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SEPTEMBER MEET NOTES

September begins the fall “training” season, and the Desert Division was ready for it. New member Bryan Rench attended his first meeting, along with guests Gordon De Reuter and Bill Richardson. Treasurer Bob Herman reported that the Division currently has \$21,472.13 in savings, \$1,016.09 in checking, and \$420.81 in the Trains for Kids account. Turkey Meet Auction catalogs were available for sale at \$5.00 each; however, anyone who bought a Hudson Raffle ticket at the September Meet received a free catalog.

Railfair will be October 11 and 12 this year. Bob Johnston took a sign-up sheet around to everyone in attendance to indicate a preference in time to help. Set-up is Saturday, October 11, at 7 AM; tear-down is Sunday, October 12, at 5 PM. Everyone is encouraged to bring trains to run. The Module, currently being stored at Dallas Dixon’s home, is ready to run. We will be using a 12’ x 24’ segment of that Module at Railfair this year. Anyone who helps at Railfair will be eligible for a drawing for a Hudson Raffle Ticket, that drawing to be held after the Railfair event. Also, anyone helping at Railfair whose Hudson Raffle Ticket is drawn for the \$100 prize will still receive that prize.

Greg Novak is retiring as Coffee Club Chair; a volunteer is needed to replace him. Training will begin at the October Meet, and duties will commence in January of 2009. Ken Barnes, Chair of the Cell Phone redemption program, encouraged everyone to bring in deactivated cell phones. Proceeds from this project will go towards funding the 2009 Convention.

Gordon Wilson asked for volunteers to help staff the 2009 Convention tables at York this October. People are needed from Noon to 5 PM on Thursday, 9 AM to 5 PM on Friday, and 9 AM to 2 PM on Saturday.

Ed Micale gave a brief overview of the 2009 Convention. The ads for the Lionel Wavy Flag Mint Car have appeared in the National TCA publications, as well as the October issue of Classic Toy Trains. Members who buy these cars and pick them up at a meet receive the special discount price of \$64 each. Ed also remarked that Committees need help. Members are encouraged to offer their services in areas of interest to them.

Greg Palmer reported on the activities of the Rio Grande Chapter. Jon Spargo is heading a program to get trains into the hands of a Special Education teacher. She will use trains on a portable layout to teach the students how trains operate and how to repair them. Jon will teach scenery building and layout design. This is an ongoing project, as the portable layout will be stored with the school for use from year to year.

COMING UP

OCTOBER 11	Regular Division Meet, Jaycees Hall, 9 AM
OCTOBER 11-12	Railfair, McCormick Railroad Park – 10 AM
OCTOBER 16-18	Eastern Division Meet, York, PA
OCTOBER 25	Pumpkin Meet, Albuquerque, NM – 10 AM
NOVEMBER 29	Turkey Meet, Glendale, AZ – 9 AM
NOVEMBER 30	Turkey Meet Auction, Mesa, AZ – 8 AM
DECEMBER 7	Holiday Party, Mesa Marriott - Noon

The Board of Directors authorized the expenditure of \$1500 for use by TCA's Education and Museum and Library Committees. This money is to be earmarked for one of the following, in this order: Multi-user Computer for inventory and archiving; Scanner, Computer for the Library. The Motion by Bob Johnston was seconded by Chris Allen, after which the membership voted unanimously to support this expenditure.

The Education Segment began with Diane Martin, who displayed the Matruska doll which Gordon and Christie Wilson had brought to her as a memento of their ten-week summer odyssey. Greg Palmer brought in a few rare items from his collection. First was a Model Trains magazine, dated April 1954. This magazine featured more tinplate than Model Railroader and/or Trains magazines, both published by Kalmbach. Kalmbach hoped to lessen the competition by taking over the Model Trains publication. Greg pointed out the Gilbert American Flyer ad, promoting "prototype realism." Another magazine promoted Lionel's track-layout contest, the prize for which, in 1960, was \$1000. Traveling to Phoenix through Payson, he noticed a couple of street lamps by Commonwealth Plastics. He simply "HAD" to have them. Another item was a package of 182-30 magnet wire (for use on the magnetic crane) from Lionel, as shipped to Madison Hardware. Greg also brought in a sample vacuum tube for an ECU-1. If anyone needs an ECU-1 fixed, see Greg – he has the parts! Next was the Hagerstown variation of the Lionel 154, basically a 154 on a semaphore base, made about 1969-1970. Hint, hint, hint – there's one in the Turkey Meet Auction. Ironically, it's Lot 154. Last was the Desert Division premiere of the Rio Grande Chapter's fundraiser, billboards for Railrunner, selling at \$5 for a sheet of 4 different billboard designs.

Raffles were won as follows:

Gordon Wilson	Hudson Ticket
Jim Vokac	Lionel Bay Line Box Car
Russ Mosser	Ready Made truck w/orange and blue cars
John Przybyla	Lionel U. S. Army Tanker
Bryan Rench	Figures/ lamp posts
Wayne Ross	M&M's train ornament
Bill East	Lionel wall plate and train tape dispenser
Chet Henry	Train DVD and die-cast metal truck
John Przybyla	Pile of train books/catalogs

The \$100 Hudson Raffle winner was Beth Stange.

The meeting adjourned, as members wended their way to one of the two layout visitations in the area: Dave Brown's and Tom Stange's.



Greg Palmer displays rare and unusual items at the September Meet.



Diane Martin with her Russian Matruska nesting dolls.



Tom Stange's layout. Note: This is one of the layouts during the 2009 TCA Convention.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincerest condolences go out to Bill Harris, member of the Desert Division and Treasurer of the Rio Grande Chapter, whose mother passed away during September.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

There are a lot of exciting train-related events coming up in the next couple of months. Railfair, Cal-Stewart, Paradise & Pacific Cook-out, Sahuaro Central, Turkey Meet, Holiday Party are just a few local events. Look over the schedules, mark your calendars, and get involved for train fun!

A big thank-you goes to Jonathan for running the Board and Membership Meetings in September while I was on the TCA Legacy Cruise! The cruise was great fun with 129 in our TCA group aboard including Desert Division members: the Gayles, the Treichels, the Palacheks from Texas, and the Spears from Pennsylvania! I met and talked with a great number of them, made a lot of new friends, and promoted our upcoming National Convention. There were some special activities for the TCA group, which made the fun even better!

I was proud to talk with Jane Boyce about the contribution Desert Division made. I do not know which item will be selected yet as she had mountains of mail to go through when she returned, but hopefully I will have more information for you at our October meeting.

I am hoping that more of you will take the time to help out at Railfair on Saturday, October 11 or Sunday, October 12. This is the chance to show off your trains running on the module, talk to people about trains and the Desert Division, or to share your love for trains with a child. Many people were unhappy that we did not participate the last two years. Here's your chance to show your support for this event.

There will be two homes open to share their trains with us in October. Both are in the East Valley. Pick up a map at the meeting. We need to have someone step up to coordinate the future home visits. Don Locke has done this for a number of years and has decided not to continue in this position.

Also Greg Novak has headed up the coffee and doughnut window and will be ready to turn the coffee pot over to someone after the October meet. Please let me know if you would like to step up to help out with either of these.

See you on October 11 at the next meeting of your Desert Division!

Happy Trains!

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Desert Division BOD will be held on Wednesday, October 8, beginning at 7:00 PM at the home of Jonathan Peiffer. Members are welcome to attend. Please call 602-561-4131 to be sure there are enough chairs.

DO YOU HAVE 2009 VACATION PLANS?

Do you need to let the boss know months in advance about your vacation plans? If so, this article is for you. We'll need your help during the TCA National Convention (June 28 – July 5, 2009). If you haven't yet requested your vacation dates, now would be a good time to do so.

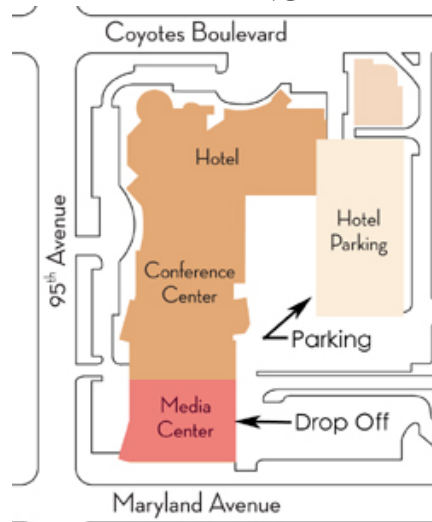
A few of the areas needing coverage include the Registration Table, our Division Convention Store, docents for the tours, loading and unloading areas, public display areas, and many others. If you have not yet contacted one of the Committee Chairs about your area of expertise, please do so. We need all the help we can muster to make this the best TCA National Convention ever.

Don't forget. Request your vacation time now so that you can be sure to be available for the Convention, being held at the J. W. Marriott Desert Ridge, from June 28 through July 5, 2009.

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RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

By Greg Palmer TCA 94-39039

The September Rio Grande Chapter Meet was held during a great morning weather-wise, though we had a slightly smaller than usual turnout due to the great weather, fall vacations and a family emergency. Bill Harris, the Chapter's Treasurer, had to rush to Mesa due to the passing of his Mother. Bill, the Chapter, and I know the Division, are thinking of you in your time of sorrow. We are all sorry for your loss.

In more positive events the Chapter Meet was once again fun with a lot of learning taking place. The Education Segment started with Art Lites showing reproduction and original Missiles for the Lionel 6650 series Missile Launcher Car. Art showed the differences in the tips, and some other smaller variations. Thanks Art, it was very educational for the members. John Trever brought his Lionel 6468 Automobile Boxcar variations. John is very knowledgeable on Post War Lionel items. The members learned a lot. Ross Jordan brought his work bench tool caddy invention. It keeps his tools at hand, off the floor, and out of his way. Everything has a place in this caddy. I brought several Lionel and American Flyer ads from the magazine Model Trains, from the early 1950's and 1960's. It is great to see the ads from my childhood, and the prices. Does anyone own a Time Machine?

The meeting part of the Meet started with a call for help, as we need table sellers at the Pumpkin Meet, which is our public Swap Meet on October 25th. If you want a table please fill out the form on the Pumpkin Meet flier enclosed in this issue of the Dispatch. Also we need some help at the door, and table set up. Call me at 505-898-3840 if you would like to help.

Members are encouraged to buy the TCA 2009 Convention Cars. The New Mexico Central Salsa Car, a smoking MTH Tank Car, is selling fast. Remember, all orders placed before October 31 are eligible for a 5% discount. Check your TCA National Headquarters News for an order form. If you are going to the 2009 TCA Convention in Scottsdale, please let me know. I am making a list of people to help staff the Convention Store and Registration Table. It will only be for an hour or two, and it will help the Division, the Chapter, and TCA. We already have 3 members on the list, so let me know ASAP if you are going to attend. We have been very lucky the past three years in having two TCA Conventions within 7 hours of us: Denver in 2007, and now Scottsdale.

The Chapter has approved a project proposal from Jon Spargo, in using the Train for a Kid Lionel Train Set, which was regifted to the Chapter, to support a Socorro New Mexico Middle School program. The Chapter will also donate accessories and cars to this project. It will involve 12 students. The Railrunner Express Billboard project is now underway. The single sheets of four Billboards, to fit Lionel Billboard frames, sell for \$5.00 each. Postage would be extra. They will be sold at local swap Meets, Chapter Meets, and at the Pumpkin Meet. We have 60 sheets to sell. They look super. The Chapter wants to thank John Trever, Paul Hurford, and Ross Jordan, the person who did all the computer and reproduction work. When you see Ross, John, and Paul, please thank them for the Chapter. Thanks Ross for a great design effort.

Tom Lawler will talk with the Boy Scouts of America about future projects with the Rio Grande Chapter. We are looking into having a Holiday and Christmas Party. I will keep you posted in the Chapter News and on the E-mail system. Stay tuned. Our next Meet is the 3rd annual Pumpkin Meet, which is our public Swap Meet, on October 25th at the Sombra Del Monte Church, 2528 Utah N.E., Albuquerque, NM. Our next Regular Meet will be January 17th at the same location. If you have any questions please feel free to call me. Also if anyone wants to have the Chapter over to tour your collection or layout in February, please let me know. Scott Eckstein will have us over after the January 17th Regular Rio Grande Chapter Meet. I hope to see all of you on October 25th at the Pumpkin Meet.



John Trever talks about the Lionel 6468 Automobile Car variations as Tom Lawler looks on.



Ross Jordan shows off his Work Bench Tool Caddy invention.



Art Lites' original and reproduction missiles.



Brio table and set donated to Ronald McDonald House of NM by the Desert Division on behalf of the Rio Grande Chapter.



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THE JOYS OF TRAIN COLLECTING *

by Dan Palaschak TCA # 89-28891

Being a youngster in my mid 60's, I fondly remember many Christmases growing up in Western Pennsylvania. Mom and Dad would create a miniature village complete with an American Flyer train.

My wife remembered those stories of trains and villages and how I really wanted a Lionel train like my cousin had. She bought me one at a yard sale in 1984 soon after the birth of our twin daughters. What a father's day that was! The track made a figure 8 and had everything, including the operating milk car. That simple present started me on a hobby that lives today.

Toy train collecting developed into collecting toys of my youth, the 50's and 60's. I happened upon reproduction Marx playsets, the Alamo and Cape Canaveral at a train meet in the mid 1990's and brought them home with great enthusiasm. I played with these as a kid but my favorite was Fort Apache with the 7th Calvary. Already an avid Ebay trader, I looked for playsets under Vintage Toys and to my delight it had its own subsection.

What a treasure trove the early days of Ebay was for the toy collector. Boxed playsets including many variations of the space sets of the 60's, and tin castles including Prince Valiant. Through Ebay I discovered that Louis Marx and Company was indeed the toy "king" for many generations and a truly prolific toy manufacturer. From cap guns to doll houses, Marx was a genius, and many of his toys, pre and post war are highly prized by collectors.

There are plenty of toys of my era to choose from beside Marx. There was competition for the little folk and they include such well known names as Mattel, Tootsity, Ideal, and Hubley, to name a few; but lesser known companies such as Nichols and Daisy, Wyandotte, Remco, Reading, Bachman Brothers and Renwal produced great toys and if you have the time and money, they can be found. I limit myself to the "boy" toys which include ships, cap guns, trains, tin litho buildings, and playsets. Since we downsized, I have to be content with sharing my toys with the washing machine and workbench in a single car garage. It is still a pleasant toy room and one I can escape to and enjoy watching an electric train go by or view the battle of the blue and gray all over again.



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The Hampton Roads area of Virginia is a great place to live. One can purchase Lionel Trains at one of the largest train stores in the state, Dale's Train Station at 5880 Poplar Hall, Engine House Trains on Bonney Road, or Hobby Town at 4000 Virginia Beach Boulevard. The Children's Museum of Virginia in Portsmouth is a great place to spend the day! There is an operating toy train exhibit and the little ones can go up in a "bubble" to see the trains go around. Besides housing one of the largest donated train collections on record, kids have many things to see and do.

There are publications to consider, Classic Toy Trains, Model Railroader or O Gauge Railroading magazines. For the Playset collector, Playset Magazine is a must. The internet is also great place to shop for toys. Try Michigan Toy Soldier Company (www.michtoy.com) or (www.classictoyssoldiers.com). New playsets companies include (www.barzo.com) and (www.conteco.com).

Research is a big part of toy collecting, so purchase



The Big Toy Box at Sears which has 500 pages from the Sears Wishbooks of 1951 to 1969 (www.windmillgroup.com).

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*Condensed from an article which appeared in TravelHost Magazine, Virginia Beach edition.



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