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MAY FLOWERS AND DESERT MEETS

The May meet was a treat for all who attended, including new member Trudy Powell and returning member Bill Freeman. Treasurer Bob Herman announced that we have \$23,558.30 in checking and \$47,127.53 in checking. This month's 40th Anniversary gift for all in attendance was a booklet including pictures of Turkey Meet and Convention buttons.

President Jonathan Peiffer announced that this year's Turkey Meet will be held at Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale. Set-up is Friday, November 25; the Swap Meet is Saturday, November 26; and the Auction is Sunday, November 27. In addition, there will be operating layouts which will be open to the public. Anyone interested in putting items into the Auction should contact Chet Henry. Lots need to be determined by mid-June so that the Catalog can be available by the "Beat the Heat" Meet in Prescott this August. Beth Stange is serving as Registration Chair, and she will open her train room on Saturday night after the Swap Meet for an "Open House" for our membership.

The membership embraced the idea of another Division train trip, possibly to the Verde Canyon. Watch for details should this come to fruition.

The Desert Division's Holiday Party is scheduled for December 11, 2011, beginning at 4 PM at the Mesa Marriott.

The TCA National Convention will be June 26 through July 3 in Sacramento, California. Jonathan Peiffer will present a motion to remove the two-signature requirement. Chris Allen spoke in favor of the motion, stating that there will still be the year-long probation period for oversight of applicants. The membership present supported the motion.

The Education Segment began with the production Copper Hopper with the decal and ruby load. Members are encouraged to order theirs early. There is an order form in this issue of the *Dispatch* for your convenience. Jonathan Peiffer showed some reference publications he is using for his work with Sunset/3rd Rail on their EMD E7 model. One publication was an entire issue of the *Burlington Bulletin*, dedicated to nothing but the history of E5, E7, E8, and E9 diesels used by that railroad. Another was a book dedicated to Pennsylvania Railroad EMD E7, E8, and Alco PA models, including photographs of nearly every road number. Beth Stange brought her "Beth's Diner" made from a train that she and Tom had purchased at a train show at Christown Mall. With Bob Dennison's help, it is now a reality. Ralph Treichel brought his 800 series train that his parents bought in 1940 for him to run under the Christmas tree.



COMING UP

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

Educational Segment – Summer Fantasies on the Train

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

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

AUGUST 20 – Beat the Heat Meet – Prescott, AZ – 9 AM

SEPTEMBER 10 – Regular Division Meet – Phoenix, AZ – 9 AM

SEPTEMBER 17 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM

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

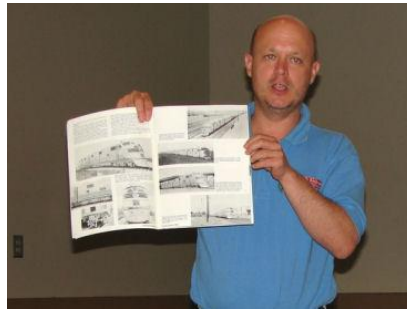
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Some of our members drove to Williams for National Train Day. Seventeen of them stayed for dinner on Saturday night. They reported that this was a grand event.

Raffle prizes were awarded as follows:

Bob Dennison	K-Line Happy Birthday Ashley Box Car
Dave Brown	Williams Platinum Car
Boyd Reasor	Lionel N&W Box Car
Jack Eaton	Hudson Raffle Ticket
Chet Henry	Hudson Train Picture
Bill East	PRR Mug and DVD
Barbara Turner	<u>Old West Railroads</u> , a Time-Life Book
John Upshur	Catalog and Pre-War Trains Book
Angelo Lautazi	Athern HO Kit N&W 1148 Work Car

In addition, Brad Martin won the Hudson \$100 bill.



Top Left: Bob Dennison mans his sales table at the Desert Division Meet.
Top Center: Jonathan Peiffer shows his research materials.
Top Right: "Beth's Diner"



Bottom Left: Ralph Treichel with his 800 series train.
Bottom Center: Brad Martin wins the Hudson Raffle \$100 prize.

RUBY HOPPER RAFFLE

In addition to the custom designed Ruby Hopper Cars, there is one special car, the prototype, number 001. 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.



DESERT DIVISION MEMBERS IN CTT

Have you seen the July, 2011 issue of Classic Toy Trains? If not, you should! As a matter of fact, the attention to Desert Division members starts with the Cover. How impressive is that? Peter Atonna's Paulden & Seligman layout greets you on the cover and continues on page 42 with a 6-page feature article. Early on in this issue, don't miss a major spot on page 14 with a wonderful story and photo from the layout of Division Board Member Tony Saulina. Congratulations to both men for their inclusion in our hobby's Premier Tinplate Magazine.