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MARCH PICNIC A HUGE SUCCESS

The weather was perfect, the members came out in droves, food overflowed the table space reserved for it, and everyone had a good time. It's just what a Picnic is supposed to be. The March give-away was a button advertising the 40th Anniversary of the Desert Division. Designed by Mitch Kuhn, brother of Ron Kuhn, this colorful memento was a hit with everyone. See photo at the bottom of this page. Also every member in attendance received the 2011 Desert Division Membership Roster and laminated 2011 Division membership card. Those who had ordered 40th Anniversary shirts received them, and several members ordered additional shirts for a second order. This was also the first day to order 40th Anniversary Ruby Hoppers and buy raffle tickets for the prototype and the jewelry, which will be awarded to one raffle ticket holder at the Gala October 22 Anniversary Banquet.

A brief Business Meeting started the activities. A special "Thank You" to Paradise and Pacific for obtaining the Aste Ramada for this Picnic, shared with the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders and the Desert Division. Our Educational Segment theme for this month was Green Trains. Sure enough, there was a table filled with green trains of all makes, road names, and eras. Jonathan Peiffer began with an Atlas Industrial Switcher and a WP&N HO scale box car. He also brought in an Amtrak Metroliner, but, as he was reminded by the members in attendance, it WASN'T GREEN, but rather its "greenness" was because of its low pollution rating as it ran. Ralph Treichel told about his Southern Diesel GP-7 and a Tune Buttes Railroad car. John Wiley found a green Marx New York Central Box Car at a flea market and proudly displayed it. Gordon Wilson finished the segment, as he dipped into his Post War Lionel collection and brought some truly Rare and Hard to Find "Green" Trains. Three of the rarest pieces were a 6464-300 Rutland Box Car with the Solid Green Shield; a 1946 Prototype Madison Passenger Car in Dark Brunswick Green, and a 6167 SP-type Khaki Green Caboose from an uncatalogued 1964 Military Set. Other pieces were a set of 2440-41, 1946 only Passenger cars with "Flying Shoe" trucks, a 6402 Flat Car with Green Automobile, a Green New York Central 6464-900 Box Car with Black Door, two variations of the 6520 Searchlight Car with Green Generators, and all four variations of the 3435 Operating Aquarium Car. Among the accessories Gordon brought were three very hard to locate items: a #394 Dark Green Rotary Beacon, the #395 Light Green Floodlight Tower, and a #455 Oil Well with Light Green Super Structure and Red Top.

COMING UP

APRIL 9 – Pizza Meetza – Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

Education Segment Theme: Fake Trains/Faux Treines

MAY 7-8 – National Train Day – Williams, AZ

MAY 14 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

MAY 21 – New Mexico Rail Fair Meet – Expo New Mexico – 9 AM

JUNE 4 – Gadsden-Pacific Show and Meet, Tucson, AZ – 9 AM

JUNE 11 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

JUNE 26-JULY 3 – TCA National Convention, Sacramento, CA

JULY 9 – Division Mini-Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

OCTOBER 22 – 40th Anniversary Party – Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale, AZ – 6 PM



Gordon ended the segment with the announcement of April's theme. Remember, April's most famous "gotcha day" is April Fool's Day. With that in mind, we thought it would be fun, prior to the Pizza Meetza Auction, to have a display of any trains/accessories which appear to be REAL, but really aren't! We'll call it, "FAUX TREINES" or Fake Trains. We also thought it might be fun if members of our Standards Committee might be willing to look at the "Faux" trains and identify their FALSENESS. Check through your "stable" of toy trains and bring with you anything you know is NOT real, but please, know why it isn't!

Folks started the chow line even before the charcoals arrived to cook the hot dogs. There was enough food to satisfy most of the picnickers. Even so, once the hot dogs were cooked, folks went back for seconds and thirds and . . .

Next it was time for raffles and contests. Everyone in attendance was given a ticket. Blue ones went to the men and white ones went to the ladies. Raffle prizes were drawn from those free billets. Winners were as follows:

Steve Rudy	Lionel REA Reefer	Christie Wilson	\$25 Women's Gift Certificate
Jonathan Peiffer	1033 Lionel Transformer	Ralph Treichel	Lionel UP Tank Car
Glenn Saber	Rail King Santa Fe Hopper	Chet Henry	1033 Lionel Transformer
Ivan English	Lionel C&G Box Car	John Upshur	Proto Smoke Fluid
Sally Treichel	Lennox Ornament	Boyd Reasor	\$25 Men's Gift Certificate to Burling's Ton of Trains

The Mystery Box bid-off is always fun and this year was no exception. GCMR's box included a mug and a Lionel Automatic Flagman and went to Art Triant. Phil Monahan was the high bidder on the Desert Division's box, which included a K-Line Santa Fe Chief Box Car and a LaPosada Harvey House booklet. Chet Henry was the recipient of the Hudson Raffle \$100 bill. All that was left was clean-up and rides on the Railroad Park trains. Many folks also visited the Railroad Park's new three-club model train building which was open and operating for all to peruse and enjoy.



Hanging the Desert Division's Banner



The Chow Line



Chet Henry wins the Hudson Raffle \$100

THE HUDSON RAFFLE GETS EVEN BETTER

Last month we advised everyone that there would be a bonus prize added to the 40th Anniversary 773 Hudson Raffle. That would be a 1948 set of #6440, 6440, and 6441 Green and Yellow Tinplate Passenger Cars. These cars were pulled by a 2026 Locomotive with smoke and a 6466WX Tender, equipped with a whistle. Those three cars in C-7 condition were to have been the "Bonus" 40th Anniversary Prize.

Now, thanks to Greg Palmer, President of the Desert Division's Rio Grande Chapter, the stakes have been raised. Greg has donated to the Division a fine example of the 2-6-2 #2026 Loco and 6466WX Tender to complete this 1948 #1426WS Lionel catalogued set.

The Bonus Set that will now go to the second ticket drawn in the 773 Hudson Raffle will be for the 1948 #1426WS Set, complete with Track and Transformer. Could that be reason enough for you to NOW invest or take a chance at buying some 773 Hudson Raffle Tickets? All non-winning tickets become tax-deductible contributions (Keep your stubs) when you file your 2011 income tax return as the Desert Division is a federally chartered 501c3 organization.

The more raffle tickets you purchase, the more you increase your chances of winning the monthly \$100 prize. If you're from out of town, your winning ticket can net you back the cost of your raffle ticket and, remember, ALL winning tickets are reentered after each drawing, so they have an equal chance to win again and again. This is truly a Raffle contest designed so that EVERY entrant wins something, from a Premium Lionel iconic 773 Locomotive to a legitimate Tax Deduction for the participant. Just remember this: Your "donation" helps the Division and you can't win if you don't play!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has sprung and March showers probably won't bring too many spring flowers, but April promises lots of trains! We got an early start at the all-club Picnic with over 100 people in attendance. Ray Korte would have been proud of the interaction and fun we all had as group of people bound by an interest in toy trains. Thank you to everyone who helped make this picnic a success. On a personal note, my youngest daughter, Kathryn's favorite video at 18 months old is the two of us riding the train around the park. I see a future TCA member in the making. Those who toured the new layouts building at the Railroad Park saw what amazing work has been accomplished in such a short period of time.

The trip to Globe on the 2nd will be a fun adventure. For prototype fans like me, the current locomotive is former Chicago Northwestern "5029B" E8a, painted in the brief, but famous Southern Pacific "Black Widow" scheme. The diesel was built by EMD in June of 1953 and is still running, as are many postwar F3's. The Budd stainless steel "great" dome car in which we will be riding started life in 1955 on the Santa Fe and seats 77 people in the dome alone! Two former Long Island Railroad MTA double deck coaches follow. Finally trailing the train will be either a former Illinois Central observation lounge "3378" or perhaps the former IC "3305," just recently repainted into its original colors. While your Dispatch will arrive after this trip, the trip has been sold out for several weeks. With this success we may plan future group trips around the state for our members to enjoy each other's company. Thank you to the 40th Anniversary Committee and especially Phil Todd for putting this amazing trip together.

Speaking of 40th Anniversary opportunities, our 40th Anniversary special edition of the Copper Hopper will begin to be delivered by late April or early May. In order to create a professional quality car, Microscale Decals is making a special custom run decal with the logo for application to these cars. They are currently in production and we have been promised a delivery date toward the end of April, if not sooner. If you have not preordered a car, I encourage you to do so. If you have a Banquet car, the separate sale Copper Hopper, or both, this will make a fine addition to an all Desert Division set.

The following Saturday, April 9th is our nearly world famous "Pizza Meetza." Our annual tradition of Pizza and an Auction continues and we are looking for you to offer up some of your unused, rare, collectible, vintage or simply interesting train items for sale. Each lot has costs \$5.00 and bidding for every item will start at \$5.00. That doesn't mean that reduced bids won't be accepted. No risk, no reward, as they say.

As always, we are looking for nice items that may not command premium dollars, but would be something the membership would truly be interested in purchasing. Once again our ever talented Peter Atonna will be our auctioneer. Contact Chet Henry in advance to let him know of any items you may wish to enter. I still need to sort through items in my train room to determine what will go and what will stay. It is a good opportunity for all of us to do the same. Our education theme for the April meet will be "find the fake" with some pointers from members of the Standards Committee on what to look for when determining authenticity of an item. If you want a chance to stump the experts, bring an interesting authentic collectible item or a really good "variation" and test everyone's knowledge!

Remember, we have a National Convention coming up and it is practically in our backyard in Sacramento California. While nothing "*will ever*" top the 2009 Convention, the Sacramento Convention is shaping up to be a great one with wonderful tours, a welcome party in one of the finest railroad museums in the country, and the opportunity to escape the Arizona heat for some great Northern California weather in the heart of wine country. I would encourage you all to get reservations early, as some tours are already sold out.

In conclusion, we have a great opportunity in May over the weekend of the 7th and 8th to participate in National Train day in Williams, Arizona to operate the modules. Anyone interested in helping with this event, please contact me personally. We will need all the help we can get to make it a success and there is a great opportunity to show many new people what the TCA Desert Division does as an organization in the Southwest.



CONGRATULATIONS, JIM

It has just been announced by one of the area's premier Social Service groups, *Valley Forward*, that Desert Division Member and Scottsdale resident **Jim Bruner** has been named as its **MAN OF THE YEAR** for 2011. Jim is a former Scottsdale City Councilman and member of Maricopa County's Board of Supervisors. Lest anyone forget, it was Jim's decisive vote which resulted in the building of Chase Field and the birth of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Thank you, Jim, and Congratulations on an award long overdue.

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

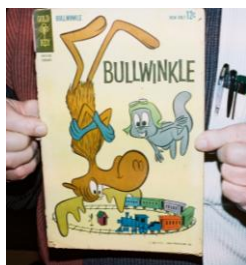
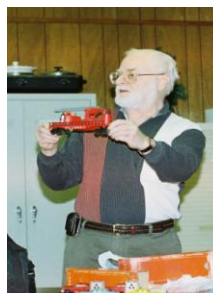
by Gregory Palmer TCA# 94-39039

Super weather and a Super Meet. That is the story of the March 19th TCA Rio Grande Chapter Meet. We started at 9:30 AM downstairs at the Jim Spatafora Memorial Layout. A group ran trains for over 40 minutes before we went upstairs and started the Meeting portion of our Meet. The first thing that was done was awards for membership in TCA to members who had been in TCA for multiples of 5 years. We then moved to the Educational Segment. I brought in an Ives number 5 clockwork steam Locomotive and tender. It was produced around 1915. I next showed the membership a Noma Toy Train Lamp Post from the 1930's and 40's. This lamp post hooks up to a Noma Christmas Tree Light Set, to light up a Christmas Garden layout. They came in a set of usually 8 lamp posts. They have a screw base to go into a Noma Xmas Light set socket. Next was Mike Shea. He showed us his collection of Post War Lionel Pennsy Turbines. He gave us a lesson on the many variations of the Lionel Turbines, both Post War and Modern Era. Paul Hurford brought us his copy of the new MTH Lionel Corporation 2011 Catalog. John Trever brought several scarce variations of the 6424 Auto Flat Car. He even brought the Flat Car Mold that had the rail Stops and holes on it that was used on the Lionel Radio Active Waste Disposal Car. James Trever brought two scarce variations of the 3512-61 Fire Car with the silver Ladder, and the 6544 Missile Car with the black letters, not the more common white letters. Both had their original boxes.

The Meeting portion started with some great news. The Treasurer's Report showed that we now have a balance of \$1,500.33. The reason for this good news is a generous donation from the Desert Division of \$1000.00. On behalf of the TCA Rio Grande Chapter, Thank You Desert Division BOD for this gift. We will use it wisely, and make you proud. The 2011 Pumpkin Meet, which is October 30th at the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel, is moving forward. The Contract is signed, and we are set. We need help with advertising. We must increase the attendance this year. We also need to have an increase in table sellers. Plan now for a good time on October 30th in Albuquerque, New Mexico. During our January 21st, 2012 Meet, we will hold our Election of Officers. We need to have a slate of Officers and Directors by the September 17th Regular Meet. If you would like to serve the Chapter for two years, please call Scott Eckstein at 505-332-0947, or myself at 505-898-3840. The TCA Rio Grande Chapter now has 43 members, up from the 18 in 2006. We need to do a better job in making sure the Division, Chapter, and E-mail coordinators have everyone's correct "E" address. When you change your E-mail, please notify me at mechele@nmia.com and Christie Wilson, Division Membership Chair, at christie1wilson@aol.com. You must also E-mail any changes to Carl Soderberg, who handles all the E-blasts that are sent to you with important Chapter information. Carl's E-mail address is sodercj@live.com.

The March after-meet activity was at the home of David and Cindy Nycz. We were served lunch, given a brief tour of David's layout and collection, then viewed David's Powerpoint presentation on Scenery Building for Toy Train and Highrail Layouts. Thanks to David for a wonderful afternoon

Our next Meet will be May 21st at the New Mexico Rail Fair. It will take place at 9:00 AM in the School Arts Building at Expo New Mexico. The Chapter Meeting will take place at 10:00 AM. Discount coupons are available at Trains West. Please plan to join us for a fun Meet with vendors from around the Southwest and California. There are plenty of Toy Trains, Model Railroad supplies, and Railroadiana items to view. It was decided that the After-Meet activity following the September 17th Meet will be Lunch at the Flying Star, a block away on Manual, then returning to the Church for an afternoon of running Toy Trains at the Jim Spatafora Layout. Plan to bring that Locomotive you want to run, but can't on your layout, to the Meet. The Layout is 072, and a lot of fun! Back to May, I hope to see most of you at 9:00AM on the 21st, at the New Mexico Rail Fair Meet.



Upper (L-R): Greg Palmer's Ives #5 Clockwork Loco; Mike Shea's Post-War Pennsy Turbine variations, James Trever's scarce Silver Ladder Lionel Fire Car; some of David Nycz's scenery materials.
Lower (L-R): Greg Palmer's Noma Toy Train Street Light; James Trever's Comic Guide to Building Tunnels.

“FAUX” TREINES POUR AVRIL

Say what? You don't speak French? Let us translate for you. Literally it means, “FALSE TRAINS for APRIL.” The THEME for the “Show 'n' Tell portion of our April Meet includes any toy trains that are Restored, Repainted, Imitations of the originals, or known to you to be total “fakes.”

We may even ask our Standards Committee members to strut their stuff and identify why a piece may look “real,” but yet in reality it just “isn't.” You, as the owner, may wish to enlighten all of us as to how to tell your Repro or Imitation from the real thing.

So, dig into your collection, pull out those repaints – maybe some of your Youthful Artwork (We all did it, didn't we?), and bring it along with you on April 9.

PIZZA MEETZA AUCTION

The April Meet features the Pizza Meetza Auction. Lots are \$5 each and you may include as many items as you want in each lot. For more valuable lots, you may place a reserve on the lot. If you choose to donate items to Desert Division, those lots will be “no charge.” The auction is limited to the first 100 lots. If you want to reserve your lots prior to the meet, call Chet Henry 480-838-0783; otherwise, just bring them to the Pizza Meetza Auction at our next meet April 9.

We request you enter lots of reasonable value and withhold those which would be classified as “junk” or decrepit used track. To be fair to all consigners, we are requesting a minimum opening bid of \$5 per lot. Pictured below are some selected lots of which we are aware.



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BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, April 6, beginning at 7:30 PM at the home of Ralph and Sally Treichel. Members are welcome to attend. Please call 602-863-6985 to be sure there are enough chairs.

40th ANNIVERSARY GOLF OUTING REVIVAL?

In 1989 This Division took upon itself to initiate a number of events that would forever change the attitude and scope of how the rest of TCA viewed the “goings on” in the Desert Southwest. Under the leadership of new President Paul Wassermann, a committee was formed to bring a National Convention to Phoenix. That result changed the way all future train conventions would be forever run. The Desert Division began giving away Electric Train Sets to less fortunate members of the community and really “living” the TCA Mission Statement. A third significant improvement occurred when the now famous 773 Hudson Raffle was initiated. Another major happening was an annual spring picnic, first at the home of the late Ray Korte and then at the Railroad Park in Scottsdale. And finally, a sporting event – a Golf Tournament with a handicap system that made it fair for the part timer to complete on a level playing field with someone with a low handicap.

For reasons never understood, after 18 successful years the Desert Division Open suddenly ceased to exist. It simply never made it onto the agenda of official Division Scheduled events, being shunted aside for “lack of interest.” So here is what we’d like to solicit – Your Interest! We would propose to hold an 18-hole tournament on an Executive Course (all par 3’s and par 4’s) – a short course of less than 5,000 yards. It should take less than 4 hours to play. We would use Electric Carts and the Callaway Handicap System, which levels the playing field for Everyone, regardless of ability. Then, at the conclusion of the 18 holes, we’d have a meal and award prizes, which would only be semi-serious in nature: Dirtiest Clubs, Most colorful Shirt, etc.

After having read this piece, what is your take/opinion about this event? Would you participate? There are several members of the Division who would like to revive the Desert Division Open. The cost per member for 18 holes of golf, electric cart, prizes, and a get-together meal would be in the range of about \$35 - \$40 per person. Would you be interested in participating in a day of golf, fun, and camaraderie with fellow members of the Desert Division? Call Gordon Wilson (480-837-5344) or Paul Wassermann (480-949-1620) or send an e-mail with your remarks to christie1wilson@aol.com. Your opinion counts!! We were thinking of doing this in October or November, once the temperature moderates for the season. We even have extra “everything’s” for someone who’d like to give it a first time “good ole College Try!” FORE!!

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In addition to the custom designed Ruby Hopper Cars (See order form below), there is one special car, the prototype, number 1. With the car comes a ruby jewelry set, including earrings, ring, and necklace. The ring will be sized to fit the winner, after that winner is announced. The entire collection, jewelry and hopper car, will be raffled off by the Committee from now until the Anniversary Party on October 22, when the lucky winner will be announced. Tickets, which cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5, will be available for sale from now through the gala Banquet on October 22, 2011.



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The Desert Division 40th Anniversary Committee is selling Ruby Hoppers. These beautifully detailed cars cost \$65 each and are limited in number to 100. A sparkly ruby red load tops a copper hopper car adorned with the 40th Anniversary logo and dated and numbered for the occasion.

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TOY TRAIN TREASURE

By Gordon L. Wilson, TCA 76-10233

Years ago, as a teenager, I was smitten by the travel bug, primarily because of my geography teacher in junior high school. Along with my passion for Lionel trains, ice hockey, and baseball, I devoured every magazine having to do with travel. National Geographic magazines were a staple in our household, but they had more than travel in them – they had some of the neatest advertisements for what we today call “Fallen Flag” railroads, among them my three favorites: Lackawanna (not Erie-Lackawanna), Southern Pacific, and Canadian Pacific.

By the time I was in high school, I was already a member of the AFL-CIO, having joined the American Federation of Musicians at age 15. I was earning a pretty good wage playing my tuba and caddying at a local country club, which meant that I could afford to buy my own Lionel trains. In 1957, Lionel came out with a Canadian Pacific passenger set; but, alas, the observation car didn't resemble the observation car as pictured in the Canadian Pacific advertisements I had seen for years in the National Geographic magazines. The real CP had a really sharp looking vista dome observation/lounge car. However, I didn't have a choice. In those days, Lionel was “IT.” Take it or leave it! Well, it was better than nothing. A year later I was off to college and my toy trains went into storage until 1967.

I set up a toy train layout which literally ran through two rooms, thanks to some tunnels in the walls and an understanding wife. Everything worked well until one day in late 1975, when the smoke bulb in my 2020 Turbine burned out. I got a replacement for it at Antique Trains, an establishment owned by the late Richard Bimmer. He had quite a collection, much of which, he told me, came from the Lionel Factory way back when. It seems Rich would go to a toy train show in Kinnelon, New Jersey, and a man came there with what he said were one-of-a-kind things that Lionel made but decided not to mass produce. Rich purchased them because 1) they were inexpensive, and 2) he thought they looked kind of “neat.”

Rich and I soon developed a friendship that would last until his death two years ago. He ran a Lionel Service Center, at first as a hobby and then as a business. He was also a fellow tuba player. It wasn't long before I was an employee at Antique Trains, where I worked part time until moving here to Arizona in 1988.

Rich's collecting passion evaporated one evening when we returned from a band rehearsal to find that his store had been robbed and many of his prized items stolen. Knowing of my affinity for the Canadian Pacific and how I had coveted it, he offered me one of the CP pieces he had purchased at a Kinnelon TCA Meet. I found myself the recipient of a very special gift – what is probably a one-of-a-kind, fully functional Lionel Canadian Pacific streamliner observation/vista dome, looking very much like the real ones that appeared in Canadian Pacific's National Geographic advertisements which I had ogled as a teenager. I guess this only goes to prove that what goes around comes around.



ROSTER UPDATES

At the March Picnic, rosters and membership cards were distributed to members in attendance. All others were put into the mail on March 15. They went bulk rate, so they may take two to three weeks to arrive. If you do not have your roster by the Pizza Meetza on April 9, you may ask Christie Wilson for a replacement.

Please make the following corrections/additions to your roster:

Change of e-mail:

James Caras (03-55447) – jamesdcaras@gmail.com

Boyd Reasor – boyd.reasor@cox.net

Dale Schafer – dale0248@comcast.net

Carl Soderberg – sodercj@live.com

Change of Address:

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New Members:

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FOR SALE – 92 Floodlight Tower o/b \$220, 2321 Lackawanna Gray Roof o/b \$425, 6445 Ft. Knox Gold Reefer o/b \$90. Dorfan: 610 Derrick Car 8 wheel, Brass journals \$225, 605 PRR Coal Hopper & 604 Tank Indian refining Co. each \$60. Ives 3255 0-4-0 Green/Red windows \$400, Ives 3255 0-4-0 Black/Red \$400. Set: 1684 2-4-2 Black 1689 T, 600,601,602,2601 some boxes \$500. 2660 Crane tattered box \$125, Santa Fe Set, 2343AA,2343C “B” 2530,2531,2532,2533 all boxes, Set \$1,100, Set 224E Black 2224W, 2620, 3659, 2654, 2652, &2657 \$675, 225E Black 2235W Set 853W 2755,X2758,2812X & 2757 \$675, 2343 ABA no box for the “B” \$400, Lionel Rocky Mountain 5th Anniversary Reefer, \$50 no box. Dannie L. Martin 520-360-0519 or e-mail dannieaz@cox.net.

WANTED – CTT – October 2009, Lion Roars – August 2001 and October 2002. Keith Swett, please call 480-332-0255 or e-mail k-swett@cox.net.

This page is provided as a service to our members for trading among themselves.
Please contact them for items you may have, want, or need.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies go out to two families in the Division. Angelo and Barb Lautazi recently journeyed to New York State for the funeral of Angelo's mother. Gerry and Mary Ann Klei were saddened by the death of Mary Ann's mother in March of this year. Sympathy cards and words of comfort may help ease their sadness at this time.

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| April 9 | Division "Pizza Meetza" and Auction – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM to??? -- 40 Free Pizzas |
| May 7-8 | National Train Day – Williams, AZ
Contact Jonathan Peiffer: 602-561-4131 |
| May 14 | Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM |
| May 21 | New Mexico Rail Fair and Rio Grande Chapter Meet – School Arts Building Expo New Mexico
Contact Greg Palmer: 505-898-3840 |
| June 4 | Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Show and Meet – Las Cazuelitas Events Center, Tucson, AZ – 9 AM
Contact Bud Stewart: 520-749-0238 |
| June 11 | Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM |
| June 26-July 3 | TCA National Convention – Sacramento, California |
| October 22 | 40 th Anniversary Party – Chaparral Suites – 6 PM – SAVE THIS DATE NOW! |

DIVISION MEET LOCATION

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
1500 W. Maryland Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85015**