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# Desert Division

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## SPRING MARCHES INTO THE DESERT

A well-attended meet at the Jaycees Hall included our-of-townners Roger Meekhof and Bill Jenkins. They, as well as the locals in attendance, received their 2008 Rosters and Desert Division Membership cards. The new Division Secretary, Fred Hunter, was congratulated and welcomed to the Division's Board of Directors. Treasurer Bob Herman announced that we have \$26,438.97 in savings; \$4,480.78 in checking; and \$336.96 in Trains for Kids.

Steve Bienstock presented the idea of having a TCA-Desert Division Scholarship Fund, with the money to be used by a pre-Engineering student at Scottsdale Community College. The Division would set the criteria and the college would administer it. Gordon Wilson made a motion, seconded by Don Locke, as follows: I move that the Desert Division give \$1,000 per year to a local college for a scholarship to a pre-engineering student, with criteria to be set by the Desert Division of TCA. Discussion ensued. Passed unanimously. Fred Hunter made a motion, seconded by Bob Herman, as follows: I move that a committee be established by the President to work with Scottsdale Community College to administer this scholarship. Passed unanimously.

Sam McElwee announced that Gene Smith, a member of our Division currently living in Maumee, Ohio, has a very large collection of American Flyer products. If a member of the Division sends Gene a "want list," Gene will try to help that member find the pieces requested. Sam also mentioned that Larry Harrington, of Williams by Bachmann, has announced that a new catalog will be ready by York.

President Katie Elgar announced that the Desert Division has been selected to sponsor an Australia/New Zealand Chapter. A motion will be presented at the TCA National Convention in June. Hopefully the Chapter will be established in time for the 2009 Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Alternates for the 2008 Convention were named: Bob Herman, Fred Hunter, and Gordon Wilson. Gordon Wilson nominated Christie Wilson for the position of TCA National Secretary, seconded by Steve Bienstock. Letters to that effect will be sent to the President and TCA National Secretary.

As part of our outreach program, Gordon Wilson and Paul Wassermann went to the February meeting of the Questers in Tempe to talk about toy trains, including various scales, changes through the history of toy trains, and the TCA. The Questers learned about the Desert Division through our website.

Katie Elgar and Jonathan Peiffer are chairing the 2008 Turkey Meet. The Saturday Swap Meet will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Glendale. The Sunday Auction will be at the Jaycees Hall. Advertising has already begun to let people know the dates and venues.

### COMING UP . . .

**APRIL 5 Spring Picnic, McCormick-Stillman RR Park – 10 AM**

**APRIL 12 Pizza Meetza, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM**

**APRIL 16-19 Eastern Division Meet, York, PA**

**MAY 10 Regular Division Meet, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM**

**MAY 17 Rio Grande Chapter Meet, Albuquerque, NM - 10 AM**

Paul Wassermann will be photographing various layouts for possible inclusion in the Photo Album section of Classic Toy Trains. These photos will be submitted to the editors of the magazine for use over the next few months, with the idea of promoting the various layouts in the area prior to the arrival of the 2009 TCA National Convention. He also asked for any members wishing to be on the Layout Tours to let him know now so we can plan the Convention's Friday night activity.

Christie Wilson stated that the Division has only one Hudson in stock and that is the one being raffled this year. She asked whether the membership wanted to continue this activity or change it. The vote was to continue, so our Hudson procurement team will be looking for a suitable engine at various upcoming events.

This month's Educational Segment began with Bill Jenkins, who brought in a State of Maine burlap potato sack, followed by several Makers' Plates from various European trains. Most were made of cast iron or steel, but the Soviet Union made theirs of aluminum. Bill also had some Train Running Signs, which were placed inside the cars. These, too, were from various European trains. Clark McClure displayed a 1943 D. A. Pachter paper train. He fondly remembers cardboard trains from the cereal boxes of his youth. When this one came up on e-Bay, he just "had to" bid on it. Clark also brought in the cardboard for a Heinz Soup Train. Produced in Canada, the words on one side are in English and on the other side in French. Paul Wassermann finished the section with pre-War Lionel Boats. The earliest has no figures and is in a box marked Model MB. Lionel later called their boats various names, including Pleasure Craft and Speed Boat. Paul read the announcement from Lionel about what these boats could do and he challenged the members to proceed to Chaparral Lake and test them out.

Gordon finished the segment with a plea for two upcoming events. He circulated two sign-up sheets asking for people who would be driving to Vermont and the York Meets. He will need people to carry apple boxes of goodies to both venues. He will also need members to staff the promotional booths at both venues. Next he showed three potential Silent Auction items that he will be donating to the Convention. One is a tool box filled with tools; a second is a brooch from Swarovski; the third is a serigraph picture from an art gallery. The variety of possibilities for the Silent Auction is infinite. Members are urged to donate items, both train and non-train in nature, for this fundraiser at the 2009 Convention.

Raffle prizes this month were plentiful and varied. Winners were as follows:

Jonathan Peiffer	Williams C&O Gondola with barrels
Tom Stange	Lionel 6257 caboose and candy train
Ken Barnes	Hudson Raffle ticket
Jim Vokac	Lionel Train guide book
Katie Elgar	Lionel C&NW boxcar
Terry Haas	Lionel book, die-cast truck, and set of lamps
Chris Allen	Bag of trees
Angelo Lautazi	Turkey Meet badges, chocolate train, pewter items, and bumpers

The \$100 bill from the Hudson Raffle was won by Fred Hunter.



The Educational Segment featured Paul Wassermann's Lionel boat collection, Clark McClure's paper train, and on the easel in the back a picture to be part of the Convention Silent Auction.



In the kitchen this month: Shirley Hunter, Greg Novak, and Ruth Elgar



Fred Hunter won the \$100 Hudson Raffle prize.

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The March After-Meet Visitation was at the home of Sam McElwee. Art Triant and Kay Vokac look on as Sam shows what can be done in a small space in his garage.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

As we move into the Spring training season, it's a great time to get into the train room and check out to see if there is anything that you would like to put into the Pizza Meetza Auction! If so, bring it to the April Meet and see Chet Henry to buy a \$5.00 lot ticket and put it into the auction! Easy as that! You can also donate the items to be auctioned off to the Club or the 2009 Convention and not pay the lot ticket fee. AND between the meeting and the auction, enjoy some FREE pizza as well! Beth has ordered 40 some pizzas and Clarke will be handling the set up. The coffee window is stocking up on extra sodas and water for purchase. Remember, some raffle tickets will be drawn for free sodas as well!

April 5th is our annual Picnic at Stillman-McCormick Railroad Park! Hot dogs should be ready around 11 AM. Bring a potluck dish to share. There will be sodas and chips provided.

My apologies to those who have membership certificates coming to them. We had so much going on, that though I had the certificates, I forgot to hand them out. I will have them at the April Meeting.

The Turkey Meet this year will be held Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> in Glendale, at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel and Spa. This is located southeast of the 101 and Glendale Avenue. The actual address is 9495 W. Coyotes Blvd. This facility is 30,000 square feet, nearly 2 times the size of Mesa Centennial Hall. The Turkey Meet Auction will be held Sunday, November 30, at the Drinkwater Club Jaycee Hall on Jackrabbit Road (our regular meeting location).

Don't forget to check out your National Headquarters News for information on the 54<sup>th</sup> National TCA Convention in Burlington, VT. There are many train riding and related tours, put together by the NETCA Division Convention Committee. Register early so you get your choice of tours, etc. Hotels are filling up fast! Remember if you are planning to take the tour to Canada, you must pack your passport! Don't have one? Apply for your passport early, so that you have it in time for the Convention. There is also a link to the convention site at our own website: [www.tcadd.org](http://www.tcadd.org).

There will be no train room visit after the April Meeting. Hope to see you at the Pizza Meetza on April 12.

Happy trains,



## DESERT DIVISION REACHES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

As part of an outreach program, the Desert Division took train lore to the Questers, a Tempe-based group of folks searching for information about items from the past. On February 12, Gordon Wilson and Paul Wassermann took samples of toy trains from different eras to the Pyle Adult Recreation Center of the Tempe Community Complex, where they spoke to a very large and receptive audience.

The Questers said that for years they had been seeking a group to do such a presentation. Their Program Director, Ann Poulos, happened upon our website, and sent us an inquiry. Webmaster Angelo Lautazi sent the information to President Katie Elgar, who brought it to the Division Board of Directors. Gordon Wilson volunteered to organize the program, and the rest is history.

Paul and Gordon loaded the trunk with a loop of O-gauge track, transformers, trains of all sizes and vintages, sample catalogs, and TCA information. Paul began with some background information about the beginnings of toy trains and Lionel as a toy train company. He showed a reproduction of a Lionel 2 7/8 gauge #1000 Electric Passenger Car, the original of which was made in 1905. Today originals bring close to \$10,000, whereas the reproductions are in the \$500 range. Paul discussed values, restoration, and changes in the industry, up to and including the most recent technological gadgetry. One interesting note was the 32 page Lionel catalog from 1948, as compared to the 2008 3-part catalog, the main one numbering 200 pages, and that's just Volume I of three volumes produced during a calendar year. Gordon followed with examples of trains in various sizes, from HO to O to G. He ran the Polar Express train, to the delight of the audience. Both Paul and Gordon told stories about their love of toy trains, participation in TCA, and how each came to be President of the organization at one time.

Each attendee received a TCA brochure with web and phone contact information. Only the fact that the hall closed at 9 PM could end the session, during which there were questions and answers, 2008 catalog give-aways, and much interest in the TCA. The Questers left with smiles on their faces and memories of toy trains in their hearts.

## HEALTH NEWS

Selma Levin is recuperating from a broken leg. Cards would be welcome. Send them to her at 15533 E. Jojoba Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.

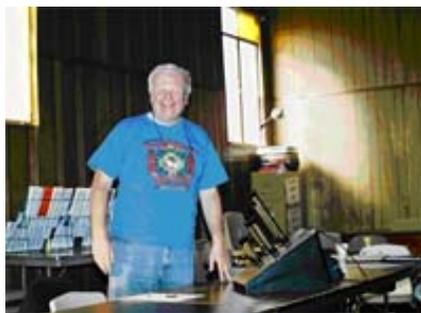
## **RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS**

by Gregory E. Palmer, TCA # 94-39039

Another large turnout, of the Chapter membership, attended the March 15th Rio Grande Chapter Meet. The Education Segment opened with Don Mantay passing out photos and a booklet on the Verde Valley Railroad in Arizona. He reminded the Chapter membership that the Verde Valley Railroad will be part of the tours of the TCA 2009 National Convention in Phoenix. It was very informative to see photos from the actual train ride. Everett Hagan showed the group his bellows operated train whistle. The item is currently being produced by a company in California. I brought in repro and original 6414 automobiles and showed the group the differences in the original, the Madison Hardware repro, the repro repro, and the Lionel LLC autos. The differences in the tires and the length of the autos are a good give away. The original is 1/8" longer. The Lionel LLC autos are very shiny, and the repro cars have thinner tires with indented hubs. Paul Hurford brought in his collection of variations of the Lionel and Lionel-Ives Lithograph Cars. He pointed out the differences in the cars and the journals on various cars.

The meeting portion opened with reports. Board member Jon Spargo reported on the progress of the 2926 Locomotive restoration project. He also gave the Chapter a report on our TCA Kids Club. Paco Coursey, our first Kids Club member is having a great time going through his TCA Kids Club information. Also Jon Spargo stated that he is forming, on behalf of the TCA Rio Grande Chapter and the local Socorro Train Gang Club, an after school Toy Train Model Railroad Activity. Jon will keep us posted on the after school activities. If anyone wants to help Jon, please give him a call at 575-835-1606. Also Jon reported about the new Albuquerque Wheels Museum. This facility will have all types of wheeled transportation from around New Mexico. The Museum wants to have Toy Trains operating and on display. Although this is several years away, John wanted the Chapter to help with this project. The Chapter voted to have Jon become our representative to the Wheels Museum, and the TCA Rio Grande Chapter will have a presence at the Albuquerque Wheels Museum. Jon will keep us posted on the progress of the Museum. Tom Lawler, with the help of Carl Cataline, will check into having a scout troop be part of our 2008 Pumpkin Meet in October. We want the Scouts to do their Model Railroading Merit Badge at the Meet. Tom will keep us posted on their progress. Thanks Tom and Carl for doing this. We need to involve more kids and young adults in the hobby of Model Railroading, Toy Trains, and collecting-operating.

Our next Meet will be on May 17th at the New Mexico Rail Fair, which is at Expo New Mexico (State Fairgrounds) School Arts Building. You can get discount coupons at Trains West. I also passed out coupons at the March Meet. The Short Meet will take place at 10:00AM. The Rail Fair starts at 9:00AM. This should be a fun event. A lot of Railroadiana items, some toy trains, and several operating layouts will be there. Let's have some fun Saturday, May 17th. Ross Jordan, John Trever, and Paul Hurford reported to the group on the New Mexico Railrunner Commuter Train Billboards the Chapter will sell. The Billboards will fit the Lionel, Marx, Plasticville Billboard frames. Ross Jordan showed several proto types of the Billboard. The Chapter voted to have John, Ross, and Paul make the choice on the one Billboard to use and come up with the price. The Billboard should be ready to display at the May 17th Meet. This will be a one-of-a-kind Billboard. The New Mexico Railrunner will be going all the way to Santa Fe by this time next year. We will keep the Chapter and Division informed on when the Billboards will be ready. Hope to see all of you at the May 17th Meet at the NM Rail Fair at the Fairgrounds at 10:00AM.



Everett Hagan shows a bellows-style train whistle.



Paul Hurford's lithographed Lionel and Ives transition cars.



Prototype examples of the NM Railrunner Commuter Train billboard.

## HUDSON RAFFLE

The club has voted. We will continue the Hudson Raffle. Purveyors of fine toy trains will be searching for a 1950 or 1964 Hudson for next year. Meanwhile, the Desert Division has a Hudson Raffle going on this year, and tickets are available at each meet from now until the Turkey Meet in November. Get your ticket for only \$25 and take a chance on winning a \$1500 engine. Not only can you win a Hudson, but you could be the lucky winner of a crisp new \$100 bill, given away each month to a recipient of a Hudson Raffle Ticket stub. Support the club and buy your Hudson Raffle Tickets. See Bob Herman or Christie Wilson at the April Meet.

## SPRING PICNIC

Save the date of Saturday, April 5, 2008, for the Spring Picnic. It will be held at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale. How will you find us? We have the Ramada Fenstermacher reserved from 9 AM through 7 PM. Where, you ask, is this Ramada? It is the third one past the restrooms, by the playground. What will be going on? There will be games, prizes, and food. Now that's the catch-word – FOOD. Hot dogs will be ready about 11 AM, but you will need to bring a side dish or a dessert. What can you provide? Salads, deviled eggs, brownies, cookies, your secret family recipe for picnic fare – anything will do, so long as you bring enough for a small family.

Plan to spend the day with family and friends, riding the train, enjoying the carousel, playing games, and maybe even winning a raffle or door prize. That's an agenda too good to pass up. See you on Saturday, April 5, at the Railroad Park.

## SPRING RAFFLE

If you read your bulletins with any regularity, you will notice that the Desert Division is once again holding a Spring Raffle. This raffle offers newer merchandise than the Hudson Raffle and is designed to attract those who want more modern equipment. This year we have a ready-to-run set, an operating lumber mill, and a drawbridge, all made by Lionel. The cost is \$10 for one ticket or \$25 for three tickets. Tickets will be available for sale at the April Meet. The prizes will be awarded at the June Meet, but you do not need to be present to win. Buy your tickets and support the Desert Division.

## PIZZA MEETZA AUCTION

Did you buy your Auction Lots yet? They are \$5.00 each. Chet Henry will be selling lots at the April Meet. If you wish to donate any items to the Desert Division or to the 2009 TCA Convention, you may do so at that time. There is no charge for a donated lot. Let's make this the biggest April Auction in the history of the Division.

The pizzas have been ordered and should arrive before Noon. At that time, the Auction lots will be set up for inspection. We ask that you refrain from inspecting the lots until after your lunch, as the workers will need all available space, and Peter Atonna, our auctioneer extraordinaire, needs to examine the items before he can begin the auction. With your cooperation, we should be able to begin the auction before 1 PM.

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## DESERT DIVISION APRIL BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, April 9, beginning at 7:30 PM at the home of Steve Bienstock. Members are welcome to attend. Please call 480-998-9227 to be sure there are enough chairs.

## COLLECTING THE UNUSUAL

by Gregory Palmer TCA #94-39039

I collect all types of toy trains. I love Lionel Pre-War and Post -War, Ives, American Flyer Pre-War and Post-War S Gauge, Marx Pre-War and Post-War, Pre-War Bing, and Marklin 0 Gauge. It just goes on and on and on. But I really enjoy collecting unusual items: things from Lionel Service Stations, Lionel and other companies' paper, catalogs, plus sets that are not common. I came to Phoenix on February 8th to attend the Desert Division Board Dinner and also the Division Meet on the 9th. I arrived at the Meet and found a few items to purchase. I also brought a few items for the Educational Segment. In the Educational Segment, Paul Wassermann talked about a Lionel Outfit #1427WS, which included a 2026 Locomotive 6466WX Tender, 6454 Boxcar, 6465 Sunoco Tank Car, and a 6257 SP- type Caboose. This Outfit box is marked LESS TRANS. As Paul explained, this Outfit came from a former Military Serviceman. The boxes marked LESS TRANS were for Outfits that would be sold through an Army Base PX, or designed for foreign placement. Paul finished his talk with saying he had it for sale earlier in the morning, but he had no takers. I heard this and I had my check book out in a flash, and a check in Paul's hand even faster. I love unusual items and this was one I wanted. I must have been sleep walking earlier in the morning, or talking too much to people I had not seen in months. Whatever, I purchased a very scarce Lionel Post-War Outfit. Also since February 8 is my birthday, I really gave myself a great present. After getting back to Albuquerque, I did further research on this Outfit. I found that these types of Lionel Outfits were not only sold on Military Bases, but also to foreign stores and dealers. Once someone purchased an Outfit marked LESS TRANS they then would purchase a Transformer designed for their type of power system in the country they were in. The following is a list of power systems, in 1948, for which Lionel had to design Transformers:

1. 125 Volt 25 Cycles AC. For the Upper Midwest, Northeast USA, most of Canada, most of Mexico
2. 125 Volt 50 Cycles AC. For parts of Mexico.
3. 220 Volt 50 Cycles AC. For parts of Europe.
4. 250 Volt 60 Cycles AC. For parts of Europe.

In 1948 Lionel would have had the following Transformers available for this Outfit. All require AC power:

1032M 75 Watts 125 Volt 50 Cycles  
1232 75 Watts 220 Volt 50 or 60 Cycles  
1241 60 Watts 220 Volt 60 Cycles  
RWM 100 Watts 125 Volt 50 Cycles  
RW250 100 Watts 220-250 Volt 50 or 60 Cycles

Lionel regular stock transformers were 110 Volt 60 Cycles. Although power in most places in the U.S. today runs between 108 volts -128 volts depending the time of day and the time of the year, most of the time the power averages 120 volts.

After doing all this research, I decided my new Outfit needed the proper Lionel Transformer. I started looking in various places, but found an RW250 on e-Bay. Since this Outfit had a whistle tender I needed a Transformer that had a whistle control. I bid and won the RW250. So now I have a Lionel 1427WS Outfit with a European RW250 Transformer. This set up would have been for someone who was living or stationed in Europe in 1948. Once again the TCA and the Desert Division came through for me. I always learn so much from going to the Division Meets. Thanks to Paul Wassermann for letting me purchase this great Outfit. Now all I have to do is purchase a 110v.-220v. inverter to operate my 1427WS Lionel Outfit.



Outfit 1427WS, in box stamped LESS TRANS, and RW 250 Transformer



Lionel RW250 Transformer



Lionel Outfit 1427WS on the track in Greg Palmer's train room

# \* Desert Division's \*\* Spring Raffle 2008 \*



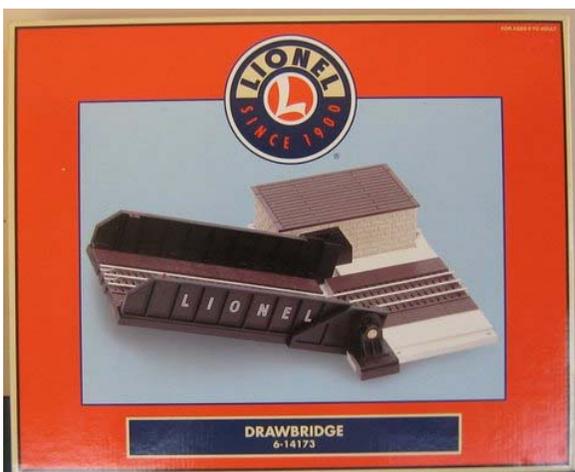
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Accessory is a must for every  
Layout



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Tickets on sale starting April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – Drawing date June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
\$10.00 ea 3/\$25.00  
Need not be present to win!

## HIGHWAY PETROGLYPHS

by Chris Allen 95-40580

Although I recently retired, I still do a good bit of travel around our glorious state. Many of you are aware that my Mother was instrumental in giving all her children a keen sense of perception and the ability to notice changes in everyday life. While I will never be a huge variations collector, I do keep my eyes open for the weird and unusual items I see, and my simple mind often goes off concocting some wonderful tale about why certain things are. I often find that some things just can't be explained or that they make no sense at all. I'll leave the following up to you to decide.

Both the Desert Division and I have a long history of some tall tales that have been printed in the April issue of the DISPATCH. Now the question for you is, are these real photos, my creative ability of using Photoshop on my computer, or just another April Fool's story? Are they even in the state of Arizona? What is the connection with highway underpasses, Arizona, and steam era locomotives?

I'm sure you're looking for me to start spinning some yarn about a recent trip I took to visit Arizona's famous Mogollon Monster on my way over Fools Hollow Lake. This would be a great place to talk about one of Arizona's early railroaders, Col. J. W. Eddy, and his 3,100 foot long tunnel for the Central Arizona Railway that fell only 3,030 feet short of being completed, but you eagle-eyed readers surely caught the front boiler plate on one of these petroglyphs and might have noticed the resemblance to the Brooks Locomotives that once ran up and down the "peavine." It seems to us desert rats that every time we make a trip up to the Prescott Valley area, we notice that it is becoming more and more suburbanized and that these highway tributes are really from that area and the Santa Fe, Prescott, and Phoenix Railroad. If I recall Arizona Railroad history (and I always like to quote Mark Twain who said "Never let the facts get in the way of a good story.") the SFP&P came into Phoenix on the west side of town, so these markings must be on the newly remodeled Grand Avenue overpasses on the way to Wickenburg. Rail fans everywhere know that the BNSF line parallels Grand Avenue, and with all its crossings, surely these must be from the new bridges along that route.



This is one of those great April Fool's articles that I will leave up to you. The photos are real. Better high resolution pictures of these and several others I took will be on the Desert Division's website. Let me know at the April meet where you believe this hot bed of Arizona Railroad history is located. I'll reveal where these pictures were really taken, and I'm quite sure the truth is stranger than any story I could have come up with for an April issue. As taxpayers, the Arizona Department of Transportation may have pulled a pretty good joke on us all!

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WANTED – Standard Gauge preferred, or Gauge 1: Rich-Art McKeen motor cars, Rich-Art Cascade Bipolar Electric, MTH Ives black diamond set, MTH Flyer President's Special, Roberts Lines Burlington Zephyr, Lyle Cain's Toonerville Depot with figures, Delton Santa Fe railtruck with tools and garage set. Condition: C-7 or better. Donald Neely, 7 Allen St. – STE 300, Hanover, NJ 03755-2065. E-mail [donaldjneely@earthlink.net](mailto:donaldjneely@earthlink.net) Phone 603-643-1200 or FAX 603-643-9269.

FOR SALE – Post War Lionel ZW Transformers in Ex Condition: 250 Watt - \$195; 275 Watt - \$245. Buyer pays shipping costs via UPS Ground. Call Marty Nickerson at 928-778-4294 or e-mail [4aztrains@earthlink.net](mailto:4aztrains@earthlink.net).

WANTED – Motor for 616 Flying Yankee power car or 636 City of Denver power car. Will buy complete power car if reasonable. Call Marty Nickerson at 928-778-4294.

FOR SALE – Lionel 390E Freight Set – 5 cars restored - \$750.00. Santa Fe with 15 cars, Mint - \$650. 400 E Reproduction Engine – Mint - \$800. Contact Sam Testa, 17541 Camino Confianza, Sahuarita, AZ 85629, or call 520-625-8303.

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Please contact them for items you may have, want, or need.

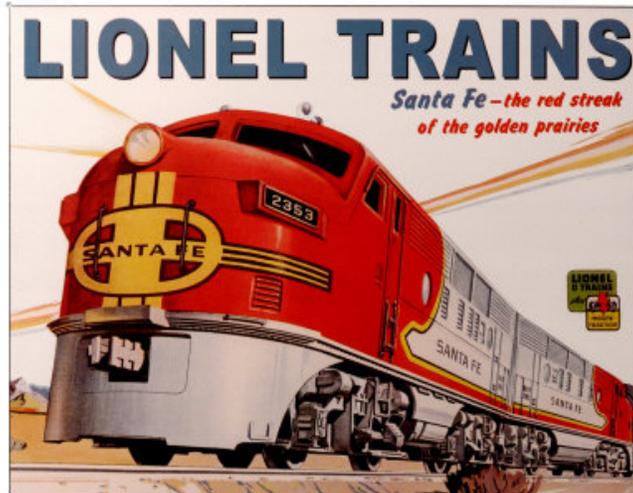
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- April 5 Spring Picnic, McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale, AZ – 10 AM  
April 12 2009 Convention General Meeting – 7:30 AM, followed by Pizza Meetza and Auction – 9 AM  
Drinkwater Clubhouse, Jaycees Hall, 8102 E. Jackrabbit Road, Scottsdale, AZ  
April 16-19 Eastern Division Meet, York, PA  
May 10 2009 Convention General Meeting – 7:30 AM and Regular Meet – 9 AM  
May 17 Rio Grande Chapter Meet – State Fairgrounds, School Arts Building – 10 AM  
June 14 Desert Division Board Meeting – 7:30 AM and Regular Division Meet – 9 AM  
June 22-29 54<sup>th</sup> Annual TCA Convention, Burlington, VT  
July 12 Desert Division Mini-Meet, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM  
August 9 “Beat the Heat” Meet, Prescott, AZ  
Contact: Peter Atonna at 925-636-4228 or e-mail [mjatonna@commspeed.net](mailto:mjatonna@commspeed.net)

**Have You PADE Your Way?**

- P**urchase raffle tickets
- A**uthor an article for the Dispatch
- D**onate something to the club
- E**nlist to help

**PADE PROMOTIONS**

Our thanks go to many members this month. Donald Stefanisn and Mike Andrews donated deactivated cell phones for the 2009 Convention drive. Jim Vokac's donation of a Lionel Box Car is gratefully acknowledged. Steve Palmer has donated a raffle prize for this month's drawing. Jonathan Peiffer and Chris Allen helped with the production of this issue of the Dispatch. Ruth Elgar, Shirley Hunter, and Greg Novak served coffee and donuts in the kitchen in March.

Your name could appear in this space. You need only do something to benefit the Division.