

TCA Mission: To develop an appreciation of and to preserve an important segment of history – Tinplate Toy Trains –through research, education, community outreach, fellowship, establishment of collecting standards, and to promote the growth and enjoyment of collecting and operating toy, model and scale trains.



Desert Division

DISPATCH

ARIZONA • NEW MEXICO • WEST TEXAS



Visit our Website: www.tcadd.org

Volume 45, No. 2

February 2016

A “SOUPER” START

What a great start to the year! We had the Annual Business meeting combined with our first general meet and our first auction of the year within a few weeks of each other to kick off January and the brand new year. We are required to have an annual business meeting each year as part of our Bylaws and to comply with IRS statutes. While it can be boring it is also very important to fully disclose all of our financial obligations to those members in attendance. We will cover all that shortly.

We have been suffering through an unusual El Niño winter here so it was great to be greeted by a nice cup of coffee courtesy of Janet Mattern our coffee chair extraordinaire. The meeting was very well attended with many of our regular members who visit us each winter in attendance. The Gadsden Pacific T.T.O.M. was having their January Meet down in Tucson and some of our members were either buying, selling or most likely both the same day we held our meeting but we still had a great meeting.

President Allen brought the meeting to order sharply at 10:00 AM and announced that we needed to clear the Hall by noon since another group had reserved it for the afternoon.

Secretary Angelo Lautazi reported that we currently have 256 Division members. Since it is the start of a new year Angelo also reminded those that dues are due for the upcoming year and to contact him to see if your dues are expired. (Editor’s note; look at your current mailing label to see when your dues expire) Members have until the end of February to pay their dues so an accurate roster can be mailed in March.

Chris announced that the Division will begin an active campaign to recruit members who have fallen off the National TCA membership list and other members who are TCA members but not active dues paying members in the Division.

Treasurer Bob Herman reported the Savings Account had a balance of \$27,800.42 and Checking has \$14,213.24.

Chris thanked Bob, and opened the Annual Business Meeting that is required by both TCA National and our Division Bylaws. He first addressed the shrinking membership that was discussed last year and the efforts to grow membership. Chris noted the efforts of Dallas Dixon at the Paradise & Pacific, who tirelessly promotes TCA to fellow club members stating it is not just up to the officers to fix this problem.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 13 – **Division Meet** – 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Phoenix, AZ
- February 20 - **Rio Grande Chapter Meet** – Albuquerque, NM
- March 5 – GCMR Cactus Winter Meet – 9 AM – 1 PM North Phoenix Baptist Church – Phoenix, AZ
- March 12 - **Division Meet** - 8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Phoenix, AZ
- March 19 - **Rio Grande Chapter Meet** - Albuquerque, NM
- April 2 **Multi-Club Spring Picnic** – Stillman Ramada – McCormick-Stillman RR Park Scottsdale, AZ

The Division's membership is scattered with 31 calling some state other than Arizona or New Mexico home. There are 41 members in New Mexico and 184 members in Arizona of which 139 live within the Valley of the Sun. The dues will continue to be \$10/yr payable up to five years in advance.

Using Bob's treasurer report as a reference Chris next spoke on the planned expenses for the upcoming year. First he spoke on the fact that after consultation with John Upshur and other members he was unable to find a chairman for the Train Show for 2016. Because of that fact the Board of Directors decided not to enter into a contract with the Marriott Renaissance Hotel in Glendale. In its place the Division will look for a smaller facility to host a smaller train meet. Dates and locations are currently being investigated, with a planned fall show that will be in a smaller and less expensive facility.

President Allen then spoke of the two fundraisers currently underway to support the 2019 National TCA Convention in Albuquerque New Mexico. The first, the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad Boxcar has sold 223 cars. It is a few cars short of breaking even and there are no more expenses planned so we should begin to generate a profit from this car very soon.

The second car, a Lionel first, is a mint car that features a glowing and pulsing load. This unique car showcases the accomplishment of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories. With no advertising to date sales have already begun and it is expected that this car will be a complete sellout before the shipment is received from Lionel this summer. As with the first, presales of the car are expected to minimize the cost to the Division prior to the Lionel invoice coming due for payment.

Chris explained that the timetable to produce three fundraising cars was set years ago taking into consideration all of the deadlines not only to produce the car but to advertise and ship them. The final car of the program is set for 2017, since we cannot have a fundraising car that competes with convention car sales that are scheduled to begin in June 2018.

Chris next fielded questions from the members present about membership growth, the plans for a train meet in the fall, and the fund raising efforts. With all the questions satisfactory answered President Allen closed the Annual Business Meeting and began the monthly general meeting.

Everyone was reminded that the Souper Bowl Auction was all set. Members were encouraged to sign up to bring their favorite soup or chili or to just come out and have a great time. Chris also mentioned that because the picnic will be in April, the May Meet will be the Pizza Meetza member auction.

Because time was running short Chris turned it over to the Educational segment. Angelo Lautazi spoke about how and why he began collecting scale cars, Jon Hinderer brought in a McCoy Desert Division car from 1976, Roland LaHaie had another great Christmas this one with a Hiawatha and an American Flyer that was much delayed but worth the wait. Jonathan Peiffer had (wait for it) a scale Pennsy E7, and Roger Meekhof coming from points east travelled light with some unusual paper catalogs.

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order; Bob Miazga - Lionel Reefer, Dave Kuszynski - Lionel Duluth Boxcar, Bob Dennison - Lionel flat w trailer, Roger Meekhof - Lionel ore car, Loren Hess - Train clock, Marty Wik - Flyer car, Beth Stange - Puzzle, Chet Henry - Coke cars



Roger Meekhof, who is spending a few months in the Valley, brought some interesting paper to share



Jonathan Peiffer relating the story about the Pennsy "diesel killer" E7's and showed the scale variations of two models



Before the Meet Angelo Lautazi and new Board member Terry Haas discuss some sales pointers



Meanwhile Dave Brown, Marty Wik, and Bill East discuss the unusually cold January weather we are having



Very big turnout for the January meet and annual Division Business Meeting



Secretary Lautazi keeping good notes while President Allen outlines the year ahead



Division member Jon Hinderer, visiting from Michigan, displays the McCoy Desert Division commemorative boxcar from 1976



Without a doubt Rolland LaHaie has an inside track to Santa Claus each year. Not only did he score this year, but also something from his wish list years ago!

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – January 6, 2016

Prior to the meeting the ballots for the third Director at Large office were counted. Counting the ballots were Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, and Angelo Lautazi

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Chris Allen

In Attendance; Chris Allen, Mike Dietrich, Bob Herman, Angelo Lautazi, Paul Wassermann, Terry Haas and Scott Russell. On teleconference Greg Palmer and David Nycz

Results of the Runoff Election – The results of the runoff election were announced with Terry Haas voted to fill the third Director at Large position. Chris thanked both members for running and invited Scott Russell to stay as a guest for the meeting which he did.

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

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 256 members. A dues reminder has been sent by email. All dues should be sent to the Secretary. Paul suggested that members could reach out to out of state TCA acquaintances and invite them to join the Desert Division.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported the Savings Account has \$27,800.42 and Checking has \$14,213.24. Bob submitted the Income/Expense report for Dec. 2015. Funds from the C&T car sales are included in these figures which will be adjusted based on sales and recorded expenses to date. Bob reviewed the results of the November auction (in the black) and the Holiday party (in the red). There was discussion on members & spouse gifts for the holiday party as these items are the expenses that put the party in the red. Chris will discuss options with the other clubs officers involve. The 2016 Budget will be discussed as New Business.

Old Business:

BOD Meetings - The tradition of a rotating BOD meeting at various officers homes was continued as board members selected the dates that they would host a board meeting. There are two open dates that will need to be filled.

BOD Annual Dinner - There was a discussion as to whether the traditional no-host dinner should be continued. Chaparral Suites was sold and under new management and many on the board felt it was time for a new venue. Paul volunteered to check out several restaurants that might work for us.

Committee Chairs 2016 - Editor of the Newsletter – Chris Allen, Webmaster – Angelo Lautazi , Auction Chairman – Chet Henry , Holiday Party – Barbara Lautazi . Chris will continue to publish the newsletter but would like some help from an Editor. Train Meet Chairman remains vacant

New Business

Arizona Toy Train Show 2016 – Chris reported on his conversation with John Upshur and other members to chair the Train Show for 2016. A few volunteered to be chair for the old fashion Train Meet but not the show concept. Without a chair it was decided to pursue having a train meet. We still need to find a suitable facility but a smaller site could be utilized. The event date will need to be coordinated with established contracts for the auction and Christmas Party.

2016 Budget - Bob submitted a proposed operating budget for 2016. Bob will amend the budget after a venue for the train meet is known, until then the budget will reflect the ATTS. After much discussion the budget was approved as submitted.

Holiday Party – The contract for the Christmas Holiday Party is set for Sunday Dec 4th 2016 at the Mesa Marriott.

2016 Income Generators & Events; "Souper Bowl" January 30th Auction - Have a signup sheet at Saturday's meet for the soup list. **Hudson Raffle** – there will be 3 options for the winner this year, a postwar Hudson, a modern Hudson or \$750.

Spring Raffle – No Spring raffle this year so as not to dilute other raffles and events. **Spring Picnic** – the annual picnic is set for Saturday April 2nd the Stillman Ramada has been reserved. **Pizza Meetza** – Members only auction will be held on May 14th.

Rio Grande Fundraising Cars - The C&T program needs to sell the remaining inventory. A trip to the Chama when the railroad reopens in the spring might be the best course of action. The Los Alamos mint car sales are underway. New advertising for this car should highlight the uniqueness of its "glowing load". There will be ads in the March CTT and the TCA National Headquarter News. Other free advertising methods such as YouTube videos were discussed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. This is the last Board meeting for 2015. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on February 10, 2016 at the home of Paul Wassermann.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

President's Message

Well we are off to a new year and as promised there is a lot on deck for 2016. But before I get too far off track I would like to thank all of you for your well wishes during my recent "downtime". I went in for my post-op "tune-up" and can report that all is well, so the next time we meet I will be my old normal self. Thank you so much for all those who picked up my slack the past six weeks.

We started out the New Year with a glorious Meet early in the month followed by an auction as only the Desert Division could hold. What more can be said about the "Souper Bowl"? So many thanks to the members and their wives who brought in their favorite soup or chili. We even had a nice contribution of homemade corn bread. Everyone brought what they could or wanted to showcase. The long distance chef award must belong to Bonnie Rudy, who along with husband Steve, not only attended the auction, but brought in soup all the way down from Prescott Valley!

We had a very good turnout, with our highest ever number of registered bidders. Members who attended came from Las Vegas as well as New Mexico and even our winter visitor members from far away New York City, Frank Pizzaia, and Roger Meekhof from Michigan were there along with Division members from all over the state of Arizona.

Chet Henry and the auction crew worked double (triple) duty with many of them helping to lot the trains for the auction in early January, set up the auction the day before, and then run the auction itself, not resting until not only the bidders were packed up with their new treasures, but the hall cleaned and all the trash taken care of. Peter Atonna again emceed the event and kept the auction moving along while Janet Mattern had the coffee flowing and fresh donuts available for the preview crowd.

But the highlight of the day was all the homemade lunch delights. Most in attendance went back for seconds and many did thirds. With so many choices it was hard to decide who could be crowned the

"best chef of the day" because most of the crock-pots were empty. But judging from all the smiling contented faces I saw, I believe all those folks enjoying lunch were clearly the winners. Thank you all who participated in making the day a success.

During the annual business meeting I mentioned some of the challenges that lay ahead not only for the Division but also for TCA. At National I continue to work with others to keep the budget tight while working to improve member benefits. Locally we work hard to keep the social network of our community of train friends intact. Online shopping might reduce your need to purchase trains at a meet, but there is little that can compare to swapping stories and sharing a cup of coffee with friends who really care and share similar interests that you do.

Our membership continues to spiral down to where we have reached a level we haven't seen in two decades. In fact if you take out our active Rio Grande Chapter members, the numbers are quite alarming. The effort to rebuild our membership cannot lie on just a few officers or the Board of Directors coming up with a magical event that will draw thousands of people through our doors. People become members through a personal invitation and a commitment by all of us to see that they become involved. I hope you will join with me this year and make a serious effort to invite one of your friends to our meetings, picnic, or auction and let them share the joy that you have in this great hobby.

There has been a lot of interest in bringing back more of the workshops that we had last year featuring simple repairs that you can make or construction tips for your layout. On deck will be a hot foam cutting class to help those of us who need to learn this technique to enhance the beauty of our layouts. Also scheduled this Spring will be a class on replacing your incandescent lamps on your layout or accessories to longer lasting LED's. Do you have other ideas or things you would like to learn? Let me know!



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL PICTURES



Chris Wieclaw's showed an American Flyer steam engine #1680 and a 800 series Lionel crane car and gondola



Warren Smalley displayed his Aristocraft G gauge REA Express reefer



Greg Palmer showing some antique train light bulbs and in the foreground an American Flyer 5008P chrome engine. He also brought the aluminum passenger cars from 1950



Jim Trever showed showed various Lionel HO military cars and accessories.



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By David Nycz – TCA 94-38787



The January Rio Grande Chapter meeting was held on January 16, 2015 at Los Altos Christian Church with 21 TCA members attending. The meeting began with show and tell.

Show and Tell: David Nycz showed 1/18 die cast metal cars he received from his brother-in-law that will be donated to the Pumpkin Meet raffle. Everett Hagan showed the cloth coffee cup warmers he received and is re-gifting to the raffle prizes. Greg Palmer showed antique train light bulbs from the early 20s. These 20 volt bulbs could be used in toy trains and were hand blown glass. A Lionel 2814 rare 1941 rubber stamped box car, an AF 5008P chrome engine and extruded aluminum passenger cars from 1950. The loco was unpainted and rubber stamped. He also had a 198 IVES transition gondola by Lionel. Chris Wieclaw showed a 3 rail AF steam engine number 1680 with scale wheels added and an 800 series Lionel crane car and gondola. Jim Trevor showed various Lionel HO military cars. Many used the same components as the larger O gauge military cars. Jim discussed original parts verses reproduction parts. Also, the 0850 (HO) missile launcher is the same as the O gauge model. But the exploding box car was HO size (Missile overkill) in the original box.

Next on the agenda was the election of officers. The slate of officers presented to membership: President-David Nycz: Vice-President-George Domeny: Treasurer-Don Kuster: Secretary-Scott Eckstein: Board of Directors: Greg Palmer, Art Lites, and Jon Spargo. The motion to approve the slate by the membership was approved with no other candidates stepping forward.

President's report: 2015 was a good year for the Chapter; hopefully 2016 will be even better. Our biggest challenge is to recruit new members. From the Division board meeting the Desert Division has 252 members, while there are 320 TCA members within our boundaries. The Divisions savings balance is \$27,800 with \$14,213 in checking excluding the Chapters balance.

Treasurer's Report: Don Kuster reported the Chapter currently has \$3,097. Also, we had a successful Pumpkin Meet which had a total attendance of 253 in

2015 versus 201 in 2014 with a net profit of \$363.75 versus \$229.15 (2014) and a loss of \$55.56 (2013).

The Chapter begins 2016 with \$3,097 versus \$2,252 in 2015. A successful Pumpkin Meet, train set raffle and Division dues made for a good year. Thanks to all the members who helped during the year and the Pumpkin Meet participants. Thanks to Don Kuster for his excellent bookkeeping, and to the officers for their efforts. Thanks to Chris Wieclaw for contributing Chapter T-shirts for our members.

Old Business: The Cumbres and Toltec car sales appear to be stalled at 222 cars with break even now projected at 226 cars including PayPal expenses (\$3.00 per car). Possible ways to boost sales were discussed.

New business: The Los Alamos cars are now available for ordering. These feature a first for mint cars with a blinking lighted load. 500 cars have been ordered with a projected 420 break even. Order forms were passed out noting that paying by check saves the club almost \$3.00 per car. Summer delivery is expected.

The Board has decided to attend the same other train related events as last year adding the Rails Along the Rio Grande. (This was 2014's best raffle ticket sales site)

Desert Division dues are payable to Phoenix. Forms were passed out. The Chapter members Division dues will be graciously returned to the Chapter to help keep our membership costs down. I would like to thank the Desert Division BOD for keeping this in place.

Art Lites presented 2 new options for the Pumpkin Meet location. Both locations presented advantages and disadvantages. A motion from the membership was passed to continue the Sheraton Uptown location.

The January meeting was a very good meeting due to the show and tell, good financial news, and lively discussion about Pumpkin Meet locations. I would encourage Chapter members who don't normally attend to join us for an inexpensive good time and fellowship. Non Chapter TCA members and potential new TCA members are welcome to attend a meeting.

Finally, all Chapter members who are not receiving emails please send your email address to Jim Trevor at prairie_dog5@yahoo.com

PICTURES FROM THE "SOUPER" BOWL AUCTION



What a beautiful row of preand postwar trains all lined up and waiting for the preview crowd



Part of the auction crew chatting with some of the bidders during the lunch break



The reason we had a successful Auction, the hard working behind the scenes cooks. From Left to Right; Laurel Allen, Barbara Lautazi, Katie Elgar, Phil Todd, Paul Malek, Bev Locke, Bonnie Rudy, Judy Miagza, and Christie Wilson (not shown Janet Mattern)



Although it is hard to tell in this photograph as part of his auction rules and crowd warm-up, Peter Atonna began the auction holding up the Los Alamos Mint Car prototype for everyone to see. Peter actually made a few sales of the car before the auction began!

DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of year again. Desert Division dues are due. How do you know whether you owe dues? Look at your address label. If it is highlighted in pink, you owe dues. Please remit \$10 per year for up to five years in advance in a check made payable to Desert Division – TCA and include it in an envelope with the Registration Form which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Dispatch. If you don't want to pull apart your newsletter you may also print out the form from the Desert Division website. Visit TCADD.ORG and click on the "How to Join" button on the left, at the bottom of that page is the link for the current Registration Form. Mail forms and checks to Angelo Lautazi, Division Secretary, at 6109 E. Sonoran Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85266 on or **before February 29, 2016**. You may also save yourself postage if you wish to bring it to the January Meet or auction. Please insure that all your personal information including phone numbers and email address are correct as that will help us create the Desert Division roster and membership cards which will be distributed in March.

FEBRUARY EDUCATIONAL SEGMENT ANNOUNCED

Well the January Educational Segment was a real blast so let's see what you can come up with for February. This is a real special month since it only happens once every four years, of course, Leap Day or Leap Year. Now I've tried to figure out how to use either or both and I have come up blank. If you can use it to a train theme you're a better man than I. Of course the month starts out with Ground Hog Day so rather than going for the obvious Valentine's Day, I Love Trains and pink or red motif, let's do it Bill Murray style and relive or redo the same thing over and over. Can you bring in examples of the same car done by different manufacturers? Maybe the same locomotive done and redone over the years. Of course the educational segment is wide open to anything you want to bring and does not have to follow our suggested theme at all. Sometimes the surprises are better than the planned events. So bring what you'd like to share with all of us, the educational segment is always fun to share your treasures or experiences with everyone.

TCA JOINS AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

Your Regular Amazon Buying Can Aid TCA Financially
Chris Allen TCA 95-40580

The Train Collectors Association is now a participant with AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com.

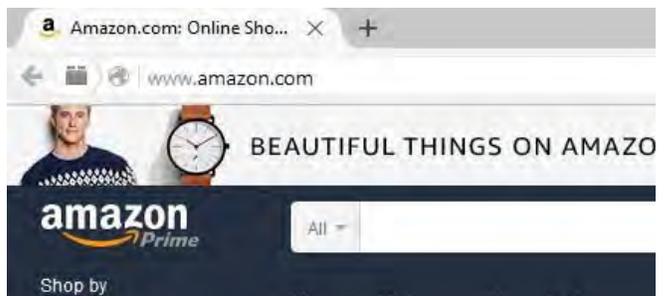
The difference is that when customers shop at AmazonSmile, the Amazon Smile Foundation donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

You use your regular Amazon.com username and password. There are no costs to you or TCA, you enjoy the same low prices and selections that Amazon is famous for, but at checkout .5% of your purchase is donated to the Train Collectors Association by Amazon.

The process to signing up is quite simple. I registered my account, Laurel's account and my father's account in less than ten minutes *for all three!* After I was done I also changed everyone's bookmark to also go to the Amazon Smile site. It's easy to check before you begin shopping.

The process is simple. First login into smile.amazon.com using your regular login and password. Next under Your account select Change Charity and type in Train Collectors Association. On

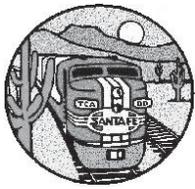
the next screen select TCA, Strasburg PA and you are done. From then on simply log into your Amazon account via smile.amazon.com and your purchases start helping TCA.



This was what my Amazon account looked like before I joined the Amazon Smile Program



Now I log in at smile.amazon.com and my screen looks like this. Notice it shows that I am supporting the Train Collectors Association



Desert Division Membership Form



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____ TCA No. _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Dues are \$10.00 per year. (Members may pay up to 5 years in advance). No of Years: X \$10.00 =

A Desert Division Badge is \$10.00 (optional):

Make your check payable to: **TCA - Desert Division** Enclosed Total =

How would you prefer to receive your Newsletter? By E-Mail (Color Pages)
 By Reg. Mail (Black&White)

Please Indicate Your Hobby Preferences from the Categories Below. Check All that Apply.

TRAIN ERA

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Prewar (1850=1942) | <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Ives | <input type="checkbox"/> 23L. LGB | <input type="checkbox"/> 23DD. Fleischmann |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Postwar (1945-1969) | <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Dorfan / Fandor | <input type="checkbox"/> 23M. Marklin | <input type="checkbox"/> 23EE. Carette |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Modern (1970-present) | <input type="checkbox"/> 19. MTH | <input type="checkbox"/> 23N. Metzel | <input type="checkbox"/> 23FF. Eastwood Auto |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Scale / NMRA | <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Williams | <input type="checkbox"/> 23O. Mini-Scale | <input type="checkbox"/> 23GG. Amer. Model S Ga. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Standard | <input type="checkbox"/> 21. K-Line | <input type="checkbox"/> 23P. Phoenix Ltd. | <input type="checkbox"/> 23HH. Downs S Gauge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. G or #1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 22. AMT / Kusan | <input type="checkbox"/> 23Q. Plasticville | <input type="checkbox"/> 23II. Colber |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. O or O-27 Tinplate | <input type="checkbox"/> 23. Other - Please Specify | <input type="checkbox"/> 23R. Littletown/Skyline | <input type="checkbox"/> 23JJ. Unique |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. S | <input type="checkbox"/> 23A. Basset / Lowke | <input type="checkbox"/> 23S. Pride Lines | <input type="checkbox"/> 23KK. Sakai |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. HO | <input type="checkbox"/> 23B. Bing | <input type="checkbox"/> 23T. REA / Aristo-Craft | <input type="checkbox"/> 23LL. Bowser |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. OO / American | <input type="checkbox"/> 23C. Boucher | <input type="checkbox"/> 23U. Right-O-Way | <input type="checkbox"/> 23MM. T-Reproductions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. N | <input type="checkbox"/> 23D. Bub / Karl | <input type="checkbox"/> 23V. Rokal | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Z | <input type="checkbox"/> 23E. Buddy-L | <input type="checkbox"/> 23W. Voltamp | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Live Steam | <input type="checkbox"/> 23F. Carlisle / Finch | <input type="checkbox"/> 23X. Weaver | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 23G. Elletren | <input type="checkbox"/> 23Y. McCoy | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 23H. Hafner | <input type="checkbox"/> 23Z. Nationwide | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 23I. Hoge | <input type="checkbox"/> 23AA. USA Trains | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 23J. Hornby | <input type="checkbox"/> 23BB. S-Helper Service | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 23K. Issmayer | <input type="checkbox"/> 23CC. Astor | |

MANUFACTURER

- 14. American Flyer / Gilbert
- 15. Lionel / Winner
- 16. Marx / Mars / Allstate

PERIPHERALS

- 26. Figures
 - 27. Toys
 - 28. Paper / Books
 - 29. Buildings
 - 30. Railroadiana
- Do You Have a Layout?**
 24. YES 25. NO

Member or Applicant's Signature

Date

Mail to: **Angelo Lautazi**, Div. Secretary
6109 E Sonoran Trl
Scottsdale, AZ 85266

**“ONE OF ARIZONA’S LARGEST
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS”**
**THE CACTUS
WINTER MEET**



SATURDAY, MARCH 5th, 2016

9 AM - 1 PM \$6/PERSON \$11/FAMILY

(\$1.00 off cards and coupons available - next to large Farmers Market!)

NORTH PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP CENTER

5757 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

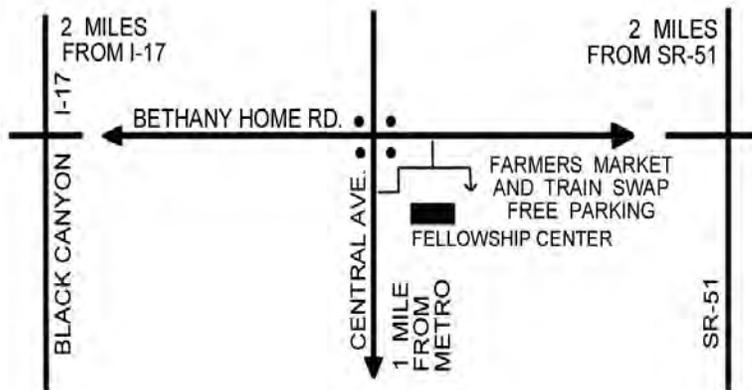
**Aggressive Promotion, All Scales,
Great Location, Train Layouts,
Test Track, Food Available, Raffles
Free Parking, “End-O-Swap” Auction**

Presented by your pal Casey Cactus and the
GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILRODERS

To reserve your space and required admission name
 badges, submit this form by February 26, 2016

No refunds after February 26, 2016.

Set-up opens at 6:00 AM Please print form legibly.



Name	
Address	
City	State Zip
Phone	Email
Buying, selling, ethics and behavior: In case of dispute, the Meet Chairperson and/or impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairperson shall arbitrate the dispute and render a timely decision and I hereby agree to be bound by such decision. I will not pack until 1:00 PM. Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.	
Signature	Date
Make check payable to: “Grand Canyon Model Railroaders” Mail to: John Draftz, 1507 W Willow Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029 or Credit cards accepted via PayPal - Visit www.gcmrr.org Email: info@gcmrr.org Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457; Glenn Saber 602-956-6695	

\$25 per 8' banquet table
 (Bring a table cover, if desired)

How many tables? _____

Amount enclosed? \$ _____

Request? _____

Will you participate in the auction?
 Seller? _____ Buyer? _____

Admission Name Badges
 1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____
 3 or more tables = 4 badges max.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

More badges available at \$5.00 each



COME TO NEW MEXICO!

and help us celebrate the 2019 TCA Convention
with this second in a series of Commemorative Cars

Recognizing the **LOS ALAMOS SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY** as they deliver science and technology to protect our nation



First ever - Lionel mint car
featuring a glowing,
pulsing secret shipment!

Order yours now!
Expected delivery: Summer 2016

Please send me:

_____ cars @79.99ea
Shipping @\$10 per car

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Order online at: tcadd.org
Or, make checks to: DESERT DIVISION and mail to:
25375 N. Feather Mountain Rd. Paulden, AZ 86334

RAILROAD



-CHANGE



ARENELL SERVICE & REPAIR - FACTORY AUTHORIZED MTH AND LIONEL SERVICE.....WE HAVE MOVED!!!! NEW LOCATION 1825 E. LAUREL ST. MESA AZ 85203..CALL RAY 602-565-6603 FOR SERVICE APPOINTMENT. Repairs on Postwar Lionel, MPC, LTI as well as MTH "O" Gauge and "G" Gauge. Discounts to members of all local clubs. I pay cash for train collections old or new, large or small. Huge inventory of **DEPARTMENT 56** pieces on hand starting at \$5.00. VISA & M/C

BUILDING A LAYOUT? - We can furnish all GarGraves products at discount prices. Flex and sectional track, uncoupling tracks, and accessories in all gauges; the new 072 and 100" and 042 switches; DZ1000, Rix, and Tortoise switch motors, Acme controls, NJ signals, and the new Z Stuff optical crossings. For a list, contact Peter Atonna 928-636-4228 or e-mail at mjatonna@gmail.com.

BURLING'S TON OF TRAINS - Authorized Lionel, MTH, K-LINE & Mantua Dealer. With the largest selection of Post-War through new Lionel in Arizona, we invite you to see our different "Set of the Month" each month. We also buy trains. Hours are 11 AM to 5 PM, M - F and by appointment. 16924 E. Colony Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268 Phone: 480-816-6501 Website: www.tonoftrains.com **AUTHORIZED LIONEL SERVICE CENTER**

GERRY'S TRAINS - Parts & repair service for Lionel, American Flyer, standard gauge pre & post war and Marklin HO trains. I buy old trains and toys, one piece or entire collections. Gerry Klei, 8608 E. Cheryl Dr., Scottsdale, AZ Phone 480- 998-5349

THE TRAIN STATION - Mountain Lakes, NJ. Top 10 Authorized Lionel and AF Sales and Service since 1974. New, Used, Bought, Sold, Repaired. 973-263-1979 www.train-station.com.

ARIZONA TOY TRAIN REPAIR - Complete parts and repair service for ONLY Lionel postwar and prewar trains and accessories at reasonable rates by a long-time hobbyist. Rapid turnaround usually within a week, if parts are in stock - two weeks or less if parts need to be ordered. Repairs guaranteed for a year. Occasionally postwar items for sale. Complete access to Lionel postwar and prewar service and operating documents at central Phoenix' only Lionel repair facility. TCA members mention this ad and get the first hour of labor FREE. Tony Ford, 5547 N. 10th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85013 (602)369-5938

3rd RAIL & GOLDEN GATE DEPOT DISCOUNTED TRAINS: Now accepting pre-orders for the 10 car Sunset Limited for the first time in true scale O! Introducing the first 17" true scale Harriman cars in many roads. Also new, SD7s & SD9s in too many roads to list. Budd Slumbercoaches for the first time in O with only 50 reservations remaining. Call Jonathan Peiffer at 602.561.4131. Your Arizona authorized 3rd Rail and GGD Dealer. Now accepting credit cards.

Lionel and American Flyer Parts - Expanded selection now includes numerous parts for postwar locomotives including pilot wheels, trucks, and side rods - Call or stop by my table - DeLon Freije 701-331-2837

FOR SALE Weaver GACX 42692 Speckles Sugar Hopper Nor-Cal Banquet Car Sold @ Banquet for \$225. Now \$49 Please call/email for additional info and bargains. Dannie Martin 520-360-0519 dannieaz@cox.net

FOR SALE: Greenberg's Guide to Lionel Standard and 2-7/8" Gauges, 1901-1940. \$100 plus \$7.00 shipping. Please call Bruce Greenberg, 703-461-6991, 9-9 Eastern to order or visit his web site, www.sykesvillehistory.us

FOR SALE: Lionel 6-24177 Balloon Ride \$200/obo - K Line UP MP-15 Switcher w/lighted caboose \$80 - Lionel 6-52078 TTOS 30th Anniversary SD9 w/matching SP Division caboose \$175 - Scale O 6-52500 Desert Division ATSF Grand Canyon Reefer \$50, Lionel 6-18562 SP GP9 w/TMCC \$150 - 356 Freight Station w/carts no box \$50- Chris Allen 480-820-9559 sparkyshome@cox.net

WANTED: Neon Lionel sign used in hobby stores - I have the bell now I am looking for a cradle and yoke for a 12" locomotive bell - semaphore working or pieces - Call me Chris Allen 480-820-9559 sparkyshome@cox.net

This page is provided as a service to our members for trading among themselves on a space available basis. Contact them directly for items listed above. Contact Editor when your item sells so space can be made available to other members. ****DEADLINE FOR AD's - THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH****

THE BACK PAGE

FOR THINGS THAT DIDN'T FIT ELSEWHERE or BREAKING NEWS

More Souper Bowl Auction Pictures



With the preview underway everyone is getting their bidders card and checking their list



Janet Mattern busy in the kitchen making sure the coffee is ready for the preview crowd



Too many choices or do I already have one?



It was a full house with the most bidders ever for an auction with many of our out of state members participating as well

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?

The 62nd [TCA National Convention](#)

Houston, Texas



DIVISION MEET LOCATION

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
1500 W. Maryland Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85015



Click the
button to
follow us on
Facebook