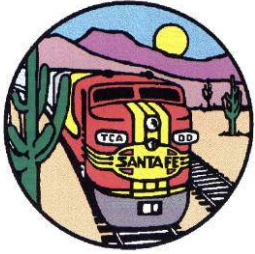


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FALL TRAINING SEASON IN FULL SWING

We are not talking about that kind of training. Those who follow baseball know that the playoffs are here and that the season will conclude early next month. Instead, we are in the very busy season of our favorite hobby of toy trains! The September meet is always well attended after our summer hiatus, and this year was no exception.

The meeting covered many topics including the ballot question emailed to all the membership regarding the sale of the National Toy Train Museum. President Mike explained that the question as sent to the membership was not authorized by the National Board of Directors and was rescinded. This conversation will continue at length at a national level and Mike emphasized that TCA is currently solvent.

Chris Allen was able to confirm that the Division November Train Show will be held at the Living Streams Church on Saturday, November 22nd. A flyer for table registration is included in this issue of the Dispatch.

Rail Fair is October 4th and 5th at the Scottsdale McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park and this is the 50th anniversary of the park. Desert Division will have our trailer there and there was a sign-up sheet provided for members to operate on the portable layout. This is likely the last event for the trailer as it will be placed for sale in the near future.

November 1st is the Division Fall Auction. It will be located Paradise Valley United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall. The auction catalog currently lists 340 lots of trains and railroiana for sale. Scheduling of the February "Souper Bowl" auction is currently in progress.

The plans for the Holiday party are being finalized. It will be held at the VFW Hall at Mountain View and Cave Creek Roads on December 14th. The Division is holding firm on the price of \$25.00 and hopes for a great turnout again this year.

It was discussed that the Division storage units need to be cleaned out. When the weather cools down a date and time will be announced and any help would be most welcome.

Scott Russell reminded the membership that donations to the Division are considered charitable contributions and are tax deductible. One example is funds that are required to be distributed from an IRA account.

The Desert Division BOD nominated Katie Elgar for another term as national TCA secretary and the membership at the meeting unanimously approved of her nomination.

The next Division meeting is on Saturday, October 11th. Hope to see a great turnout again! The education segment theme is "Spooky or Thanksgiving Trains".

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11 – Desert Division Meeting

9:00 AM – Paradise Valley United Methodist Church – 4455 E Lincoln Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ
Meeting in Room H-1

October 25 – TCA Rio Grande Chapter Swap meet

Netherwood Park Church of Christ
5101 Indian School Road NE, Albuquerque, NM

November 1 – Desert Division Fall Auction

9:00 AM – Paradise Valley United Methodist Church – 4455 E Lincoln Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ
Auction in Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER 13TH MEET PHOTOS



A good crowd starts to gather prior to the meeting.



Desert Division members socializing. Something we excel at!



Terry Haas showing off the "cool" color scheme of a Lionel 2017 TTOS Nevada Southern generator car.



As Paul Harvey used to say, "Now you know the rest of the story!" Chris shared the various misadventures of the Four Amigos at the Jacksonville TCA Convention.



Christie thought it would be "cool" to bring a really tiny train pin to contrast with all the large trains on display.



Scott Russell was the winner of the \$100 Hudson Raffle Drawing and he promptly donated it back to the Division. Thank you Scott!

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2025 TCADD BOARD MEETING AT MIKE DIETRICH'S HOME

In attendance: Mike Dietrich, Mark Thompson, Terry Haas, John Craft, Paul Wassermann and Angelo Lautazi. On the phone: Art Lites and Chris Allen.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Minutes: The Desert Division has 108 members, and the Rio Grande Chapter has 64. Division total is 172.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$5099.87, Savings \$498.97, Paypal \$283.49, Ebay Acct \$1611.00 and Wells Fargo \$24670.38.

Old Business: Beat the Heat Bus Trip

About twenty members took the bus trip and the three clubs had to make up the shortfall to the bus company. We will consider the trip for 2026 if all three clubs agree to participate.

New / Ongoing Business:

- TCA National Discussion – a ballot was sent to members asking approval to sell the Museum to the Choo Choo Barn. Most of the TCA board members held a Special Board Meeting and voted to recall the ballot. It was decided that more discussion was needed on this subject before any action was taken. Mike will address our members at Saturday's meet as to the details on this subject.
- Chris has finalized a contract with the Living Steams Church. The Train Show will be held on Sat. Nov.22. The church is located at Glendale and Central in Phoenix. More details will follow.
- We will be having some special raffles for the Atlas Hopper at the next few meetings.
- The Train Auction is confirmed to be at the PVUMC Fellowship Hall on Nov. 1st. We will have hot dogs for the lunch break.
- The Dec. 14th Christmas Party is being held at the VFW hall in Sunnyslope. Mark is intending to use the same menu as last year.
- Storage spaces- when the weather gets cooler, we will need to clean out the storage units of any unneeded articles.
- The layout trailer will need to be put up for sale. A starting price of \$11,500 has been suggested. Art suggests that National and the local Division need to be more aggressive in promotion of our hobby.
- Chris made a motion to "Nominate Katie Elgar for National Secretary in the upcoming election". Mike seconded the motion. The Board all voted in the affirmative.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next Board Meeting is on Wednesday, October 8th, 2025 at Angelo's home.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Fall is officially here but a few more 100+ degree days seem to be in the forecast. Despite the reminders of the long summer, we are heading into train season with many outstanding events.

We had a fantastic turnout for our September meeting and hope to see you all at the October meeting. While I will be touring colleges in the Chicago area with our son, I trust that you will be in great hands as Vice President John Craft and the rest of the board run this meeting. I'd like to focus our education segment on the next two holidays as we do not have a regular meeting until January. Tell us tales of your spooky trains or stories of nightmarish restorations, traditional Halloween trains running for the kid, or a special thanksgiving train that reminds you of the special holiday and why you are thankful.

Missing the meeting I get a chance to express why I'm thankful here, and it's all of you in our great Division and hobby. It's the people and friendships, so please come out and celebrate the Christmas season and the lifelong friendships built by this awesome hobby. We invite you to join us on December 14th at the VFW Hall for our annual Holiday party. We will have a fun menu, door prizes and table item auctions! The cost will remain \$25 per person, and we encourage you to register early so we can plan for the food and festivities.

The Rail Fair at the McCormick and Stillman Railroad Park was Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5th (10a-5p). We showcased the trailer with trains running both days of the event and the weather this year was perfect! I want to thank everyone who came out to run trains and interact with the public over the two days. A special shout out to Chris Allen, Janet & Terry Mattern, Angelo Lautazi, and Jonathan Peiffer as they helped man the layout and educate the public. Remember you "need to be over 21 years old to reach in and grab a cold one". An additional thank you to Chris Allen for transporting the trailer and always being there for the TCA and Division.

On the train front:

- Pumpkin Meet Train Show, Rio Grande Chapter, October 25th, presented by our friends in Albuquerque, please see the flyer in the newsletter for more details.
- Fall Desert Division Auction, November 1st, Fellowship Hall (larger meeting room) at PVUMC. The catalog is now available and on-line. You will need to purchase a catalog to get a bidder's card so bring your \$5 to the October meeting or the day of the event!
- Fall Train Show, Saturday, November 22nd, Living Streams Church, 7000 N Central Ave (Glendale Ave), Phoenix. Table sales are open, and we anticipate a big crowd once again.
- Christmas Party, Sunday, December 14th, please see above.

We do not have regular meetings in November or December, but with our auction, Train Show, and Holiday Party I know I will see you real soon!

Sincerely,



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MY CONTRIBUTION TO BRUCE'S "CONTROVERSIAL" ITEMS

By Peter Atonna # 75-7578

What a great and "informative" article. It got me thinking about what type of things may be on my layout, and in plain sight. Only two came to mind, so here they are.



Many layouts have outhouses. Plasticville even made a double door version. When I saw an ad for one whose door would open and close, with an "occupant" inside, it was a must buy. After installing it, I thought it is "too quiet". And as I have sound chips at various locations around the layout, I decided to see if there was one for this "activity". And I did, and it is really "graphic".

Of course, you cannot hear it now but next time you visit, turn on the switch and listen.



Now on to the main show. After moving into our Paulden house and when my layout was first

completed, I started planning the scenery and towns. One corner, near what was to become Rock Springs, I had nothing planned. Looking there, it came to me that a large, on the edge of town, resort type building might make sense. That was also triggered by an ad I had seen for a beautiful, two-story wood hotel kit.

I purchased it and started to build it. But then I stopped. Another idea hit. Maybe it was built "out of town" because the owners did not want to be under the jurisdiction of the Rock Springs police! Yes, it was to be a high end supper club, but also to "entertain" the traveling business men to Rock Springs. (As you know, Rock Springs also houses the Intergalactic Corporation, so officers come and go on a regular basis. And yes, you would have to visit Rock Springs to understand or have watched my Martian Mine video on YouTube)

The final pieces came from Artista. Going over their multitude of figures there were a sufficient to play the roles of "hosts" as well as guests at the inn.



Finally, what to call it? I scratched my head and then suddenly it dawned on me. My sister's name, "Yolanda" has an elegant ring to it. Yolanda's it was. (I did check with her, and she thought it was a great idea.

And no, she does not go by that name, rather a nickname, Lani)



Now, when you are a newcomer in town and innocently approach Yolanda's for a great steak dinner, you notice the place is a little "different".





But the restaurant is good and your steak dinner is perfect. The restaurant is packed, and all seem to be enjoying their meal.



But what you don't see behind closed doors is what really keeps the operation running at a good profit.



The Rock Springs locals know all about it, but tongues wag if you actually patronize it. So, an occasional glimpse is enough



What goes on when I have visitors? I never mention it or direct people there. It is more fun to watch them as they wander around the layout. Every so often, I see somebody stop and look at Yolanda's. Then they lean forward. A big grin emerges, and they check out one window, then another. Later, I will get a "Oh, that was GOOD!". I did not need to ask what was "good". And it was not as if it was any of the trains running, they were referring to.

FREE, OR ALMOST FREE*, ONLINE TOY TRAIN CATALOGS

By Bruce J Brown TCA #95-41451

Here is a listing of mostly free toy train catalog websites that I've compiled over many years. Access to the harder-to-find Lionel catalogs covering 1970 to 2009 require a Lionel Collectors Club of America Membership.

Manufacturer	Website Location	Catalog Years	Notes
American Flyer	A.C. Gilbert Heritage Society	1938 - 1960	
	MyFlyerTrains.net	1938 - 1967	
	Clint Jefferies site	1907 - 1955	Site has many other train manufacturers
Atlas Trains	Atlas Trains Archives	2001 - 2024	This is a complete compilation of individual products rather than a listing of catalogs.
Industrial Rail	Industrial Rail Locomotives	2007-2009; 2024	Trolley reissue by Atlas in 2024
	Industrial Rail Rolling Stock	2006 - 2012	
Ives	Clint Jefferies Collection	1890 - 1932	
K-Line	K-Line Trains	1999 - 2005	Site temporarily turned off
Lionel Trains	Clint Jefferies Lionel Site	1900 - 1969	
	Cornucopia of Toy Trains	1945 - 1969	
	Chris Lord Collection	2009 - 2021	
	Lionel Trains	2011 - 2025	
	Lionel Collectors Club of America	1996 - 2011	* Access requires membership in LCCA
	Lionel Consumer Catalogs Archive	1970 - 1995	* Access requires membership in LCCA
Marx	Clint Jefferies Collection for Marx	1938-1940, 1952-1954, 1958, 1974- 1975	
MTH Trains	MTH Catalogs	1997 - 2020	
Third Rail	3rd Rail Catalogs	2004 – 2008; 2011, 2017	
Weaver	Weaver Model Catalogs	2004 - 2014	
Williams Electric Trains	Williams Catalogs	1972 - 2006	
	Willams Bachmann Catalogs	2019 - 2024	

Sears, Montgomery Wards, and JC Penny Catalogs sometimes contained train releases that did appear in the manufacturer's catalogs. Here are sources for those catalogs:

Store	Website Locations	Catalog Years	Notes
Sears, Montgomery Wards, JC Penny	Musetechnical	1930 - 2007	No global search across all catalogs. Must open each issue separately
Sears	Sears Wish Book Collection	1937 - 1991	Provides keyword search across all catalogs
Sears	Ancestry Sears Catalog Collection	1896 - 1993	Ancestry subscription required; site provides easy keyword searches

Here is sampling of listings from the store catalogs...

1939 Sears Fall Winter Catalog

christmas.musetechnical.com 1939 Sears Fall Winter Catalog, Page 969 212.489.849 cc:21 lpvc:61

christmas.musetechnical.com



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Extra Mechanical Track
49 D 5991—Straight 49 D 5992—Curved
4 Pieces. Shpg. wt., 13 oz. . . . 19c

\$5 Passenger-Freighter Electric \$3⁹⁸

48 1/2 in. long. Play train dispatcher, make up a freight or a passenger train or both! Really 2 trains in 1! Remote controlled, too . . . stop, start or reverse train by lever on speed-control transformer which is included. 7 unit; 6 colorful steel cars . . . 2 passenger coaches, 3 freights and tender. Big, heavy gauge steel, new Commodore Vanderbilt loco, with powerful headlight in streamline nose. Track forms oval 120 inches around. Shpg. wt., 9 lbs. 49 D 5939—110-120 volt, 60 cycle A.C. . . . \$3.98

Extra "8" Gauge Marx Track
49 D 6010—Straight 49 D 6011—Curved
4 Pieces. Shipping weight, 10 ounces. . . . 39c

Imagine! Train Alone Is Worth \$14.75!

• 75-watt transformer . . . worth \$5. • Electric couplers between tender and first freight car worth \$1.25. A FOUR-STAR FEATURE if there ever was one! 41-in. heavy steel, enameled Lionel Electric Freighter. Has remote control whistle, and coupler between tender and gondola car. Press button on whistle controller . . . hear realistic shriek. Press another . . . engine and tender uncouple from rest of train (see A above). It's amazing fun! Steam type loco, chrome plated details, focused headlight. Remote control forward and reverse. Four-wheel truck tender, gondola with 2 wood barrels, oil car and caboose. 12-section oval track, 130-in. around. 79 D 5971—110-120 Volt 60 cycle A.C. Shpg. wt., 17 lbs. . . . \$10.95

Extra "8" Gauge Lionel Track. 49 D 6008—2 Straight . . . 37c
2 Pieces. Shipping wt., 10 oz. 49 D 6009—2 Curved . . . 37c

BUY TOYS . . . EVERYTHING . . . ON SEARS . . . EASY TERMS . . . SEE PAGE 11

1925 Sears Catalog - Earliest listing for Lionel

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Standard Gauge Train
Trains Require 12 to 15 Volts. See Transformer 49D5913 on page 538

Boys! See This Lionel \$25.00 Reversing Train for \$22.95
A regular 20th Century Limited with everything up to date. Wonderful steel train, complete in every detail, beautifully finished in baked enamel, not just lithographed—built as only Lionel can build trains. Locomotive measures 14 inches over all; is reversible; contains super-motor; is C. M. & St. P. type; has reversing controller, headlights in front and rear, automatic couplers, and is trimmed in brass and nickel. Powerful enough to haul large number of cars. Two 8-wheel Pullmans and one observation car, each 12 inches long and 1 1/2 inches high. They are illuminated and equipped with inserted windows, doors, panels and automatic couplers. Train, about 50 inches long. Eight sections of curved and four sections of straight track, forming oval 6x42 in.; also one "Lockon" connection. Ship. wt., 17 lbs. 79D5185.....

Look at This \$17.50 Reversing Beauty for \$15.98
Standard gauge track. A regular Jim Dandy, 36 inches long over all. Beautifully finished 1 1/4-inch reversible locomotive with super-motor, one electric headlight and automatic couplers. Two illuminated eight-wheel cars, each 12 inches long, one Pullman, one observation, both with automatic couplers and nickel plated journal boxes on wheels. Eight sections of curved and two sections of straight track. Also "Lockon" connection. Track makes oval 56x42 inches. Shipping weight, 13 1/4 pounds. 79D5184.....

\$15.00 Double Headlight Illuminated Car Reversing Train for \$13.98
Our largest O gauge train. 38-inch train with 8 1/2-inch reversible locomotive with front and rear electric headlights, two illuminated 8-wheel Pullmans and one observation car, 8 1/2 inches long. Beautifully enameled and trimmed in brass and nickel. Automatic couplers. Eight pieces of curved and six pieces of straight O gauge track; one "Lockon" connection and a battery rheostat. Track makes oval 59x30 inches. Shipping weight, 11 pounds. 79D5183.....

Think Of It! A Reversing Train With Illuminated Cars for \$9.87
Usual \$10.75 retail value. Cars light up, too! Train is 30 inches long. Reversing locomotive is 6 inches long and the 8-wheel cars are illuminated and measure 6 1/4 inches long. Each has automatic couplers. Eight sections of O gauge curved and two pieces of straight track; one "Lockon" connection and a battery rheostat. The track makes an oval 39x30 inches. Shipping weight, 8 pounds. 49D5182.....

\$8.50 Retail Value Reversing 3-Car Train for \$7.89
Lowest priced high grade train with reversing locomotive. Has ten pieces of track making an oval 37x30 in. and has "Lockon" connection and battery rheostat. 49D5181—Shipping weight, 7 1/4 pounds. \$7.89

\$6.50 Retail Value Two-Car Train for \$5.89
Runs forward only, 22 inches long. Has 8 pieces of curved track making circle 30 inches in diameter. Has "Lockon" connections. Ship. wt., 5 1/2 lbs. 49D5180.....

Illuminated Cars \$22.95

\$22.95

\$15.98

\$13.98

\$9.87

\$5.89

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For O or Standard gauge track. Can be used singly or in pairs. While train is on section of track included. Gate is closed, and it opens as soon as train has passed. Steel, enameled black. Red stop sign. Gate, 10 1/2 inches long with "Lockon" contact, wires and directions. For O Gauge 49D5252 \$3.59 For Standard Gauge 49D5248 \$3.79 Pair Switches

Ship. weight, 2 lbs.

O gauge track. Shipping weight, 1 1/4 pound. 49D5200—Per pair.... \$3.39 Standard gauge track. Shipping weight, 1 1/2 pounds. 49D5234—Per pair.... \$4.48

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Beautifully Illuminated Station
Steel station, substantially constructed; beautifully finished. Embossed parts, inserted windows, and cutout panel doors. Green detachable roof. Bracket, electric lamp and wires ready for attaching. Platform measures 10x7 in. Height of station over all, 7 1/4 in. Ship. wt., 3 1/2 lbs. \$4.48

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For general use such as in headlights, illuminated cars, etc. Packed in wood container. 49D5254—14-volt.... 25c 49D5255—8-volt.... 25c

Bell Warning Signal
The bells ring while train is passing and automatically stop when train has passed by. Made of steel, nicely enameled. Nickel plated bells. Warning sign is brass with red letters. "Lockon" contact, wires and directions. 8 1/2 in. high. Ship. wt., 1 1/2 lbs. For O Gauge 49D5250 \$2.65 For Standard Gauge 49D5246 \$2.98

\$1.25 Illuminated Lamp Post for \$1.10
The most popular electric train accessory. No railroad system is complete without a lamp post. A real reproduction, carefully constructed. Light globe included. Height, 7 1/2 in. Shipping weight, 1 lb. 49D5253 \$1.10

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48 T 3084M—Mailable. Ship. wt. 16 lbs. \$3 Down, \$3 Month. ... Cash \$29.88

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(C) 48 T 3185M—150 WATTS. Ship. wt. 10 lbs. ... \$11.99.

(D) 48 T 3117—100 WATTS. Ship. wt. 4 lbs. 8 oz. ... 7.99

(E) 48 T 3115—50 WATTS. Ship. wt. 3 lbs. 4 oz. ... 5.33

(F) LIGHTED DEAD-END BUMPER. For .027 3-rail track. 48 T 3157—Plastic. 2 in. high. Wt. 4 oz. ... 87c

414 WARDS ALL

More Accessories for Electric
Trains, Pages 416, 417

(G) TO (M) FOR .027 GAUGE 3-RAIL TRACK.

(G) MANUAL SWITCHES. Red, green signals. One left, one right hand switch. 48 T 3104—Wt. 1 lb. 14 oz. ... Pair \$3.27

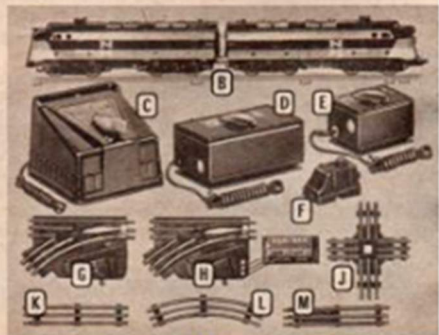
(H) REMOTE CONTROL SWITCHES. Automatic control panel. 1 left, 1 right. 48 T 3105—Wt. 2 lbs. 8 oz. ... Pair \$6.74

(J) CROSSOVER TRACK. 7½x7½ in. 48 T 3103—Ship. wt. 8 oz. ... 60c

(K) STRAIGHT TRACK. 8½ in. long. 48 T 3124—Ship. wt. 3 oz. ... Each 19c

(L) CURVED TRACK. 10¼ in. long. 48 T 3125—Ship. wt. 3 oz. ... Each 19c

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PERIFERAL OBJECTS FOR TOY TRAINS

By Greg Palmer # 94-39039

In the June issue of the Dispatch, it was reported that Russ Howry collects Briton Military Figures. That gave me an idea to report on an aspect of Toy Train Collecting that sometimes does not get enough due. In prewar times children often had metal figures and played with Metal Military Figures and equipment. Barclay and Manoil were the favored American brand. From about the early 1900's to the late 1930's these heavy large standard gauge size metal figures as well as O Gauge size metal figures were part of a child's Toy Train Layout. They occupied towns, rode inside the toy trains, etc. Most of the larger figures were a better fit for 1 Gauge or Standard Gauge. but could also be used with O Gauge if you did not care about size. I have enclosed photos of my collection of Barclay and Manoil 1 Gauge Military Figures. My Sister gave me this set for my Birthday a few years ago. I have purchased from Paul Wasserman a few items to enhance the scene i.e. injured soldiers, Trench Bags, and other items. Children imagined having a battlefield ready to defend their layout.



As you can see from the photos my battlefield has total Air superiority, Thanks to the Prewar Lionel Airplane. I also have a large amount of Maxium Machine guns ready to stop any advance through the fences and barb wire defenses. The layout is a clockwork O Gauge layout with an American Flyer Locomotive and Ives and American Flyer cars. At the Hafner depot the shells on the station platform are real. They are real Civil War Bullets from the Calvary Battle of Brandy Station in Virginia. I also use real bullets as shells from the Battle of Gettysburg on my Prewar Layout near a station ready to be loaded on a car and guarded by Barclay Military Figures.



Collecting one thing can mean collecting something else. I hope more of you show everyone other things you collect that go with your Toy Trains, such as Automobiles, figures, lamp posts, and other objects.



Have fun collecting.

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER MEETING PHOTOS



Paul Wasserman is officially a grandfather! Congratulations!



Terry Haas showing his "cool" paint scheme on a 2017 TTOS Lionel Southern Nevada RR generator car.



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