

Nov. 13 & 14 - **GPD TTOM Toy Train Show** - 1PM – 6 PM Fri & 9 AM – 2PM Sat – Tucson, AZ

announced at the October meeting and published next month in the newsletter.

The fall "Turkey" auction is planned for Thanksgiving Saturday November 28. That auction is full of quality items, some less than a year old. We only advertise one auction at a time so the catalogs for the fall auction will go on sale at the HO/G auction or can be purchased at the October Meet. You can see either Bob Herman or Auction Chair Chet Henry. This promises to be a very exciting auction with lots of surprises, get your catalog and check it out.

Next up was the decision by the Board of Directors not to participate at Rail Fair this year. This was not an easy decision. Since its early design days, the trailer has had a core group of very active supporters, however a majority of them had family or personal commitments that all coincided with Rail Fair this month. A fluke, for sure, but there was not enough other volunteers who signed up that would guarantee the time commitment needed for the setup, running trains during the two day event and teardown.

With this being an election year the Election Committee of Gordon Wilson, Christie Wilson and Steve Bienstock would begin looking for members who wished to serve the Division on the Board of Directors. The committee will begin seeking members for all offices. Nominations will close at the October General meeting. Gordon has an excellent article written about the process elsewhere in this issue explaining the process. Remember that you can nominate yourself if you wish or you do not have to be present at the October meeting when the nominations are presented.

This is also the time of year when nominations for National TCA offices are forwarded to the National TCA Election Committee. Dallas Dixon nominated Jonathan Peiffer for TCA National Vice President. That nomination was seconded and passed unanimously. Beth Stange nominated Christie Wilson for National TCA Secretary. That nomination was also seconded and passed unanimously. The Division Secretary will forward the nominations on to National TCA.

There was no further Old or New Business so the meeting proceeded with the Educational Segment which was quite full this month. Loren Hess gave a wonderful demonstration on how to rework older (a relative term for sure in our hobby) trains that might have blown out expensive electronic boards or never had them in the first place. His system utilizes an on board power source of 18 volts from NiMH battery packs commercially available or scavenged from 18v

drill motors. Loren's demonstration showed both a G scale and Williams O scale now completely remote controlled and not needing any track power at all. He stated that run time was in excess of 2 hours using his battery packs that could be quickly recharge or swapped out.

Dan Palaschak had a Boston and Maine tinsplate passenger car from ETS. Dan has a dealer agreement on these cars that are being sold at blowout prices. Contact him directly for more information.

Barbara Turner had some memorabilia from her recent summer vacation in New England, of which one of the stops was the Kennebunkport Maine Trolley. Barbara collects items from New England companies and she also had on display a King Arthur's Flour Mill car from 1991.

Gordon Wilson had two items, a recently rediscovered K-Line Toy Train Fair truck and Trailer that had an image of the Twin Towers on it. Gordon has decided to keep the item in his collection. He also had a rather large toy tinsplate version of the Bullet train that he road on during a trip to Tokyo in 197.

Ralph Treichel spoke about the surprise birthday trip his children had for him when all of his children got together, some travelling from as far away as Wisconsin, to have a special day with Dad on the Verde Canyon Railroad.

Chris Allen had three of the four variations of the Banquet cars from the recently completed METCA Convention. Chris, who collects and researches TCA Banquet and Convention cars was able to add two variations to his research by acquiring them from Division members who did not collect them. Chris has three of the four that were produced for the convention and is in search of the Jersey Central to complete this year's collection. If you have it I'm sure Chris would like to talk to you about it.

Winners of the Raffle prizes in no particular order; Hudson Ticket Angelo Lautazi, Lionel Monopoly Boxcar Gordon Wilson, Lionel Joshua Cowens Boxcar Mike Dietrich, Weaver Banner Creamery Boxcar Ivan English, Bachmann Union Station rare Desert Division Banquet prize Dan Palaschak, Fire Engine Brody Lazenby, UPS Truck & Taco Truck duo Paul Jenkins, Nice collection of various train books Glenn Gordon. Winner of the Hudson Hundred was present on the first callout, was Bill Richardson who took home the fresh Franklin for supporting the Division and buying a Hudson raffle ticket. One more Hudson Hundred drawing before the Christmas Party. Will it be you?

## PICTURES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEET



No auditorium style seating, since the church had an event planned after our meeting the hall was already setup



Steve Bienstock was an early arrival and we caught him waiting for his first buyer to drop by



Barbara Turner talking about her summer vacation in New England where she had many great stops



Loren Hess talking about bringing new life to otherwise dead trains



Dan Palaschak showing an example of the ETS trains he is helping move done the rails



The happiest man at the meet usually has his hands out holding on to a half of a Franklin, Bill Richardson won last month

## TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – September 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Beth Stange

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Michael Dietrich, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Beth Stange, on teleconference Phil Todd, Greg Palmer and David Nycz

**Approval of Agenda** - The agenda was approved as distributed

**Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes** – The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as amended.

**Treasurers Report** - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account has \$27,799.27 and Checking has \$7740.80. Bob submitted the Income/Expense report for August 2015. Bob noted that Lionel was paid for the C&T car that was just delivered. He also reported that he has recent Ebay sales of \$650.00 from our stock of TCA convention cars.

**Membership Report** - Angelo reported that membership stands at 257 members.

### **Old Business:**

**Rio Grande Fundraiser Sales** – Peter reports sales of 199 cars with 230 being the breakeven point. The cars are now on hand and available for immediate sales. Chris stated that plans are going forward with the 2<sup>nd</sup> fund raising car which will be for 500 units. There continues to be an issue of getting permission to use a desired logo for the car and Peter continues to work on the details and hopefully it will be resolved soon.

**Arizona Toy Train Show** - Chris reported that he was getting many questions on the status of the ATTS and that is why he did a recent article in the newsletter. The article explained the situation with the hotel and why it was decided to skip the show this year. Chris is still searching for a venue where we might be able to hold a swap meet show early in the year.

**The HO and G gauge Auction** - The HO/G gauge auction is set for Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. The hall will be setup on Saturday morning with previewing starting at 10 am. The auction will start with the G gauge in the AM and then the HO in the PM.

### **New Business**

**The Division Module Trailer** -The trailer has been temporarily stored in another unit at no additional cost to the Division so the Auction Committee could work on the auction items. The shed is at capacity with auction items.

**Fall Auction** - The fall November “Turkey” auction has 350 lots of O gauge. Setup is planned for Friday and overnight security is already in place. The Board feels there are several items in the auction that would make for attractive raffle items and will place competitive bids during the auction.

**Winter Auction** - The winter auction is set for Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. Setup is planned for Friday and there will be overnight security. It is at capacity and will feature a nice mix of quality pre-war, postwar, and modern era trains.

**Railfair October 10 & 11** - Mike reported that only 2 members signed to help at Railfair. Chris reminded everyone that the trailer’s “issues” haven’t been corrected yet. After some discussion and taking into account the limited time available to resolve the maintenance and manning problems it was decided the club will not participate this year.

**Fall Elections** - The Division elections are coming up this fall. The Board voted to ask Gordon and Christie Wilson to serve as chairs of the Election Committee.

**For the Good of the Order** - Gordon Wilson has offered to sell the Club a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary TCA convention car set at a very reasonable cost. The Board agreed to the purchase. There was a discussion on possible dates and venues for a Fall Train Swap Meet. It was suggested that large empty commercial stores might be available for a weekend rental similar to the Halloween Stores that pop up at this time of year. Chris will explore the idea.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next board meeting is scheduled to be on October 10<sup>th</sup> at Bob Herman’s home.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

## President's Message

As hard as it might be to believe but the October Meet will be the last General Meeting of the year. Oh there will be plenty of things to keep you busy over the next weeks and months until January comes around but if you miss the October Meet, well I guess we will see you somewhere else down the line.

There is no mini Meet in November, instead plan on taking a short drive down to Tucson and visit many of your fellow club members who will have tables at the GPD TTOM Fall Meet on both Friday and Saturday November 13 and 14. If you have looked at the calendar of events you will see a very busy fall and winter schedule in and around town.

Speaking of a busy schedule, this issue contains the invitation for the Christmas Holiday Party. Many folks have been working behind the scenes for a full year putting together this year's festive party. Fred Hunter was able to secure the Mesa Marriott again this year and we will have a wonderful early evening of fun, fellowship, and friends to help close out the year. Don't delay getting your reservations in; there won't be too many reminders.

As we mentioned last month, the October General Meeting will allow you to nominate anyone (including yourself) who wishes to serve and to be placed on the ballot for our bi-annual election. Terms for all members of the Board of Directors are for two years. Board Meetings are held at various Board members homes throughout the Valley, usually on the Wednesday evening prior to the monthly General Meeting. Meetings last about one hour with a one hour social meet and greet prior to each meeting allowing members time to arrive from work. All Board members are expected to volunteer, chair, or otherwise participate in Division and Chapter activities.

Sound like a lot of work? It is, but it is also a lot of fun working on events that not only our members enjoy but also their whole family. Sometimes a simple idea can turn around a whole event. My favorite of the past year was when Barbara

Lautazi came up with the soup for lunch during our winter auction and the "Souper Bowl" was born.

As of this moment we are working hard to have a train show in mid January or early February. Working in an event on just a handful of days that do not conflict with other clubs events has been quite a challenge. If we can make it happen we will.

A show is where you sell things and an auction is where you can find those things to sell or maybe just upgrade what you already have. We have two huge auctions planned for the next few months and quite honestly both are special in their own way. One will be an operator's delight with so many locomotives and rolling stock you could build your own empire. The inventory runs from postwar up to last year's trains. If you have seen the catalog you know what I am talking about and we haven't even begun to work on the additional items one consignor "found" at the last minute. There is a last minute surprise addition that might just blow your socks off.

The January Auction will feature some high quality items from the pre-war era that we haven't seen in town for a few years along with plenty of items from the modern era to keep everyone happy. We try not to talk too much about any future auction until the current one is complete and in the books, but... The January catalog will go on sale at the November Auction and be available at the Christmas Party and the January Meet. You will not want to miss either auction.

October marks a very special event here in the greater Phoenix area. Almost as far back as the Division was operating we participated in Rail Fair at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale. This year with family commitments by a few members there was not enough volunteers to pick up the slack so we decided not to participate. I hope you will be able to visit the park either day and enjoy the event with family and friends.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Hunter", is located in the bottom right corner of the page. The signature is stylized and cursive.

## RIO GRANDE CHAPTER SEPTEMBER MEET PICTURES



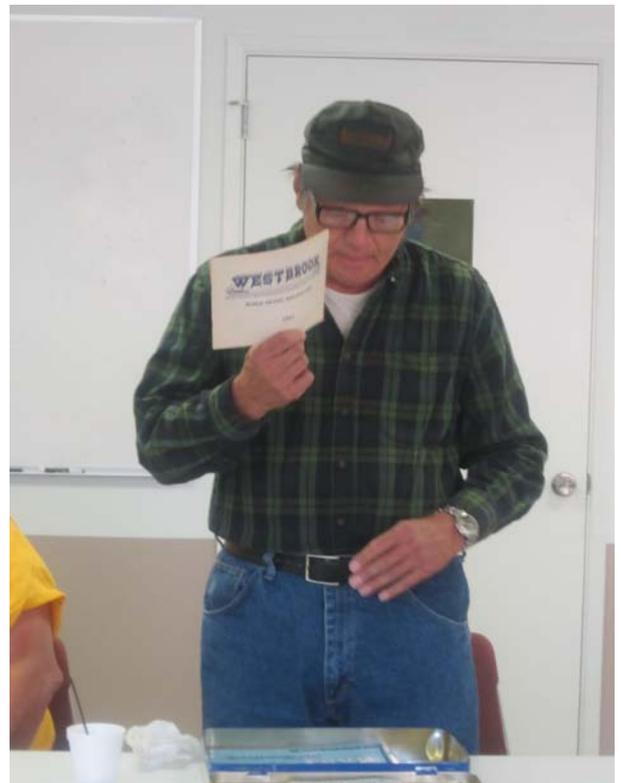
**Jim Trever talks about his Starcom Toy Set**



**Greg Palmer displaying his boxed Lionel 808 set**



**Art Lites displayed a nice Marx set from the 1950's**



**Bill Lubert had a Lionel tin box full of Lionel catalogs dating back to the 1940's**



## TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By David Nycz – TCA 94-38787



The September Rio Grande Chapter meeting was held on September 19, 2015 at Los Altos Christian Church with 17 TCA members attending.

**Show and Tell:** Greg Palmer showed a 4 car Lionel 808 prewar O gauge tinplate accessory set in the original box. He also showed an American Flyer #748 cardboard girder tower trestle set; this uncataloged promotional set was produced in the late 1950s. Next Greg showed a Scalecraft OO hopper from the 1930/1940. These cars were almost identical to Lionel's which Lionel later manufactured, possibly using the Scalecraft cars as an example. Greg's final item was a fraudulent instruction sheet. These are easily duplicated using modern technology.

Jim Trever showed a O gauge Starcom 1980 toy set. These sets were made to promote the Starcom science fiction cartoon show. While the show lasted only one year, the toys were more popular with a huge number of toys produced especially for Europe. Bill Lubert showed a Lionel tin box with old catalogs from the 40's-60's. Art Lites showed a Marx steam freight set from the 1950's. This 3/16<sup>th</sup> S gauge set actually runs on 3 rail O gauge track. Dale Schafer showed and demonstrated a 375 Lionel turntable from 1958-59.

**President's report:** After welcoming back the members David updated them on the Desert Division checking account balance. The checking account was greatly reduced to \$7,740 because of the payment made to Lionel for the C&T boxcars. Also, discussed was the Division's frustrating search to find a new venue for their December swap meet in the Phoenix area.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Kuster reported income of \$80 for tables and \$129 for Thomas the Train Raffle, the Chapters balance in the checking account is \$2,458.05

**Convention chair report:** Elaine Eckstein reported 200 C&T cars were sold we still have 100 to go. The next fundraising car is pending copyright permission.

**Board Members at large:** Greg Palmer was advised of a potential problem with Lionel engines made in China where twisted nuts were used for connections instead of soldering, and then sealed with hot glue. Some of the glue melted in shipment causing conductivity problems. Lionel does not appear to have a good method to track the problem engines from multiple sources.

**Old Business:** Greg Palmer reported that the Chapter board had decided to table the jointed swap meets until after the 2019 Convention. Greg said the TCA was still exploring and working with its insurance company and the TTOS national officers have no interest in holding joint swap meets. David Nycz stated raffle prizes are still needed for our monthly meetings and the Pumpkin Meet. He stated that most members have suitable cars, buildings, books etc. that they don't need or use that could be donated. Jim Trever is donating a train set for the Pumpkin Meet.

The Chapter had a table to sell C&T cars and raffle tickets at the Rail Fair in May. We also had a display with Dale Schafer's pre-war standard gauge passenger set along with Tom Lawler's Magic Mountain Module. For next year's show our sales table will be with the other sales tables and not in the layout room. We had a table at the TTOS convention and sold 12 C&T cars. At the small Socorro meet we had a table and sold 3 C&T cars and raffle tickets. At all three events we handed out Pumpkin meet flyers.

**New business:** Scott Eckstein reported on the slate of officers for election at the January 16, 2016 meeting. President: David Nycz, Vice-President: George Domeny, Secretary: Scott Eckstein, Treasurer: Don Kuster, Board of Directors: Greg Palmer, Jon Spargo, Art Lites. We will have a table at the Open House for the 2926 to sell cars and raffle tickets. David went over duties and requested volunteers for the Pumpkin meet, November 1st. (flyers are being distributed, ads are being placed, emails are going out) We will have a table for selling C&T cars.

**Chapter Shirts:** Chris Wieclaw had donated 30 shirts of various sizes and colors with our Chapter logo. These shirts are free for our members. Chris hopes our members will wear these shirts at the Pumpkin Meet. You may want to wear a shirt under these shirts since it might be cold. (like baseball) Chris Wieclaw phone number is 505-286-0626.

See You at the Pumpkin Meet November 1<sup>st</sup>. Get your table registration in today, tables are selling fast.

**Meeting Dates for 2016 at Los Altos Church 10am:**  
January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, and September 17.

## MORE PICTURES FROM THE OCTOBER MEET



**Gordon Wilson holding onto a nonscale tinplate version of the Bullet Train from a trip to Tokyo in 1997**



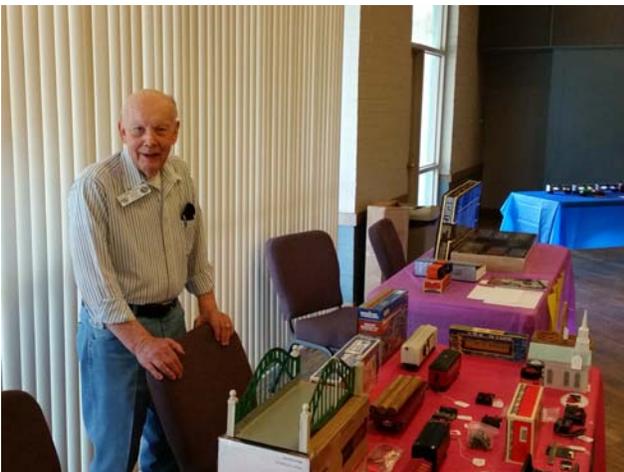
**Just a small part of the display that Barbara Turner brought in from her New England vacation**



**An early crowd just enjoying getting back together after our long summer break**



**Don McCombs just waiting for the buyers to stop drinking coffee and eating donuts**



**John Wiley with his perpetual smile and table full of goodies early in the meet**

### OCTOBER EDUCATIONAL THEME

Okay this should not be a tough one to figure out but if you need a clue let's start out with orange, maybe mix in a little black. Sound like a New Haven to you? What about fall? Or pumpkins? Since we are not having a meeting in November maybe you might want to mix in some pilgrims, turkeys, or a cornucopia of different ideas. In other words just have fun and bring whatever you wish but be prepared for some serious competition for those ten raffle tickets. Remember you could turn that ticket into the last freebie Hudson ticket and if your string of luck holds out, maybe even the last \$100 drawing for the year. Would be quite a story...

## **NOMINATE! RUN!! WIN!!!**

by Gordon Wilson, TCA #76-10233

Absolutely! Positively!! This is an ELECTION year for the Desert Division; and, if you've ever had the remotest thoughts of "I'd like to tell them how to do that" WELL: - this is your chance! All you need to do is follow the three words in the HEADLINE of this article. NOMINATE yourself; then let everyone in the Division know you are RUNning (a Candidate); sit back and hope your campaign will help you WIN.

Here's how to do it. The Nominating Committee has done it, many times over. Just contact any one of them via e-mail or US mail and your name will be on the ballot. The Committee consists of Christie Wilson, former Desert Division Secretary and current TCA National Secretary: [christie1wilson@aol.com](mailto:christie1wilson@aol.com) or 16231 E. Ocotillo Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268; Steve Bienstock, a multi-term former Division Director: [bienstock1@aol.com](mailto:bienstock1@aol.com) or 8465 N. Calle Bello Dr., Paradise Valley, AZ 85253; and Gordon Wilson, a Past Desert Division and TCA National President: [exTCA1@aol.com](mailto:exTCA1@aol.com) or 16231 E. Ocotillo Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.

Every Desert Division position is available. This includes President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Directors-at-large. There is a 4<sup>th</sup> Directorship, which goes automatically to the President of the Rio Grande Chapter.

For anyone living outside the Phoenix-metropolitan area, do not feel distance eliminates you

from being an officer. If you cannot attend a once-a-month meeting in person, we have a call-in phone system available. This has worked very well since being added to accommodate the Director from the Rio Grande Division. It can therefore work to accommodate any Division member from any geographic area.

If elected, what are your obligations? Presuming everyone knows the basic definitions of President through Secretary and Treasurer, that leaves just Director. Directors perform miscellaneous duties as defined by the President, generally as major assistants in coordinating those events which help our Division be so socially and financially successful.

We will need to know your intent about which office you wish to contend for on or before the date of our next meet, October 10, 2015. We will open the floor at the meet for nominations on that day. It will be the final day for anyone to submit such a desire to seek an office for 2016-17. The ballot will appear in the November issue of the DISPATCH, and all ballots must be postmarked by November 30, 2015. Winners will be announced at the Holiday Party December 6th.

Don't miss your opportunity. Submit your name now to be sure you are on the ballot. NOMINATE! RUN! WIN!!

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## **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY TIME**

Yes, we know, it's still hot outside but if you have made a recent trip to Costco or just about any other retailer for that matter you most likely have already seen Christmas displays springing up. Since the annual Christmas Holiday Party happens many weeks before the actual event that means you need to mark your calendar and get your reservations in now. In fact with no Division Meet to remind you in November it wouldn't be a bad idea to fill out the form and hand it to Ralph or Sally Treichel at the October Meet.

The Holiday Party will be held on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Mesa Marriott Hotel starting at 4 PM for the Meet and Greet with Dinner service starting at 5 PM. We have had outstanding service and

food from the staff at the Marriott for years and Fred Hunter worked out a great contract for us to return again. The Holiday Committee has been busy working hard as well getting the members and guest presents wrapped up and of course you know the centerpiece auction is always a great way to end the festive day.

The menu will be carved Prime Rib Au Jus or Southwestern Chicken with Pepper Jack Cream Sauce, along with Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, and Garden Salad along with dinner rolls. You know we can't have a party without dessert so don't fret, it will be there, will you?

You will find the registration form in this edition of the newsletter so don't delay, get it in today.

# 2015 HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Mesa Marriott  
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4:00 PM: Meet and Greet (cash bar available)

5:00 PM: Dinner

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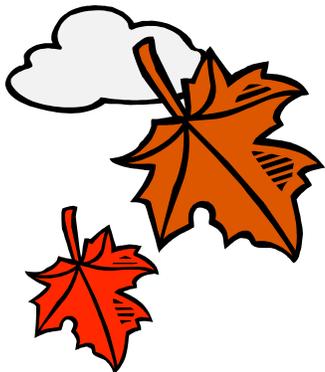
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Just part of what the Hall looked like for the HO/G Auction held September 19



Here is another view, this shot looking at more of the HO side of the auction. It was a busy day for the Auction crew with over 200 lots going under the hammer

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