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PICNIC TIME!

Well when it is officially springtime in Phoenix you know the annual multi-club picnic is right around the corner. Actually it started on a dark cold November 1st at 6:45 AM when Bill Lazenby and Jack Eaton stood out in the cold morning air being the first in line to secure the Stillman Ramada for all of the clubs to enjoy in April. Without their dedication, we most likely would be hosting it somewhere besides the largest Ramada there is in the Railroad Park. Those of you who get the newsletter electronically will get this before the picnic, those of you who have to wait for the mailman, well we hope you remembered because I am sure we will have great weather and a great time. Be sure to read all about it in next month's issue of the newsletter.

It was nice to see so many faces at the March meeting. With all the cold weather everywhere else many of our winter visitors have stayed put for another month and I can't say as if I'd to blame them for that. President Allen called the meeting to order promptly at 10:00 AM and remarked at the overflow crowd of table sellers.

It's always a nice problem to have when we need to dig up extra free tables for our members.

Secretary Lautazi reported that we have had a membership drop of 15 members who did not renew their dues. A few we knew about, others were a bit of a surprise. We do understand that life sometimes gets in the way of this hobby, but we plan to still be here when those members have time to rejoin our ranks again. Angelo reported that our membership count is 236 going forward for 2017.

Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings account now holds \$27,803.21 and the Checking has a balance of \$5,093.83. Bob also reported that he did send a check for \$7,500 to the 2019 Convention Committee treasurer John Trever, from the proceeds of the first two fundraising cars Peter Atonna orchestrated.

With that segue, Chris reminded everyone that Christie Wilson was running for re-election as National Secretary and the same Peter Atonna was running for the office of TCA National President. Chris urged all who were present to return their ballots as soon as possible and that

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18 – **Rio Grande Chapter Meet** – 9:00 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Albuquerque, NM

April 1 – **Multi-club Spring Picnic** McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park – Scottsdale AZ

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

April 15 – **Rio Grande Chapter Meet** – 9:00 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Albuquerque, NM

April 27 – 29 Eastern Division York Meet – York Fairgrounds, York PA

May 13 – **Desert Division 20th Annual Pizza Meetza and member Auction** – 8:30 AM member only swap
10:00 AM Business Meeting - 11:00 AM Free Pizza Lunch - 12 noon Auction begins

the postage is paid by TCA, so there should be no excuse not to vote for the candidate of your choice.

Chris also reported that the Los Alamos Mint and Cumbres & Toltec cars are both almost sold out. (an update is available elsewhere in this issue) He then went on to report that the third fundraising car is waiting for the copyright holders' permission. He had a preliminary prototype available and was very excited to announce that it was the first ever Harvey Trading Company car ever produced by any manufacturer. The car will feature two well known New Mexico Harvey Houses of which one still stands and will be featured during the 2019 convention. The car is made in the USA by Lionel and is expected to go on sale May 1st.

Instead of holding a "spring" raffle the Division has decided to host a raffle that will run all year and end at the November Train Show. Unlike the Hudson drawing, whose tickets are available to only Division members and ends at the privately held Christmas Party, the raffle prizes can be sold all year long to the public at various events we attend. The prizes will be announced next month.

Chris reported also that a recent auction consignment that was picked up will complete the November Auction. He mentioned that seldom does Peter get excited about auctions but when he saw some pictures of some of the items he mentioned that he would likely be a bidder as well since many of the items in the consignment rarely come up for auction.

We have received several requests to do a Division polo shirt again. A quick show of hands from those present indicated that indeed there was a lot of interest in another shirt. Paul Wassermann will check into the shirt and report back to the club. The shirts will be purchased by subscription basis only.

We have heard very positive comments back from members who attended the Rocky Mountain Train show in Denver. Those who attended mentioned that the show was very busy with active table sellers and public. We will actively market to those vendors to participate in the 2019 National Convention. The successful nature of the RMD show shows that the model

train community in and around the Denver area remains very active.

Before the Educational segment began Paul Wassermann donated a full case box of 1978 Lionel catalogs. Unfortunately the seal has broken with age, but it is a unique item that will be donated to the 2019 Convention.

Continuing into the Educational segment Paul had a notebook from Nick Grippe who was the alternate Division representative for the 1979 TCA National Convention held in Anaheim at Disneyland that year. Paul will contact the National Toy Train Library to see if they would be interested in adding the notes to their archives.

Rolland LaHaie had a beautiful Weaver Pennsy BP-20 Sharknose diesel. He related that he had wanted such a locomotive since he was ten years old and with the help of eBay his longtime wish was fulfilled. Unlike most of Rolland's other engines, this one is a shelf queen.

In keeping with the St. Patrick's "green theme", Phil Monahan brought in a Lionel/JC Penney special issue green MKT diesel. Phil mentioned that JC Penney and Lionel teamed up and had a Special Edition Lionel train that was available only through the JC Penney stores and most, like this one, included its own display case.

The most unusual green themed car of the day was brought in by John Wiley who had a greenish mint Lionel Buick slot car. John mentioned that it was a gift from his son forty years ago and is still just as special today.

Chris Allen rounded out the segment with one of his favorite American Flyer prewar cars, a 230 manual dump car. He also had an old Lionel 113 cattle car that was repainted but missing an ident tag. It contrasted against a Lionel Northern Pacific full Vista Dome North Coast Limited Pullman set that he has been assembling.

Raffle prizes in no particular order; Ralph Treichel, Hudson ticket, Mark Thompson Lionel Toy Fair boxcar, Angelo Lautazi Denver Mint car, Bill Richardson Lionel 1991 Christmas Boxcar, Paul Wassermann Lionel 1990 Lionel Toy Fair Boxcar, Chet Henry Menards flatcar w/load, Paul Jenkins Menards flatcar w/load, Bill East Lionel DVD's. The winner of the Hudson Hundred was Bob Herman who had a hard time presenting the Franklin to himself, but somehow he managed it!



The Hall was so packed with sellers that they even went exploring themselves to what was for sale



Well it looks like a good thing that Terry Haas stayed at his table, he looks busy



P&P President Bill Lazenby and GCMR President Dave Brown share a laugh while President Allen helps new member Kevin Eddy with postwar locomotive question



We had a table full of raffle prizes and even more members help out by buying raffle tickets. We thank you for your support!



Usually behind the camera helping to take pictures, Paul Wassermann with a donation of a case lot of 1978 catalogs



How do you give the Hudson Hundred to yourself? Treasurer Bob Herman figured it out!

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – March 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM at the home of Mike and Michelle Dietrich

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

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

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that current membership is at 235, there were 15 membership drops for a variety of reasons. The roster is being sent to the printers. Chris asked the BOD for a decision if he should continue to mail Division newsletters to the wives of deceased members who have dues prepaid. It was decided to stop delivery of the newsletter once we are informed that a members has passed unless the family requests otherwise.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer, Bob Herman, reported that the Savings Account is \$27,803.21 and Checking is \$5093.83. A check for \$7,500 was sent to the treasurer of the 2019 convention as a result of the successful fundraising of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad boxcar and the glowing load Los Alamos mint car. Our donation for the annual appeal was sent to National. Bob noted that the sales of Hudson tickets has started strong.

Old Business:

Hudson Raffle – Bob reported that the sales of the Hudson tickets was very strong at the February Meet. Chris mentioned that Gordon did not see any Hudson's for sale at the Nor-Cal Cal Stewart Meet. The Division was outbid for one recently for sale on eBay. Chris and Gordon will continue the search at York in April.

Spring Raffle – During the discussion it was brought up that the Rio Grande Chapter's raffle runs the entire year with tickets sold at various meets held by other clubs. The rules for the Hudson drawing allow only Desert Division members to buy tickets until the final \$100 drawing is held in October, after that any remaining tickets can be sold to anyone. It was decided to hold an annual raffle with the drawing held at the November Train Show. The decision on the prizes and ticket cost will be postponed until the April BOD meeting so a better inventory of what we have to make for an exciting raffle could be determined.

Third 2019 Fundraising Car – Chris distributed pictures and talked about the newest car Peter Atonna is working on. It is proposed to be a Fred Harvey Trading Company car featuring two prominent Harvey's House's in New Mexico. Peter is waiting for approval from the copyright holder of the Fred Harvey Company trademark. The sale's price is not finalized but Peter is confident everything will fall in place for a fall delivery cycle.

Division Fundraising Car – The Division still has permission to use the A-1 brewery logo for a third car however the project will be on hiatus until the 2019 Convention fundraiser is underway. Peter reported that the third logo is a little plain and he might go in a different direction.

New Business:

Auctions - Chris and Terry have picked up the Phil Waszak collection and this completes the November auction. Chris looked into the Ebay valet service offered by FedEx and others but the cost to the club is prohibitive. Because of rising expenses it is very hard to hold a profitable auction at the 10% member consignment rate. It was also discussed and decided against adding a buyer's premium. **MOTION** by Terry Haas; Effective with all new consignments, the fee will be 15% to members and 20% to non-members. Motion passed.

Rocky Mountain Division Train Show – David gave a review of the recent Rocky Mtn Train show he attended. He reported that it was very busy with great attendance. He spoke with numerous vendors to create interest in attending the 2019 convention. He felt there was positive response and will continue to keep in contact with them.

Spring Picnic - The Spring Picnic is Saturday April 1st at the Stillman Ramada, the same location as last year. Chris will purchase the Division's food, Angelo will get all the materials needed for the grill and he Mike will cook. Food is to be served at 11am through 12 noon. GCMR will handle drinks and ice cream, P&P has secured the Ramada. Members from all clubs will bring side dishes and desserts. ABTO is having an Open House that day and maps will be available at the picnic for members to stop by and visit other trains club layouts in the Valley

Misplaced Checks – Chris informed the board that a stack of checks from the 2019 fundraising cars were misplaced and recently found by him. The checks are a year old, and he and Bob will decide how to proceed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on April 1, 2017 at Chalk is Cheap Pool Hall in Scottsdale, free drinks courtesy of Justin Kiddin.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

Presidents Message

President's messages can be like weather forecasts. Do I write about something upcoming or do I write about something that just happened?

For the past several years we have moved the spring picnic into spring, namely the month of April. The weather has cooperated with us for the most part. We have had more than our fair share of rainy, cold, windy picnics that surface once in a while and the April picnic happens before things really start to cook in the Valley of Fun. I enjoy the picnic on many levels. I only attended one Ray Korte Open House which was the last one held and enjoyed the day immensely. In fact Ray's was my first exposure to a large operating Standard Gauge layout and something I will never forget.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of our first multi-club picnic. The first one was held in Chaparral Park just down the road from the old Scottsdale Jaycee Hall. 1997 was a very busy year for the Division and the excitement for our first National TCA Convention in June was building. Instead of holding the Pizza Meet and Auction it was decided to host a picnic and auction instead. Since the Auction was going to be held in the Jaycees Hall following the picnic, Chaparral Park in Scottsdale, which was within "walking distance" of the hall, was the site for the first picnic. It was also the last time the picnic was combined with the auction or held in Chaparral Park.

However from the beginning, it was and has remained a multi-club picnic. The first one was co hosted by TTOS GCD and Desert Division. The second one, now moved to our current location of McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park was co hosted by the Live Steamers at the Park as well as TCA and TTOS.

Little has changed over the years. Sure the faces may look a little different, and we don't play any picnic games like we used to, (who still remembers the water balloon toss?) but the fun and more importantly the food, is as good as it gets for the close-knit model toy train community we are.

The Ray Korte Open House brought the clubs in the Valley together and has spawned two of the longest lasting traditions we host each year. Besides the November "Turkey Meet" train show and the Christmas Party, the annual picnic and Pizza Meet and auction have been with us as long as most of us can remember.

Just as April brings the picnic, May will bring us the Pizza Meetza Auction. There is always a

mixture of the good the bad and the ugly at the auction, so if you have items you need to move on to someone else make sure you contact Chet Henry at the April Meet. It helps us to prepare in advance if we know how many lots you are planning to bring.

Speaking of auctions, we have recently had an increase in facility fees. I would like to thank all of you who purchase monthly raffle tickets which helps us meet this new increase. But this increase has also affected the auctions we hold at the hall. After looking at various options, including adding a buyer's premium, the BOD has decided to raise the consignment commission fees instead.

The reason is quite simple, most of the increases have been to secure and protect our consignor's items along with securing a suitable auction site. The Division provides free storage at our secure offsite facility that is fully insured and we also provide free pickup, within a reasonable area of the valley. Starting with all new consignments the members fee will rise to 15% and the non-members rate will be 20%. These fees only affect the two main auctions in November and February, the Pizza Meetza member auction remains at \$5 a lot.

Although as a Division we are on a normal calendar year schedule, National TCA is on a July 1st to June 30 fiscal year. As Division President this is a time of the year when I get ready for the National Convention, Board Meetings, and most importantly the Division Annual Report which is due very shortly. The Annual report not only reports the financial strength of our Division, but also allows us a little bragging about what our members have accomplished. As I have said on numerous occasions I love to brag about you and what you all have accomplished in every report I have turned in. Better yet, I enjoy mentioning our commitment to preserving our past traditions yet continually look for ways to keep trains in the public eye or try new and interesting technology. I am one of the biggest Rah-Rah Desert Division homers you will ever meet. The reason is quite simple, I get to represent all of you. Our members continue to answer the bell and work with each other to keep the hobby alive and well. We enjoy being with each other, whether we are running trains or not. With that kind of camaraderie, why wouldn't I boast?



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL PICTURES



Greg Palmer brought along his custom made consist of Los Alamos Mint, AEC and custom made cars



Chris Wieclaw with a very clever idea on getting young kids attention at layouts. He made a consist of specially modified flat cars and gondolas featuring the vehicles from the movie "Cars".



Bill Lubert showed his Old Paint Box with Floquil Bottles of paint and even some tubes of glue that were still good



John Anderson showed an American Flyer Airplane spotter instrument for the Anti-Aircraft guns.



David Nycz talked about several things including his MTH Texas & Pacific steam locomotive set and this nicely framed T&P art print



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By David Nycz – TCA 94-38787



The March Rio Grande Chapter meeting was held on March 18, 2017 at Los Altos Christian Church with 14 TCA members and 1 guest attending.

The Members Only Swap Meet began at 9:00am.

Show and Tell:

- David Nycz showed a book Manhattan Project by Stephanie Groueff as a follow-up on last month's Nuclear Museum. A Highly detailed hand painted Valley Newsstand. The latest Cow Catcher Magazine which featured a 2016 Pumpkin Meet picture. An MTH T&P heavy weight passenger car set, a matching steam locomotive and a framed print of the 1931 T&P

Art Deco Fort Worth train station.

- Greg Palmer showed an Atomic train set he has put together and dedicated to his parents. The set is made up of a Security car, a flat car with Fat Boy, a depressed center car with Jumbo, 2 Los Alamos cars, and a work caboose. He also showed a set of the American Presidents in Miniature by Marx, two 3419 helicopter cars both an early and late version.

- Jim Trever showed a Plasticville Interceptor Squadron XF90A and a XF101 Voodoo. He also gave the club an Area 51 Set to be used for this years raffle. It is a complete set with track and transformer.

- Chris Wieclaw showed flat cars and modified gondola cars with "the Cars movie" auto's attached, an inexpensive fun set for kids to run and see.

- John Anderson showed an American Flyer Airplane spotter instrument from WWII for Anti-Aircraft guns operators.

- Everett Hagan told the club that on Wednesdays Seniors ride for free on the Rail Runner.

David Nycz introduced visitor Don Dennis who is joining the club. They had gone to the Denver show together.

President Report: David Nycz reported that Peter Atonna is finalizing arrangements for the 3rd fundraiser car. It is a artsy historical car made in the USA utilizing Lionel's new printing technology,

Treasurer Report: Everett Hagan reported a balance of \$4122.45 in the checking account.

David Nycz reported on sales of Cumbres and Toltec cars a profit to date of \$3997, with 20 cars left. The Los Alamos cars have a \$4720 profit to date with 20 cars left.

Convention Committee: Scott and Elaine Eckstein with Greg Palmer went to hotel to check out room sizes, table and chair availability, and possible layout location. John Trever received written permission from the 2926 President for us to use the locomotive image in our convention logo. John Trever, Scott and Elaine Eckstein went to My Bank and opened the non-profit checking account for the Convention depositing the check for \$7500 from Desert Division from car sales. David reported on convention contacts made at the Denver train show for possible displays for the Convention.

Greg Palmer and Scott Eckstein outlined the two changes to the Chapter by-laws to bring our by-laws in line with the Desert Division by-laws.

Due to time constraints Art Lites gave a brief overview of a Phone Train Control, to be continued next month.

David Nycz reminded the members to vote for Peter Atonna and Christie Wilson in the National TCA election.

After Meet Activity – we went to Greg Palmers house to see his extensive train collections. The collections includes pre and post war trains and accessories made from the late 1800s to 1969.

Next meeting will be April 22, 2019 – Los Altos Church – 9am swap meet – 10 meeting

Other Train Club Activities: Apr 29 & 30 SW Model Railroad Club Los Lunas Airpark, May 20 NM Railroad Fair at State Fairgrounds.

Any Chapter members' not receiving emails from Jim Trever please send your email information to Jim at Prairie_dog5@yahoo.com

Bottom of the Box, well sort of...

Chris Allen TCA 95-40580

Like many of you, I often visit auction sites, some local some national, looking for items I seldom find at the local meets or just "cool stuff". I visit antique stores, consignment shops and often look around in Goodwill's and other places, never knowing what I might find. I also am a fan of the History Channel Show called American Pickers, though I doubt I'd ever rollup on someone and ask to "see their stuff" just because they had redneck yard art.

The other day I took part in an online auction that was hosted by a local auction house and bid on several "boxes-o-stuff" Mainly I was looking for some inexpensive American Flyer S gauge items I could use as runners on the clubs module trailer layout. I bid on several, won a few, and lost quite a few more.

Many of the lots were just boxes of items that the auction house simply listed as miscellaneous accessories and the picture was nothing but box cars, broken gondolas and track. I won one of these mystery miscellaneous boxes. Now those who were at the February Meet and watched as I unwrapped my mysterious parts box might enjoy this one.

After getting my new treasure home I decided to sort the box into two piles, donor parts and dumpster. As I neared the bottom I discovered quite an unusual accessory, It was like no 394 beacon I had ever seen, Affixed to the top of the tower in place of the rotating beacon was a little shanty from an Erector Set. The fact that the red paint nearly matched, made me do a double take. Upon lifting off the shanty there indeed was a light bulb but instead of the dimple bulb for the beacon, there was a frosted white #526 bulb commonly found in some of the Lionel and MTH street lamps. The little tower cleaned up real nice, and since I took the picture I've added frosted windows to the shack and it now makes an attractive mood light on my workbench. If I feel generous one day, I might even give it to my grandson to use as a nightlight.



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GOING, GOING, ... ?

by Peter Atonna

You have been seeing our Division's ads for our Albuquerque convention's fund raising cars for some time now. But the run is about over and the pile of cars in my dining room is getting smaller and smaller each day. As of today, March 19, there are only 18 Cumbres and Toltec boxcars and 10 Los Alamos mint cars there.

Why am I saying this? Simply because as orders come in from around the country I am wondering if any of our Division members may be missing out on ordering one of these cars until it is too late. So, if you have been considering buying one, now is the time to do so.

Better yet, if you would like me to bring your cars to the May Pizza meet and save on postage, just go to our website and fill out the order form and mail it to me, showing only the cost of the car(s). If you order through PayPal, that will automatically add shipping and I'll be mailing yours to you. Well, that isn't so bad if the cost of gas to get to Phoenix for the Pizza meet is more than the shipping cost!

I just don't want to have anybody come up to me at the Pizza meet to ask, "do you have a car left, I forgot to order one" because I will just grin!

It's Auction time, It's Auction time!

Chet Henry - Auction Chairman

You might look at the May meet as the Pizza Meet, but for those of us on the Auction Committee we know what you really come out for, the annual Division Auction. Lots are only \$5 each and yes, you can put on a reserve but we do ask that you be realistic about both considering a reserve and the price you are asking. This auction is not for your Blue Comet, rather those hard to sell items you have been carrying around, meet after meet, and just would like to lighten your load. This also doesn't mean it's a place for your rusty box of track, there's a dumpster behind the church for that as well.

Peter Atonna has freed up his busy schedule and will be our auctioneer for the afternoon. Come and see me at the April Meet and tell me how many auction lots you have, or if you have any questions about the auction itself. A little pre-planning helps to make our auction run smoother. You do not need to bring your items to the Meet, just pick up your auction tags or give me a heads up on how many items you will be bring to the May Pizza Meet. We try to limit the auction lots to approximately 100, so everyone can have fun yet still get home and have a siesta after all that free pizza.

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Do You Have Number 1?

As Peter Atonna mentioned in another article, the Los Alamos Mint Cars are almost completely sold out. At our typical order rate they most likely will be completely sold out before the end of April. Very late in the shipping process we realized that Lionel actually labeled the boxes for our order. They do not normally do this and in fact our Cumbres and Toltec car shipping boxes have no similar markings. Since the mint car was so well received we decided to set two aside for the 2019 Convention, one to use for the Welcome Party and one for the closing banquet. Noticing the numbers on the shipping box we thought it would be an extra incentive to our bidders if the number on the box was a low single digit number. Looking at our remaining inventory we discovered we only have one. We did set it aside but would like one

more. Please check your shipping boxes on the Los Alamos Mint car and if you have a low single digit number please let us know. We have box #6 and would like to add one more.



Do you have a low single number? This is # 404 and 178

Double heading on the Phoenix Southwestern

If you were with us back in January, member Dave Brown had an Open House following our meet. Dave's layout shows that you can have a lot of fun in a small space and his clever use of L.E.D. lighting in just about every part of his layout and buildings is a real lesson for everyone.

Dave recently sent us a picture of his newest addition to his locomotive fleet. He plans to run these doubleheads on his Thunder Hole Express where he plans to provide service to the newest section on his layout, Bowel Function Junction.



EDUCATIONAL SEGMENT FOR APRIL

With spring time official here bring out your newest addition or maybe something that you worked on and made new again. Heck, bring anything you want and start the new season by sharing it with everyone. Use your imagination, cleverness counts and we'd love to hear from you. Otherwise I'll have Gordon stand up and tell us a story about his recent travels.

Hudson Raffle 2017

Postwar 773 or \$750.00?

It's back again this year, will this be the year you win? The Hudson Raffle for 2017 features a beautiful postwar Lionel 773. It has been thoroughly checked and lubricated so it is ready to run or take a place as part of your collection. But what if you don't collect or operate three rail or maybe have no interest in postwar or steam locomotives? Well, there is still the option to walk away with a cool \$750 to help buy the engine of your dreams. The rules for this

year's drawing are simple and printed below. Tickets are on sale now at any Division Meet from Christie Wilson. Remember you **MUST** be present to win, and we will keep pulling tickets at every meet until someone goes home with a fresh Franklin in their pocket. The drawing will end December 3, 2017 at the Christmas Party. You do not need to be at the Christmas Party to win, but for the last two years the winners were. We're just sayin'...



He waited a long time to get them and now Rolland LaHaie says these Williams Pennsy Shark Nose BP-20's will be sitting on a shelf where he can admire them.



Phil Monahan had a MKT GP from the Lionel/JC Penney heyday. Phil explained the special run Lionel would make for the store complete with display case.

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WANTED: PASSENGER SET: I'm working with a friend who is putting some train sets for a youth group. Track and boxes not important. If you can help, would you let me know. Peter Atonna mjatonna@gmail.com 928-636-4228

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****DEADLINE FOR AD's - THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH ****

2017 SPRING PICNIC

April 1st 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM



The 2017 Multi Club Spring Picnic will be held on Saturday April 1st at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park located at the southeast corner of Indian Bend Rd and Scottsdale Blvd. in Scottsdale. We will be back in the Stillman Ramada which will make it easier for the members of the clubs located in the Model Railroad building to stop by and join us as we celebrate the wonderful weather and sharing our hobby with each other and our families.

Plan to join us for a great mid-day picnic of food, fellowship and of course trains. The Clubs will provide burgers, hot dogs and fried chicken. We will also have chips, ice cream, soda and water. We ask that you bring a side dish to share or dessert to delight all our taste buds. The chefs will be setting up for food service to begin at 11:00 AM. The grill will shutdown at 12:00 noon and the raffle prize drawings will begin at 12:30 and run until 1:00 PM.

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FOR THINGS THAT DIDN'T FIT ELSEWHERE or BREAKING NEWS



President Allen showing the next fundraising car for the 2019 convention. We are waiting final licensing approval and the car should go on sale May 1st. Stay Tuned for details on how you can get one.



Terry Haas broke away from his sales table to purchase some raffle tickets



The Educational Segment for March was green. Here is Phil Monahan's JC Penney GP7. Back in the day these were something special to look for and even came with a display case



Hard to see in this view but there's a Standard Gauge 113 stock car, an original and remake of the Lionel 205 LCL containers, and Chris Allen's favorite prewar American Flyer O gauge, a manual dump gondola. Lots 'o Green!

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