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Springtime is Picnic Time

February found the Burns Hall full of Division members and we even had to roll out a few extra free sales tables as well, since quite a few members were in the selling mood early in the year. It was great to see so many faces after the meeting date snafu from January.

The day was a bit cool, so the coffee was a big hit as were the donuts. Katie Elgar helped coffee guru Janet Mattern by getting the pot plugged in early, and Janet had her usual great supply of donuts and other treats. Free coffee, donuts, and sellers tables made for a great start to the meet.

President Allen got the festivities kicked off at 10:05 and commented on the unusually slow delivery of last months newsletter. He did not have an answer and noted that the February issue had been delivered to the members in New Mexico before members in Mesa received theirs.

Angelo Lautazi gave the Secretary's report. We had no guests at the Meet and our current Active (dues paying) Membership stands at 221

however there were still 38 members that owed dues by the end of the month on February 28th.

Bob Herman reported the Savings Account had \$19,807.17 balance and Checking Account with a \$5,356.53. Bob noted the decline in the checking account was a result of the invoice for the 2019 Banquet car had recently been paid.

Chris reported the money for the banquet car cannot be recovered until after the convention banquet in June and the plan was for the program to be a financial wash with the sale of the balance of the cars not used at the convention to pay for those given away. He also mentioned that the sales of the La Posada car picked up the last month and only about 25 cars remain. This is the second car of the proposed three car Harvey House Box Car. Peter Atonna has reported that he was delivered the prototype and Lionel expects to meet the March delivery date. This project is three cars away from breaking even financially. The order form is available on our website if you wish to pay by check and pickup the

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9 – March Division Meet

8:30 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - Phoenix, AZ

March 16 - Rio Grande Chapter Meeting

9:00 AM member only swap – 10:00 AM Business Meeting – Albuquerque, NM

March 30 – Multi-Club Spring Picnic – McCormick Stillman Railroad Park @ Stillman Ramada

10:00 AM setup – 11:00 Food service begins – Friends - Raffles – Mystery Box? - FUN!

April 5-6 – GPD Toy Train Museum Toy Train & Collectible Show

Friday 1 PM – 6 PM, Saturday 9 AM – 2 PM Tucson Expo Center, Tucson, AZ

the car at the meet and save a few dollars in shipping or you can order the car online from the same webpage, however PayPal will charge Arizona residents sales tax.

Chris brought up the fact that our current paid membership levels are lower today than 1997 when the Division hosted the first National Convention in Phoenix. He spoke about the National TCA Win Big Campaign currently underway. At the Division Board of Directors Meeting the Board decided to match National TCA's offer of one-year free Division dues if a member signs up three new members.

Under the current membership drive, any TCA member signing up three new members will receive a free year of National TCA dues and receive six "tickets" for the chance to win the Big Boy locomotive of their choice from MTH or Lionel. With the matching Division dues, you will be guaranteed a mini \$65 jackpot of having next year's TCA and Division dues paid. All it takes is for you to get three new members to sign on the bottom line. Make sure you use the special Win Big TCA applications available at our meet or on the Desert Division or National TCA website. You can download, print them out yourself and have them pre-signed for the next spring train show to hand out from your sales table. It's a Win for TCA, a Win for the Division, and maybe a WIN BIG for you!

The Member and Volunteer of the Year are normally handed out at the January Annual Business Meeting but because of the earlier than normal meeting date they were not ready. Chris mentioned how the Board of Directors discussed the criteria and how the decision was reached as he awarded Chet Henry the Member of the Year. Many of you know Chet as the Division Auction Chair. Chris mentioned that he and Chet received an email on a Friday afternoon from a person seeking information about our auction. From a two-line email and a picture of a few postwar Lionel boxes Chet met with the family member at our storage facility and secured the collection for our auction before the family member left on a flight back to Texas Monday afternoon. Not only that but he also inventoried the trains for the family as well. Job

The Volunteer of the year is awarded to a non-member of the Division who helps at various functions hosted by the Division. The Division Board voted Beverly Locke as the volunteer of the year for her help at the Spring Picnic and Souper Bowl Auction. Bev was not present at the meet and the award will be given out next month. Both Member and Volunteer of the year received a certificate and \$25 Visa gift card.

Under general announcements Chris reported that the Board decided to pass on setting up the module for the Great Train Show because of the conflict with our general Meet in March and the lack of volunteers to run the module both days. He also reported that the club had been contacted by the Superstition Mountains Music Festival. Chris said he would check out the facility but because it was also on March 9th doubted, we would be able to participate. He added, this was exactly the type of venue to reach new members and hoped we could work something out with them and participate next year.

Chris read a card from Sue Johnston, thanking the Division and all the volunteers that helped box up, inventory and auction Bob's trains over the summer and fall last year. He mentioned that is one thing about our close-knit group, we are there to help each other and their families in times of need.

The Educational Segment featured **Jonathan Peiffer** bringing in the recently delivered Mint Car for this year's convention along with the MTH TOFC with trailers. Jonathan commented that the mixed road names on the trailer loads was the hook for him to buy the two-pack. **Angelo Lautazi** had a most unique Lionel 1567 0-6-0 switcher. Looking for answers to the origin, it was decided from those present, that this was a Bob Johnston original and masterly crafted original creation. **Peter Zwerin** related the story of Antique Store shopping in Vermont twenty years ago with his wife. They went in different directions to explore and she commented that she found a train set, but he wouldn't be interested in it since it all messed up. When he went to look at it, he discovered not only that it had an orange 6464-1

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You need parts? DeLon is the guy to see. He was the only seller in the row who stayed by their table



Pretty full house of members listening to Chris relate the latest news and announcements



The Division Board of Directors awarded Chet Henry Auction Chair as the Member of the Year



Angelo Lautazi and his one of a kind 0-6-0 C&NW Switcher that we believe is a Bob Johnston original



Peter Zwerin related his story about a Lionel factory double stamp he bought at an antique store in Vermont his wife discovered



Need some good luck? Rub up against Dana Price. Not only has he won the Hudson, but he has also pocketed the Hudson Hundo a few times as well

TCA Desert Division BOD Meeting – February 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM at the home of Paul and Irene Wassermann

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

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

Secretary's Report - Angelo reported that membership stands at 221 members of which 38 still owe dues for the upcoming year. The final dues reminder will be sent by email. Roster and membership cards will be made and mailed by mid-March

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Savings Account is \$19,807.17 and Checking is \$5,356.53. Lionel has been paid for the 2019 National Convention Banquet Car resulting in the significant drop in the checking account.

Win Big Promotion – TCA National would like the Divisions to promote the Win Big Program. Members who recruit three new members will have their National dues paid for one year. Motion passed that Desert Division will match this incentive and pay the members dues for a year.

Old Business:

Member and Volunteer of the Year – After much discussion it was decided to award Chet Henry Member of the Year and Beverly Locke the Volunteer of the Year. Chris will make the presentation at the February Meet.

La Posada Fundraiser – Sales have been poor within the Division for pickup at the meet based on previous offerings. However, the fundraiser is four car sales short of breaking even and a sellout is still predicted.

New Business:

The Great Train Show – The show will be at the Maricopa Fairgrounds on March 9 & 10. We considered attending with the module however the event conflicts with the March general meet on March 9th. Because of general lack of support for events on Sunday we decided to pass on this event.

Superstition Mountain Music Festival – Asked us to bring trailer or module to their show. It is also on our March 9th meeting date. Chris will visit facility and report back at next meeting. We might be able to attend next year if held on a date that does not conflict with meet.

Rio Grande Chapter Dues – Desert Division forwards dues monies paid to the Division by Chapter members back to the Chapter, so Chapter members do not have to pay dues to both. Bob will send dues based on February 28 membership renewal. Greg asked that he be sent a list of the names of Chapter members still owing dues.

Raffles 2019 Hudson tickets are printed, and the raffle will start with the February Meeting and the prize awarded at the Christmas Party. Last year's winner decided to take the cash option so no need to purchase a Hudson this year. The Annual Raffle will feature a Lionel 1464W postwar set with the set box, a modern era Ready to Run set and a third prize yet to be determined. That raffle will start in April

Excess Items from Arizona Train Show – The Division is currently storing surplus items from the Arizona Toy Train Show. After discussion it was decided to offer the items free to the membership in the fall, left over items will be donated back to local charities.

Honorarium for 2019 National Convention – One of the key speakers for the 2019 National Conventions has asked for a \$300 honorarium. Peter Atonna, Bob Herman, Mike Dietrich, and Angelo Lautazi will make financial donations to cover the cost.

2019 Banquet Car – The car has arrived, and Chris will be taking them to Albuquerque next week. There is already interest in establishing a waiting list for the extra cars which will need to be determined.

G Gauge Auction Items – There are a few G gauge auction items that did not make the fall auction. These items will be offered in the DISPATCH as a silent auction in the March issue with a minimum bid.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be on March 9, 2019 at the home of Angelo and Barbara Lautazi.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

President's Message

Dear Friends, sometimes my head feels like a baby rattle. All kinds of things making noise rattling around inside. I've got many random thoughts in my head and hope the fingers can put them in order and make some sense of it. Let me give you an early warning, if you are into this hobby as a business, well this message isn't for you. It's not soapy sentimental, but it is coming from my heart.

Last month we had a good turnout at the meet, and I took that opportunity to ask the members present what they were looking for in a train club. TCA membership is changing along with its membership. Collecting isn't the prime focus for the current generation of members. National TCA is recognizing this as well but you don't turn an organization our size quickly.

We are very fortunate that within our area we have such a wide diversity of model train clubs. They vary in size and have different goals, but we do share the common goal of our joy of running and eventually collecting what we operate. It might be a twist on the phrase "operate what I collect", but today's model train buff often has so many operating trains that they wake up one day and discover that they have quite a collection.

Desert Division has been a social club for decades. It was an offshoot of the TTOS Division that was popular in the late 1960's and 70's and the differences seem to build a wall between the two clubs. The 1980's saw gentlemen like Ray Korte, Miles Butler and others working to show the common ground was the trains and not the fact that we ran or collected them. They were closer to understanding today's new membership than they ever realized. They hated meetings and loved the social side of the community of friends.

Over the years Desert Division hosted more social events that focused on the friendship and fun side of this community. Sure, we still loved collecting, but we also had a long history of taking the train module out to shopping malls. Ray Korte's Open House evolved into both a picnic one month and an auction the next month. The Christmas Party goes back to our very beginnings.

So why the history lesson? Like I said many thoughts and conversations rattle around the old noggin' these days. Sue Johnston's card that I read at the meet was

one of them, then I had two separate and unrelated phone calls this past month.

One was from Shirley Hunter. As many of you know she has had a tough year. As we were catching up, we exchanged thoughts about the Christmas Parties of decades ago. Often couples would get together at the Hunter's home. The guys would head for the train room while the ladies would work their magic on the Christmas trees that would be the centerpieces for the Christmas Party. If you ever took part of one of these "parties" you know that it was all social, no matter what room you ended up in.

The second call was from Kay Vokac. While Shirley's conversation got me started, Kay's put it all in perspective. Kay needed Sue Johnston's phone number and wanted to ask a question. Did Sue have to join TCA if she wanted to attend the convention to help? Well, yes, I mumbled but we could probably get her to go along as someone's guest. As we talked, it came to me just how wrong this whole concept was. I get all balled up inside when cranky old men think this is all about the trains.

As has been quoted many times, "The trains bring us together", but that's all they do. The friendships, and community of families we have seen grow up around this simple hobby matter more to me than that silly piece of tin I'm chasing. I'd trade every piece I have just to be able to sit around and drink a beer with some of my old friends that I miss every day.

Desert Division has a rule that you can only attend one meet as a guest, then you need to become a member. National TCA has a similar rule. I'm not trying to undermine the fundamentals of TCA. If you want to buy or sell trains, I believe you need to be a member. The benefits of membership are well worth the dues you pay. But on the flip side I believe that surviving spouses should be given a complimentary TCA membership if all they want is to stay in contact with the friends they have made over the years.

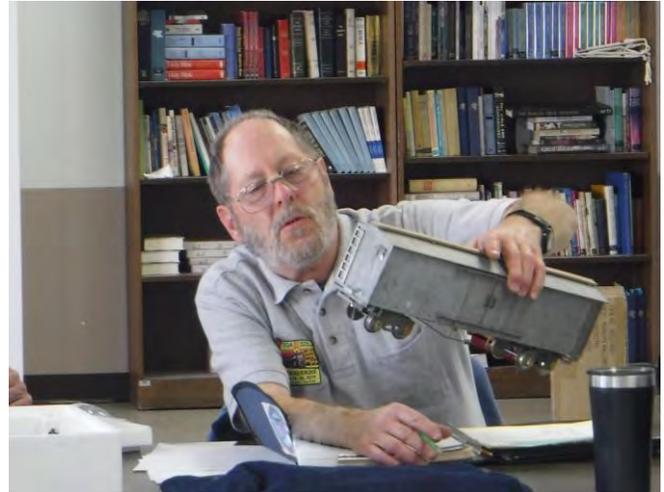
I believe these very special people should be treated with the same respect they had when their spouse was a member. I've proposed a Surviving Spouse TCA Membership class to the National BOD and hope to see it voted on this June.



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER JANUARY EDUCATIONAL PICTURES



Look closely and you will see Greg Palmer holding an HO S1 Electric. He talked about early S1 and S2's



Kit Bashed? Homemade? Scott Eckstein has more questions than answer about this Standard Gauge Boxcar



Dale Schafer had a rare variation from his collection. This is a 3464 Boxcar built on an operating milk car frame. Dale carefully dissected the car to prove it was a factory error



Jim Trevor demonstrated his Pokit Meter and Arduino Uno kit. The Pokit Meter turns your smart phone into a Multimeter or Oscilloscope



John Trevor displayed his concept car for the convention suite that didn't make the final cut. This Hatch Chili Vat Car is attractive and in New Mexico state colors



Bill Lubert had several brass O gauge SD-40 locomotives. One he completed in 1978 while in the Air Force, the other still in kit form to show the many pieces it takes to assemble



TCA Rio Grande Chapter News

By Gregory Palmer TCA 94-39039



We had a great Turnout for our February 16th Meet and Meeting. Half of our Membership attended. We have 39 Members in the Chapter and 19 plus guest Desert Division President Chris Allen, attended. Wow. The best attended meet in years. We had a lot of information to go through and we had a lot of great Show and Tell items.

We first went through our Educational (Show and Tell) Segment. I brought in a Lionel LLC Lionel S2 NYC Electric Locomotive. It has TMCC and Railsounds. It is the Locomotive Lionel and Ives used to copy their Electric Profile Locomotives both Standard and O Gauge. I also had a HO Brass S1 Locomotive that I brought in for comparison to the S2. Wrapping things up I showed a Jefferson Multi Cycle transformer. **Scott Eckstein** brought in a mystery Standard Gauge Boxcar. Was it a kit or scratch built? It has good detail and American Flyer couplers. Scott is looking for help identifying it or answers. **Jim Trever** demonstrated the Pokit Meter that he recently purchased. It is a small unit that wirelessly connects to any smart phone and turns the phone into a multimeter or oscilloscope via an app. **John Trever** presented his concept car for the Convention Car suite that was not produced. It is remake of a Lionel Vat Car featuring Hatch Chili's. It was a very colorful car. **Dale Schafer** showed a Lionel factory error AT&SF Operating Boxcar on a Cattle Car Frame. Dale also displayed a Lionel 2465 restored car with flying shoe trucks and extra ladders. **Chris Allen** had a Greenberg Lionel Postwar Price Guide printed in 1984. He explained that this particular guide was discussed at a recent National Toy Train Library Committee Meeting because of the wide-ranging topics it covered in one volume. He also learned that Desert Division member, and former TCA President Gordon Wilson helped write a section of the book. **Bill Lubert** brought in two Central Locomotive Works Brass 2 rail DC SD-40

Locomotive Kits. He built one in 1978 and had the other to show how all the pieces fit together. **Frank Dean** talked about an article regarding a large train layout in Florida. **George Domeny** had his AC Gilbert American Flyer 759 Warning Shack that was complete with its original roof and working bell. George explained that while not a real crossbuck alternating flasher he liked it because, "It was American Flyer."

President's Report: Greg Palmer reported that the 2019 Pumpkin Meet contract has been signed and the new contract was negotiated with 20 free table which should help the bottom line with an additional \$50.

Treasurer's Report: Everett Hagan reported the balance in checking is \$4,918.57 this is an increase of \$539.89 for the year.

Convention Chair: The Convention Committee reported that there are 284 members and guests registered for the convention. If can help with the Convention, even for just a few hours, please call Scott or Elaine Eckstein asap.

Motion: After some discussion the Chapter passed a motion for the Division to present to the Board of Directors in June. If approved the motion we require TCA Members using the Interchange to Insure their shipments for the amount of the transaction.

David Nycz announced that the New Mexico Council of Railroad Clubs is going to have a Meeting and he will give us a report at the next meeting.

Our next Meet and Meeting will be March 16th. Member Only Swap Meet 9:00AM Meeting 10:00AM. Los Altos Christian Church South Education Building at 11900 Haines N.E. in Albuquerque, NM. We will have guests of the TCA National President Rupert Campbell and the National Convention Chair Bob Keller.

Hope to have another great turnout. See all of you there.

LIONEL HISTORY PAGE

by Peter Atonna TCA 75-7578

Many of you know I have had a diverse collection of postwar products, but you might not be aware of another fascination I have with Lionel history, its paper products. I have collected any items Lionel published for many years. For example, I enjoy reading Lionel's in-house employee magazine, All Aboard, and getting an insight as to what life was like at the Lionel factory and how some of the unique things relating to their products were described.

One of the fun pleasures of that is, along with other "paper collectors", is seeing how new products are described and in particular how newly designed items are not always shown as they actually were made. In this case, we often compare the advance catalog, published for the trade, with the consumer catalog.



Lionel 1950 Golden Anniversary Catalog

But in this case, I am going to compare two consumer catalogs - the 1950 Golden Anniversary catalog with the "Sorry" catalog. You may remember that demand for the regular catalog was so great, Lionel ran out and published a later catalog titled "Sorry". It was of a completely different format - all black and white, using mainly photos instead of illustrations, and not containing much of the early pages of promo items, and of a totally different page layout.

But what makes it interesting is that, since it was published after the consumer catalog came



Lionel 1950 Golden Anniversary "Sorry" Catalog

out, theoretically the depictions of pieces newly introduced would be more accurate. Not necessarily so. Since many collectors use Lionel catalogs to determine what goes in which set, what catalog would you use?

I have compiled a list of what differences and errors I have found in each catalog. They could be in either or both catalogs and I have found nine errors/differences. Have you found more? Let me know.

1. #1461S freight set: Sorry has the correct plastic truck side frames from the Scout series, regular catalog shows them with metal side frames. (This is the famous, or infamous, set with smoke but no bellows to make it puff. Loco #6110 has a hole in the boiler front and air "rushing" in was supposed to carry the smoke from the heater through the stack. Needless to say, it didn't work very well. But they priced the set \$5 less to keep it in the low-price range.)

2. #1457B diesel switcher set. Catalog shows the loco with New York Central lettering, which was never made. Sorry shows it with the correct ATSF lettering.

3. #1464W, #1467W Alco freight and passenger diesel sets (including the famous orange Union Pacific color sets). The catalog shows the locos rendered correctly as the locos were made. Sorry shows them as a strange

graphic looking more like a GM E series diesel. So, they started showing it correctly and then changed to an incorrect graphic.

4. #2330 GG1. Neither catalog mentions that the GG1 now has two motors

5. Sorry catalog introduces the ATSF and NYC B units. No mention in the regular catalog.

6. #213 lift bridge, the one that was never made. Both catalogs show this. So, the decision not to run this accessory must have been made late in the production cycle.

7. Both catalogs show the #2035 steamer as #6035 on the locomotives page, even though the set listings show it correctly.

8. #4333 Electronic set is no longer in the Sorry catalog

9. #455 Sunoco oil well sign has two versions of the sign in each catalog, mentioning "Sunoco Dynaflow". As produced, no mention of that, instead, below the Sunoco logo is simply the name and item number.

Educational Segment February Meet

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Box Car but the car itself had a Lionel factory double stamp on both sides. He bought the set for \$35. It had all the local experts amazed to say the



An Orange 6464-1? And Double Stamped to boot!

least. A find of a lifetime while travelling on vacation. **Chris Allen** had a McCoy TCA Special 4-4-4 Electric that was made specifically for individual TCA members. It was issued in 1974 and members could have their TCA number painted on by McCoy Mfg. Looking through an old Directory of Information from his files he was able to determine that this locomotive was owned by a TCA member from Nor-Cal Division. Chris also talked about an early copy of the Greenberg Price Guide that contained an unusual wide range of

information. He mentioned that sometimes you just want to know "what goes where" without all the other detail the later books often expanded on. This early guide fit the bill and can still be found at train shows today. **Roland LaHaie** had a video that he transferred from an old VHS tape he found to DVD. The video featured the layout of past Division member Ray Korte. Although the date of the tape is not known, Ray's layout was in its early build days. So, we are guessing early to mid-1980's. Roland said he laughed at himself listening to his narration because his knowledge of Standard Gauge trains at the time was very basic. We are going to convert Roland's video and upload it to the website for everyone to enjoy.

Raffle Prize winners in no particular order Mark Thompson 1st freebie Hudson Ticket, Jim Caras - Lionel UP Boxcar, Chet Henry - Lionel Burlington Boxcar, Janet Mattern - K-Line WP Box Car, Romeo Kubes - Williams NW Hopper, Bill Richardson - Lionel Semi-Truck/trailer, Ivan English - Lionel Block Signal. The Hudson drawing is underway with this meet. Tickets \$25 each and only 100 will be sold. Remember you must be present at the meet when your name is called to collect the Ben Franklin. It should be of no surprise that Dana Price won the first drawing of 2019, after all he has also won the Hudson itself. Is this an omen for the year? Let's see what happens in December. Do you have your Hudson Tickets yet?

DUES ARE PAST DUE

If you haven't paid your 2019 TCA Desert Division dues your train has left the station. In other words, you will not receive a membership card and your name will not appear in the roster. You still have a scant few days, but we can't make any promises.

Call Angelo and let him know your check is in the mail and then get it to him promptly. How do you know if your dues have expired? Look at your mailing label. A pink highlight on the expired

date will be your clue. If you get your newsletter electronically Angelo has sent you a dues reminder with the email we have on file, which should be the same one your receiving this newsletter with.

The Division needs your support. Keep you National and Division dues current and stay active with us as we work toward the future of the train hobby in the desert southwest.

- Thank You! -

Chris

Heading to Albuquerque? Want to Carpool?

Depending on where you live in the Phoenix metro area, it can be anywhere from a six to eight-hour drive to the convention hotel which is located on Albuquerque's west side near the Rio Grande River. Greg Novak has volunteered to

match people with ride needs if you need or would like to share a ride to Duke City. No promises, but don't let the long drive keep you from attending our convention of the decade.

DID YOU LOSE A JACKET AT THE SOUPER BOWL?

The day started out cool, but typical for Arizona this time of year the day warmed up nicely, you took off your jacket and, in your rush, to get your new treasures home left it behind. Or maybe it was the heat from all the competitive bidding brought on by our Auctioneer Peter Atonna? Who knows why you left your jacket behind at the end of the day, but you did. We have it and will bring it to the March Meet if you give Katie or Chris a call. It will be donated to Goodwill if not claimed this month.



Nice lightweight medium size "Robert Stock" jacket

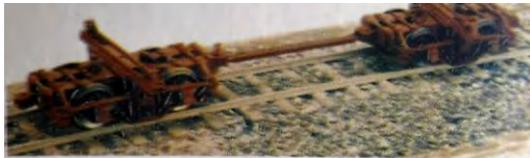
MARCH EDUCATIONAL SEGMENT

Will the luck of the Irish bring a good selection of items for us to share? Let's hope so. If you don't want to hear about the differences between a

Type II and Type III postwar boxcar, I suggest you bring something to share with the group. Maybe some beer refers?

SILENT AUCTION G GAUGE ITEMS

A couple of G Gauge Auction items missed the January auction. We would like to close out this consignor however they all have minimum bids. You may place your bid starting at the minimum opening price or above and call, email or give it to Bob Herman at the March Meet. If the minimums are not met, they will be sold either on eBay or down in Tucson at the GPD TTOM Meet in April. Remember these items are auction consignments and sold "As is - Where is". Items condition is listed to the best of our knowledge. Winning bidders will be notified, pickup available at Division or Chapter Meet. Shipping Extra.



Logging Disconnects
1:20.3 SCALE, 45MM GAUGE

**Accucraft AMS32-210 unlettered
Disconnects - new in box 6 available \$50
minimum bid each car**



Long Logging Car
1:20.3 SCALE, 45MM GAUGE

**Accucraft AM32-155 Swayne Long Logging Car
#58 and AM32-166 Swayne Short Logging Car
#73 - new in box \$50 minimum bid each**



**LGB 3 Ore car kits, 1 Assembled, 1 Partial, 1 still
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**Bachmann Spectrum #83095
Rio Grande K-27 1:20 Large Scale Locomotive**

**Locomotive appears never to have been removed from box
and still factory wrapped**

Minimum Opening Bid \$700

TRANSPORTATION DAY (Again)

For the second time in less than a month we participated at a schools "Transportation Day", this time at our host church Shepherd of the Valley Preschool. February was a rather rainy and windy month and we didn't know until the last minute if it was a go or not. The school decided to host the event as planned and a cool and very foggy morning greeted us as we setup the trains. Because of a logistics problem we were unable to use the trailer this time, but things worked out perfectly as we set two of the tables that we normally use for table sales at the meet side by side, laid down a playmat and ran two sets of Lionel Fastrack down for the trains. A handful of buildings later and the trains were running for the children to enjoy. Thank you to our engineer for the morning, Katie Elgar for manning the table.



Heavy rains the day before didn't deter the little one's from enjoying the train table we set up for them



Brewster is racing to catchup to the speeding Santa Fe freight train

MARY COULTER'S PRIZE: LA POSADA

The Desert Division's Harvey House tour continues with a stop at a jewel, the restored La Posada still in service in Winslow, AZ.



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



Tucson Arizona-Toy Train and Collectible Show

Gadsden-Pacific Spring Meet **April 5-6, 2019**
www.gpdtoytrainmuseum.com

Pre-Registration Tables: \$35.00 each if payment is received in advance.

Buy three tables and get fourth table free (for pre-registration tables only if available)

-When filling out Event Table Registration Form use the name you like to be called and fill in the name of your helper.

Location: Tucson, AZ-Tucson Expo Center West Hall, 3750 E. Irvington Road. Just off I-10 @ exit 264

Set-Up Time: Set up Friday from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm or Saturday from 8:00 am-9:00 am.

If you order 8 tables or more call or email for early set up times.

We encourage you to plan on having your table set up for the entire show if possible.

Two Day Show: Doors open for the public:

Friday from 1pm -6pm

Saturday from 9am-2 pm

Eight Foot tables: Yes, we have 8' tables!

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This is a different hall with a different floor plan!

Clean facilities, good lighting and reasonably priced snack bar. Nearby restaurants and motels

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Tucson AZ-Toy Train Show	April 5-6, 2019
Name:	Mailing Address:
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Phone:	Check Number : Enclosed \$: # of Tables:
Special Instructions*:	Electric \$5 <input type="checkbox"/> Helper Name:
*Special requests will be accommodated as possible but are not guaranteed.	

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FOR THINGS THAT DIDN'T FIT ELSEWHERE or BREAKING NEWS



No info came along with this picture but I believe this is Les Gnatz sales table



Here's a closeup of Angelo's newest 0-6-0 Switcher. Seeing it's C&NW you can bet it came from Bob Johnston



Nice closeup of the SOV Preschool Transportation Day layout

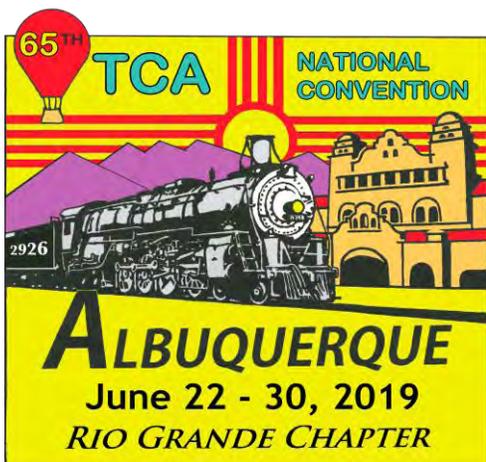


Two tables, a playmat and some track. What could be easier?

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