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A FULL FALL OF TRAINS!

While the last of the summer heat continues to persist for us desert dwellers, the anticipation of cooler weather grows with each passing day as we prepare to enjoy the Desert Division's busiest train season. It all kicks off with our September 13th meet which is typically one of our most well-attended meets of the year. The educational topic is "Cool Trains for Hot Days". We look forward to seeing many of you there!

While Desert Division activities do tend to slow during the summer heat there is always something train related going on. At June meet we had approximately 24 members in attendance. June is always has the lowest attendance of the year as many of our winter visitors have returned to cooler weather north. This did not prevent us from enjoying the warm fellowship and camaraderie that Desert Division is known for. The "Beat the Heat" bus trip was discussed as it has returned for the first time since 2019. The next Division auction has been confirmed for November 1st at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church. Expect another full auction with over 300 lots of trains. Our annual train show will be held on November 15th at the Living Streams Church in north central Phoenix. Details to follow soon! The final bit of new business was confirmation of December 14th for the annual Holiday Party which will be held this year at the VFW hall at Mountain View and Cave Creek roads.

The June educational segment theme was summer themed trains or memories of summer vacation. Your Dispatch Editor predictably brought some Amtrak cars. Specifically, Golden Gate Depot Amfleet I cars painted in

Amtrak's current scheme, Phase VI. Jonathan explained that these cars have officially been in service for 50 years and replacement cars are still several years off. While Amtrak has introduced a new Phase VII paint scheme for the cars, he reminisced on family summer vacations to Washington DC and to Boston, MA in these cars when they were nearly new and painted in their original Phase I paint. Mark Thompson is a collector of hats and shirts from his various summer vacation travels and brought hats from his most recent vacation to Scotland. Paul Wasserman who is well known for his extensive collection of all things prewar Lionel brought several rare paper items including Lionel Magazine, Volume 1 from 1930 and a Lionel Engineer's Club certificate. Included with the certificate was the even rarer pin that was offered as part of the club membership. Chris Allen discussed his affection for McCoy trains and specifically discussed the Main Street Diner from the Seattle Convention. It is distinctive in that the windows only appear on the front side of the diner which indicates that it was specifically designed as a diner unlike other diner models that are traditional coaches made into stationary diners. Chris did mention that a large portion of McCoy collection would be going to Jacksonville for the National Convention sales pits and would not be returning. Did any of it come back? We will find out at the next meeting! Finally, Chris Campbell brought several cars from the south Jersey Shore as he vacations there in the summer with his family and is a fan of the Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines which was a joint venture with passenger and freight service across southern New Jersey until the formation of Conrail in 1976. **(Continued on Page 11)**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

September 13 – Desert Division Meeting

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

October 4 & 5 – Rail Fair

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
7301 E Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale, AZ

JUNE 14TH MEET PHOTOS



President pro tempore Lautazi (wait is that correct?) led the June meeting as our President and Vice President were not available.



Part of Paul Wasserman's large collection of vintage and rare Lionel paper items.



Treasurer Mark Thompson spends his summers traveling and collects hats among other items during his summer vacations.



Chris Allen discussing the significance of the McCoy diner made specifically for the Seattle TCA Convention.



Chris Campbell discussing his collection of Southern New Jersey train related items from various summer vacations to the shore.



Chris Allen was the happy winner of the \$100 Hudson Raffle drawing for June.

MINUTES JUNE 11TH, 2025 TCADD BOARD MEETING AT THE ELK'S LODGE

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Minutes: The Desert Division has 108 members and the Rio Grande Chapter has 61. Division total is 169.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$7331.58, Savings \$498.85, Paypal \$1361.32, Ebay Acct \$1611.00 and Wells Fargo \$21418.78.

Old Business: Pizza Meetza Recap

The meet was successful as there were many members sharing their collection stories. We should give some thought as to whether we keep the same format for next year or change it up.

New / Ongoing Business:

- Upcoming June meet – Mike and John Craft will be out of town so the next Board member in line is the Secretary. Division Secretary Angelo will run the Saturday meet.
- The Nov 15 Train Show – Chris says he is waiting to hear back from Living Streams Church. They are trying to put together an acceptable contract.
- There are still 35 Atlas cars on hand. Chris will bring some cars to the convention and Terry will bring some to a train meet. At the November train show we will offer the cars at a 10% discount.
- Beat the Heat Bus – the Desert Division will be participating. Angelo will send out an e-blast and put the registration form on the website. We will let Dave Brown speak to the members at the meet and explain the Bus trip.
- The Train Auction is confirmed to be at the PVUMC Fellowship Hall on November 1st. Chris has been busy picking up consignments.
- There will be a new location for the December 14th Christmas Party. Mark has secured the VFW hall in Sunnyslope.
- Storage units – we will pay one unit for the year and the other on a month-to-month lease. There was some discussion on how to dispose of the unwanted contents. It was suggested that the OfferUP app might be a way to go.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next Board Meeting is on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 at President Mike's home.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Angelo Lautazi

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Happy Summer. I want to welcome you back to train related activities after our summer break! Our Board is starting their fourth year, and I wanted to remind you of our hard-working team: Mike Dietrich - President, John Craft - Vice President, Mark Thompson - Treasurer, Angelo Lautazi - Secretary, Paul Wasserman, Terry Haas, and Russell Howery – Directors, and Art Lites, President Rio Grande Chapter.

A year into this role I'm still honored to serve and hope you've had the chance to take advantage of our varied and fantastic offerings. I also realize that this is not a one person show and takes a real team to get things done. We have a core group of volunteers, but to paraphrase the ghost host at the Haunted Mansion...there's always room for more!

While the start of the summer was manageable, the recent haboob and rain have made for an interesting August. Our first meeting back from break will be September 13th and our first event is Rail Fair at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park on Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5th. We have a signed agreement to display our trailer all weekend! We will need help each day and will have sign-up forms at the meeting in September. This will not affect our October meeting on the 11th.

November is also a busy month, so I wanted to get the word out now! We will hold our Fall auction on Saturday, November 1st at the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall. Be sure to pick up your catalog for this great auction at the meeting in September or October.

The annual Train Show aka the "Turkey Meet" is happening the weekend before Thanksgiving, Saturday, November 22nd. It's the perfect way to kick off to the holiday season. The show is at the Live Streams Church and will be the don't miss event of the year. Please send your table registrations to Chris Allen ASAP.

Finally, be on the lookout for details regarding the Christmas Party, Sunday December 14th as the planning committee promises another memorable event in a new location.

September meeting theme:

"Cool trains for hot days" – What is your coolest train, could be a vibe (most awesome) or more literal (reefers) as you wish.

I hope to see you at the meeting and at our outstanding events.

Mike



Jonathan Peiffer with yet another Amtrak car.



A well attended June Meet.



Katie Elgar showing off a postwar wrecking car.

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THOUGHTS ON THE BUS TO BEAT THE HEAT

By Peter Atonna # 75-7578

As most DD members are aware, the three clubs got together to sponsor a bus trip to the annual Beat the Heat meet in Prescott. Dave Brown organized the event and logged in the reservations.

Wrist bands were used for paid meet attendees, and a set was mailed to Dave. When the bus arrived, folks could hop off the bus and head right into the vendor's door to the meet rather than standing in line with the public.

An earlier Beat the Heat tradition was that sandwiches could be reserved and picked up at the meet. That stopped with the recent move of the meet to Embry Riddle University. So, Dave and I arranged to put a lunch option on the reservation form. As the bus traditionally starts at my place, I ordered homemade sandwiches from my local grocery and when the bus arrived, all with lunch reservations headed into my guest house to grab a favorite.

The bus left for my place at 12:45 for lunch and a layout visit here so there would be time for lunch and layout visiting before the public started arriving at 2pm. When we got home, I went downstairs to turn on the lights and the layout when Mary Jane hollered "the bus is here!". It must have been right behind me! By the time I got upstairs to see if all was working OK, I saw people already wandering and sitting outside with their sandwiches. I told Mary Jane to invite those into the house; it is warm outside. She said it might be in the '80's here, but remember they are all from the Valley and all seemed happy. For them it is cool. I went back to the basement.

Back downstairs I cranked up the layout. And of course, as folks arrived, the layout gremlins were out in force. Without an incident test running each train for hours the week before, the Daylight cars insisted on derailing at a rail joint where the swing gate closes. And the fellows had great times finding them for me and helping to drag the train to a location where we could retail the offending car. And when standing the farthest distance from the base and with lots of "bodies" between us, the signal to the steam engine died a few times. Fortunately, it in a minute or so, it would start. I hoped nobody noticed.

We went on visiting and watching trains run until I saw two ladies entering the train room. Looking at my watch, it was 2pm, the start of the open houses

for the public. Time to get the bus going! I hollered to all, "time to get on the bus" and up they went. However, a tradition of the bus to the Beat the Heat is a photo of all the folks before they head out. That was taken and the bus headed to Donn Pease's HO gauge layout also here in Paulden.

Dave told me the group chose four of the six open houses to stop at, so with a map of the route, off they went. The last of the planned stops was at the Prescott Mall for the N gauger's and Tinplater's layouts. After a couple of hours, I got calls from both asking where the bus was. It turned out that after a third layout stop, it was getting late, and they decided to head back to the Valley. My guess is that it was 6pm or later by the time the last person was dropped off, making it a 12-hour day for some.

Was it worth it? I know for we layout hosts, it was great to have many old friends come to visit. I suspect the bus turnout was less than expected. A 50-passenger bus was chartered and only 20 people made the trip. So, if it is to be done again next year, I know all the organizers of the swap meet as well as the layout hosts, would be happy to see the bus again next year. We will wait to hear.



The lucky members of TCA Desert Division, Grand Canyon Model Railroaders, and Paradise and Pacific who elected to share a bus to attend the Beat the Heat swap meet and tour excellent layouts.

THE FOUR AMIGOS

By Chris Allen TCA #95-40580

So why do three guys start to make plans to travel from Arizona to Jacksonville Florida to attend a TCA Convention? There must be some kind of driving force, and there was, a missing amigo.



To understand how this came to be one must look at the original two amigos, Paul Malek and Bill Gonyea. Both were West Valley immigrants who dared travel into the East Valley. Protected by a magic D-56 potion they ventured into a Hobbit Hole known to locals as Steve's Place. It wasn't an ordinary train store, no postwar was to be found. K Line was banished from the shelves as were most products from the evil Big L. No this was a MTH paradise of purple boxes, and King Mike himself had visited the store with photos of that epic visit on display for all to see and proclaim that this indeed was a magical kingdom. Our intrepid conquistadors braved the Central Avenue crossing and traveled on until they visited that fortress and upon arriving met the service tech known far and wide as Sir KMA, Ray Pomper. After a few verbal exchanges the pair left the fortress one vowing never to return and the other stating that Sir KMA was soon to be our next Amigo. And so it was ordained with the purchase of

several dozen donuts over several trips The Amigo's were now three.



One day a fourth conquistador wandered onto the scene. Although he was not wearing the KMA fedora he seemed a likeable soul and so the three became four, and sir Sparks of Mesa Chris Allen joined the trio and so the Three Amigos were now four. Their conquests are well known, their loyalty to each other unquestioned, and many a story is told round campfires of the exploits of these four amigos robbing trains from the unlucky, repairing the unfixable, and keeping the bar maids a running, fetching armfuls of ale.



But every fairy tale has a plot twist, and so does our story. One day, one of the Amigos announced he needed to venture to a kingdom far away to be closer to kin than friends. Some of the Amigo's helped him prepare for a journey to that far away land known only as the Sunshine State. The other Amigo's carried on, but missing was the great Turkey Chili and the sounds of "Yuuuppp!" were not heard during the local auctions.

Then, there was a royal proclamation issued that all the clansmen far and wide would gather in that land of sunshine for a week in June in the year of 2025. Plans were made, rooms were reserved, Bars were restocked with ample liquid beverages, and the Four Amigo's once again, travelled as a unit and set fear of many, whose paths they crossed.

So, if you stayed with the story so far Bill, Ray and I travelled to Jacksonville Florida to be reunited with Paul at the convention. There are stories that can be told of our journey, and they started before the plane even left the ground in Phoenix.



Paul being a "local" volunteered us to assist him in, where else, the trading pits. Unfortunately, they were on the second floor of the hotel with limited access, so we learned how to use the cranky hotel freight elevator and assisted in everything from setting up and tearing down tables, helping seller move in and out and of course try to sell our goods.



We did not go on any of the tours except to three of the four hotel restaurants, and one night the fourth, Morton's The Steakhouse started looking pretty good, but cooler minds prevailed.

The Convention itself was well run and very organized. There were several seminars including a Social Media "Content Creator" roundtable, where the next generation of train enthusiasts discussed how they look at the hobby today and their view of where it is going. Trading pit action was brisk if you brought the right items, and the Welcome Party and Banquet were great. Desert Division donated several items, and we paired up the Banquet Mint Car from the 2019 Albuquerque Convention with the regular Convention Mint Car. The pair sold for almost \$400!

So if you want to hear a bit more of the Misadventures of the Four Amigo's be sure to attend the September General Meet. Somethings should never be put in print...



CONTROVERSIAL MODEL RAILROAD PRODUCTS

By Bruce J Brown TCA #95-41451



EDITOR'S WARNING: *In an era marked by much controversy, this article is quite timely. Please note however, that the following article contains material that may be deemed by some to have inappropriate content. Readers may wish to stop at this point and skip this article.*

Model railroading, while often seen as a wholesome hobby, can intersect with broader cultural and ethical discussions. Yet, several model railroad products have sparked controversy or been deemed in bad taste over the years due to political, social, or cultural sensitivities.

The standard of what to include in a model train layout is vastly different for public-facing displays by clubs or individuals as compared to personal home layouts.

The following sections can serve as a checklist for considering what to include or not include in those layouts designed for public viewing.

Holocaust-Themed Cars

Some European model manufacturers, particularly in Germany, produced accurate WWII-era German trains, including boxcars labeled as "Wehrmacht" or resembling those used to deport victims during the Holocaust. These were criticized for insensitivity, especially when not presented in an explicitly educational or historical context. Some manufacturers withdrew or rebranded the items. An Auschwitz concentration camp model railway layout is on public display at Wonderful World of Trains and Planes, Birmingham. However, these types of boxcars are no longer manufactured for public purchase.



Confederate Flag Cars

Model train cars bearing the Confederate flag or symbols of the Confederacy—especially in the 2010's onward—have become increasingly controversial due to the flag's perceived association with racism and white supremacy. Some shows and clubs banned them. Here is the 2010 TCA Atlanta Convention car that probably would not be issued in current times:



K-Line #K6630 TCA 1990 Atlanta Flatcar w/Cotton Bales

The Bachmann On30 Confederate Train Set, including cars decorated with Confederate flags and imagery related to the Confederacy, is no longer available. However, Microscale is still offering Confederate Flag Decals for HO and N-scale.

Alcohol and Beer-branded Cars

Beer-branded cars, like Budweiser reefers, no longer appear in train sets marketed to youth. In the past, concerns were raised over marketing alcohol-related imagery to children, leading to criticism and reevaluation of such products. In the 1990s and early 2000s, major retailers like Walmart and Toys "R" Us reportedly chose not to stock model train sets featuring alcohol branding, such as those from Lionel and MTH, to avoid potential controversies. While specific complaints from parent groups or organizations are not well-documented, these retailer decisions suggest a proactive approach to prevent possible backlash over exposing children to alcohol-themed toys.

Here is an excerpt from a current Walmart product page for a Miller Lite reefer:



Such a warning in our current time may be a bit anachronistic given all the serious problems teenagers and their parents are facing today (e.g., bullying, drugs, depression from social media, etc.) While there is no evidence that the existence of a Lionel beer reefer in a household has ever turned a child into an alcoholic, parents can use discretion in deciding whether to expose their children to these types of cars.

Political

Mikes Train House (MTH) is notorious for pushing the boundaries when it comes to political, cultural or innuendo-based train products.



MTH 30-76928 O Railking Flat Car with Garbage Truck - Donald J. Trump

Almost immediately after the announcement of this garbage-truck product on the O-Gauge Railroad Forum (OGR), there was an explosion of heated comments from all sides of the political spectrum which caused the forum moderators to delete all messages and remove multiple vendor ads for the product.

Religious

Some model railroading clubs have chosen not to display any form of religious symbology in their public-facing layouts. An example is removing the cross from

atop the Plasticville church or not including buildings with obvious religious symbols.



1950's Plasticville Church (Photo by Dave and Kim Allen)



Menard's O-Gauge Sacred Heart Hospital

Language

Almost immediately after vendors announced the MTH Ukraine product, the OGR Forum moderators deleted all messages associated with the car over objections to its language content.



MTH Ukraine O Scale Premier 40' USRA Double Sheathed Box Car #20-99371

Innuendo

Again, MTH pushed the boundaries with their suggestive "buxom melon" product line.



Buxom Melons O Scale Premier 36' Woodsided Reefer Car #20-94570 which was produced exclusively for the TCA!



Buxom Melons O Scale RailKing Roadside Stand #30-90628

Inappropriate Figures

At a public train show many years ago, I brought a diorama that included a Plasticville outhouse with doors cracked open. It revealed a man and a woman sitting on their respective potties.



A woman who passed by the booth with her son was highly perturbed seeing this and became quite angry at me. I never brought the outhouse to a train show again.

Adult-Themed Model Railroad Products

Adult-themed railroad items are generally banned at public train shows for violating family-friendly standards. These examples highlight the debate within the model railroading hobby about balancing artistic expression and realism with considerations of appropriateness and audience sensitivity.

- **Nude Decals**

A notable example of a model railroad product featuring cartoon or pop culture parodies with adult themes is the line of custom decals produced by Dave's Decals. These decals are designed for N scale model trains and depict graffiti-style artwork with mature cartoon imagery. They are intended for hobbyists aiming to create realistic urban scenes on their model layouts. While some enthusiasts appreciate the added

realism these decals bring to urban-themed layouts, others find the adult content inappropriate, especially in settings frequented by families and children. As a result, some model train clubs and exhibitions have established guidelines or restrictions regarding the display of models featuring explicit or mature-themed content. For instance, the NH110 Dave's Decals - Adult Themed Cartoon Graffiti Boxcar Wall Urban N Scale is one such product that has been discussed in model railroading forums and communities.



Dave's Decal "Graffiti Boxcar" Excerpt

- **Nude Figures**

United States company Arttista produce O-Gauge naked figures #1313, #1356, #1457, and #1624



Arttista #1313 "Modest Nude" Pewter Figure

European companies Preiser and Merten produce nude figures for HO and N gauge:



Preiser "Open Air Concert"



Merten "At The Beach" Series



Merten "Night Life" Series

- **Pornographic Model Railroad Accessories**

At the 2007 International Toy Fair in Nuremberg, Germany, Viessmann—a well-established German model railroad company—introduced model train accessories that can best be described as pornographic. This addition marked a first foray into adult-themed elements in the model train industry, sparked debates about appropriateness.

- **Viessmann 1501** An animated accessory showing a couple in an intimate pose, designed for HO scale model layouts.
- **Viessmann 1504** Another animated accessory depicting a couple, intended for adult-themed model train setups.

These accessories, appearing in the Viessman 2007 Catalog, operate on 14 to 16 volts, AC or DC.



Viessmann 2007 Catalog Product Listing

Summary

The bottom line is that model railroading is not immune from controversy. However, such controversy has been well-managed through the years by moderator controls for online forums, parental controls, and model train club leadership by not permitting items on layouts that may not be suitable for their visitors.

Editors Note: *This article is a perfect segue into Desert Divisions current offering of the Saddle Mountain Brewery "Taildragger Craft Beer" hopper that falls into two of the ten categories mentioned!*

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As we always like to say in Desert Division, we may be small in number but we more than make up for it with all our activities for our members to engage with each other around the hobby we all are so passionate about.

The TCA National Convention was held in Jacksonville, Florida. Chris Allen has provided us with a more personal take on the convention and his experience in this issue. In so many ways, Chris summarizes the key element that makes this hobby so great; the friendships we make along the way.

The annual pilgrimage to Prescott for the "Beat the Heat" meet welcomed the return of the bus trip for those who wanted to travel together and tour several layouts while in the Prescott area. It was jointly sponsored by TCA Desert Division, Grand Canyon Model Railroaders, and Paradise and Pacific. Should the bus return for next year? See Peter Atonna's article in this issue.

Soon Rail Fair will be upon us again on the weekend of October 4th and 5th. This will be the last opportunity to operate on the Desert Division trailer and we hope for lots of volunteers to come and operate your trains and most importantly enjoy the friendly conversation and interaction with the public. If we are lucky the weather may even be favorable! After Rail Fair the trailer will be placed for sale as agreed upon by the membership. However, we will continue to have a presence at Rail Fair and other events in the future. How we present the Division will be a topic of discussion over the next year.

Again, the September meet is on the 2nd Saturday of the month, the 13th and we hope to see as many members as possible in attendance. Not only will we go over the many activities coming up in the fall, but we will also discuss some important TCA National business related to the email question we all received regarding the potential sale of the TCA Museum building. As you are aware, you have until the 15th of September to cast our vote and many of you likely have already voted. Regardless, this is an opportunity to ask questions of Division members in national leadership to help make an informed opinion. There has been a lot of editorial discussion posted to various online forums, so this is an opportunity to discuss the issue directly with those who have direct insight into the many issues surrounding this important question.



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FOR SALE: TRACK SALE - New: Case of GarGraves phantom rail track, 50 sections OB, \$350 (retail \$635); case of Midwest cork roadbed, 25 pieces OB, \$50 (retail \$75). Can be shipped at actual shipping costs. Peter Atonna mjatonna@gmail.com

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Meet closes 2pm

RESERVATIONS: Size 6' long tables, chairs provided. **Tables reserved by submitting the form below with a check made out to TCA Rio Grande Chapter and mailed to the swap meet coordinator by October 18, 2025. Reservation forms submitted after the deadline are subject to an additional \$5 late fee per table.**

GENERAL GUIDELINES: Tables assigned by the Meet Coordinator and special requests treated on a first come first served basis; Electrical setup provided as requested. Vendors will please set up for the entire Swap Meet. We will do everything possible to make the event a pleasant experience for vendors as well as the general public.

Swap Meet Coordinator : Scott Eckstein 505-270-0516
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