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Desert Division *DISPATCH*



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CONGRATULATIONS!



The Desert Division is proud to announce that Christie Wilson, Secretary of the Division for the past 10 years, recently won the Special Election to fill the vacancy created by the death of Sarah Reed Lavinus. Christie has already begun her duties as TCA National Secretary. We all wish her well in this new endeavor.

As this creates a vacancy on the local Board of Directors, there will be a special election held for the office of Desert Division Secretary. Anyone wishing to run for this office should contact Katie Elgar (623-580-6957 or kttrains@aol.com) or Earl Rasmussen (623-937-3820 or rjan789@wmconnect.com) on or before January 12. At that time, any names already submitted and nominations from the floor will be presented to the members in attendance. If there are multiple candidates, a ballot will appear in the February issue of the *Dispatch*. All members in good standing may vote for the candidate of their choice. Ballots must be postmarked by February 29, 2007, and sent to Earl Rasmussen, Election Chair. His Committee will count the ballots and the winner will be announced at the March 8 Regular Desert Division Meet.

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GOBBLE, GOBBLE HO! HO! HO!

As 2007 draws to a close, we have completed another successful Turkey Meet and Holiday Party. Photos from both events fill this page.

TURKEY MEET – November 24, 2007

Young and old play with trains.



The large crowd saw varied merchandise.



The Convention raffled this Thomas the Tank Pedal Car.



HOLIDAY PARTY – December 9, 2007



Sarah Russell and her friend talk to Santa.



Chris Allen (L) and Bill Mack (R) become Division Life Members.



L -Department 56 table centrepieces brought out Auction Fever.

C – The Miazgas and the Hills enjoy a visit from Santa before the buffet.

R – Laurel Davis (age 2) assists Ruth Elgar (age 95) at the Holiday Party.



COMING UP . . .

- JANUARY 12 Regular Division Meet – Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM
- JANUARY 19 – Train Meet – Tucson, AZ – 9 AM
- JANUARY 19 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque – 10 AM
- FEBRUARY 8 – Board Dinner – Quilted Bear – 6:30 PM
- FEBRUARY 9 – Regular Division Meet – Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM
- FEBRUARY 16 – Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Albuquerque – 10 AM

*FROM THE EDITORS OF THE DISPATCH -
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL AND A TRAIN-FILLED NEW YEAR*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

The 32nd Turkey Meet in November was a success. A big THANK YOU to all those who helped out in any way with this event. Everything went smoothly, thanks to your help! We even had help from Mike Church who came all the way from Wales, UK, to help set up on Wednesday!

It is amazing how fast the year goes by. It is already mid-December and we are currently making plans for the New Year!

At the Party on December 9, we had a great deal of food, seemingly endless desserts and a good time for all attending! A big THANK YOU to all those who helped to make this a wonderful party. If you missed the party, you missed a good time, good food, lots of raffle prizes, a bunch of door prizes and unique table Department 56 centerpieces, that were auctioned off by our own Peter Atonna, auctioneer extraordinaire! The Lenox figures were presented to all guests and members received a 1930's, 1940's or 1950's Ford truck with 3 milk cans that will enhance any layout! Why 3 cans? Hmm, no one asked!

Results of the elections were announced by Earl Rasmussen and Beth Stange, your election chairs: President: Katie Elgar, Vice-President: Jonathan Peiffer, Treasurer: Bob Herman, Directors: Steve Bienstock, Sam McElwee, and Gordon Wilson. We had nearly a 50% ballot return this year. Thank you all for voting, and thank you for re-electing me as your Division President.

You may notice that the secretary position is not mentioned. That is because though Christie Wilson won our local election, she also won the TCA National election to fill the position vacated when Sarah Reed Lavinus passed in October. I know Christie will do a wonderful job as National Secretary and wish her well! On the Division level, we have a vacancy in the position for Secretary.

Nominations are being accepted by election chair Earl Rasmussen, prior to and including the January 12 meeting date. If you are interested in running for the position of Division Secretary, call Earl (623-937-3820) or myself (623-580-6957). If there is more than one nominee, the ballot will be prepared and sent out to all Division members in the February 1 issue of the Dispatch, to be returned by date indicated on the ballot. Please remember to include your complete TCA number on the return address. You can use the peel-off label that was on the last ballot, simply peel it off and use it as your return address. Don't worry; this section is torn off prior to ballots being counted.

We will be working on renovation or re-creation of the Division Module this year. We are hoping to have a nice module that you can be proud of working on and helping to "run" at events. John Pryor will be heading up this activity. Please let him know if you are interested in helping out to design and build the new module.

Looking forward to seeing you at the January 12th meeting.
Happy trains!



STOLEN TRAINS

Sometimes we have to report news that is not so pleasant. That is the case with this article. Fred Goulden's Museum in Coolidge, Arizona was burglarized on October 18, 2007. Whoever got into the building stole several trains. Often the engine was taken, but the tender was not. Please keep your eyes open for any of these items and report to Fred (480-948-9570) any suspicious activity. The list of stolen items follows:

- 5344 Set plus freight cars
- 255E Gray
- 260E Black with cream stripe
- 260E Green frame
- 701 Black 8976
- Blue Streak Engine and tender
- 265E with 619-618 cars
- Hiawatha Set
- 616 Flying Yankee – red top – engine plus painted cars
- 763 Gray
- 763 Black
- 385 Gray Standard Gauge
- 1835 Black Standard Gauge
- 226E Black
- 260 Dark gunmetal – 12 wheel tender
- 710 Blue car set
- 736 1950 Metal Trailing Truck
- 746 Norfolk and Western engine

DESERT DIVISION – TCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2008-9

President:	Katie Elgar	623-580-6957
Vice-President:	Jonathan Peiffer	602-561-4131
Treasurer:	Bob Herman	480-948-2730
Secretary:		
Directors:	Steve Bienstock	480-998-9227
	Sam McElwee	480-838-5847
	Gordon Wilson	480-837-5344
	Greg Palmer	505-898-3840

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWS

by Gregory Palmer TCA #94-39039

The second annual TCA-Rio Grande Chapter Pumpkin Meet is now history. The Meet was enjoyed by everyone. Table sellers reported that they did very well and look forward to next year's Pumpkin Meet. We had the same number of table sellers, around 30 tables, as last year's Meet, with a good mix of Modern Era and Post-War toy trains. However, we had a lower number of the public in attendance versus last year's Pumpkin Meet numbers. We need the Chapter membership to brainstorm ideas on how to better advertise the Pumpkin Meet without breaking our small treasury. It will be one of the topics at the January 19th Chapter Meet. That meet will also be our election of Officers and Board of Directors. The list of members running for office was printed in the last issue of the Dispatch, under Chapter News, but for those who might have missed it, here is the list again:

- President: Gregory Palmer TCA #94-39039
- Vice-President: George Swajian TCA #06-59972
- Secretary: Scott Eckstein TCA #91-36114
- Treasurer: William Harris TCA #83-19728
- Board Members At Large:
 - Arthur Lites TCA #97-44623
 - Carl Cataline TCA #06-59955
 - Jon Spargo TCA #05-59326

Once again, I would like to thank all of these Chapter members for running for officer and keeping the TCA-Rio Grande Chapter moving forward. If you see these members, please thank them for their service to the Chapter. Come to the January 19th Chapter Meet and vote for this slate of officers. We need good attendance at this Meet in order to have a quorum to make the vote legal and binding.

We are also looking for members to offer their collections or layouts for after-meet visitations. We need to have tours for January 19, February 16, March 22, and May 17. Contact me (505-898-3840) as soon as possible if you would like to help the Chapter with a tour. Do not forget to bring items to sell or swap, as well as items for our January 19 Chapter Meet Educational Segment. Several of the members of our Chapter have told me that the Educational Segment is one of the big reasons they come to Rio Grande Chapter Meets, so be sure you bring something to show and tell. Once again, the next regular Chapter Meet will be January 19, at 10:00 AM at the Sombra Del Monte Church, 2528 Utah NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico. I hope to see all of you at the Meet.



2nd ANNUAL PUMPKIN MEET

L – R:
Membership Display

Art Lites and Scott Eckstein shop at Paul Hurford's table.

2nd ANNUAL PUMPKIN MEET

L – R:
John Trever looks at Mike Shea's trains for sale.

Bill Spofford's train table



DESERT DIVISION REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ TCA No. _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Spouse's first name _____ e-mail address _____

Enclosed is a check made payable to TCA - Desert Division in the amount of \$ _____ to cover my dues for the next _____ (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) years at \$10.00 per year.

The following is a list of categories from the Registration Form representing your preferences in toy trains and accessories. Circle numbers of all categories that apply.

TRAIN ERA

- 1 PREWAR (1850-1942)
- 2 POSTWAR (1945-1969)
- 3 MODERN (1970-Present)

GAUGE

- 4 SCALE/ NMRA
- 5 STANDARD
- 6 G or #1
- 7 O or O-27 TINPLATE
- 8 S
- 9 HO
- 10 OO/AMERICAN
- 11 N
- 12 Z
- 13 LIVE STEAM

MANUFACTURER

- 14 AMERICAN FLYER/GILBERT
- 15 LIONEL/WINNER
- 16 MARX/MARS/ALLSTATE
- 17 IVES
- 18 DORFAN/FANDOR
- 19 MTH
- 20 WILLIAMS
- 21 K-LINE
- 22 AMT/KUSAN
- 23 OTHER - PLEASE SPECIFY
 - 23A BASSETT/LOWKE
 - 23B BING
 - 23C BOUCHER
 - 23D BUB/KARL
 - 23E BUDDY-L
 - 23F CARLISLE & FINCH
 - 23G ELLETREN
 - 23H HAFFNER
 - 23I HOGE
 - 23J HORNBY
 - 23K ISSMAYER
 - 23L LGB
 - 23M MARKLIN
 - 23N METZEL
 - 23O MINI-SCALE

- 23P PHOENIX LTD.
- 23Q PLASTICVILLE
- 23R LITTLETOWN/SKYLINE
- 23S PRIDE LINES
- 23T REA/ARISTO-CRAFT
- 23U RIGHT-O-WAY
- 23V ROKAL
- 23W VOLTAMP
- 23X WEAVER
- 23Y McCOY
- 23Z NATIONWIDE
- 23AA USA TRAINS
- 23BB S-HELPER SERVICE
- 23CC ASTOR
- 23DD FLEISCHMANN
- 23EE CARETTE
- 23FF EASTWOOD AUTOMOBILIA
- 23GG AMERICAN MODELS S GAUGE
- 23HH DOWNS S GAUGE
- 23II COLBER
- 23JJ UNIQUE
- 23KK SAKAI
- 23LL BOWSER
- 23MM T-REPRODUCTIONS

DO YOU HAVE A LAYOUT?

- 24 YES
- 25 NO

PERIPHERALS

- 26 FIGURES
- 27 TOYS
- 28 PAPER/BOOKS
- 29 BUILDINGS
- 30 RAILROADIANA

Mail to: **Christie Wilson**, Secretary
16231 E. Ocotillo Drive
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

WIN A LIONEL #773 in '08

Joshua Lionel Cowen had a favorite steam locomotive and in 1937 he made it a part of the Lionel Lines stable of engines. Since then it has reappeared countless times to the point where it has attained the status of "ICON." In 2008, for the 20th time, the Desert Division will make it possible for members to win/own one of these "icons." So, how does it work? Read on!

Your odds of winning? Only 100 tickets will be offered for sale and all of them MUST go to TCA members or TCA immediate family members. Tickets are \$25 each, and because we are a Federal 501c3 non-profit organization, if you do not win a monthly prize or the Hudson, then your receipt becomes a legal tax deduction.

The monthly meet prize? Why, a \$100 bill AND the ticket is returned to the entire group. Therefore, it is theoretically possible to win \$100 seven times and also win the #773 Hudson. Naturally, the earlier in the year you purchase your tickets, the better are your chances of winning the "C" notes. The first drawing will be on February 9. There is ONE catch, however. You must be at the meet in order to win the \$100.

The monthly drawings occur in February, March, April, May, June, September, and October. Should any raffle tickets still be available following the October monthly meet, they will be offered for sale to the whole membership of TCA. The winning ticket for the #773 Hudson (a 1964-66 model issue) will be drawn at the November Turkey Meet. The winner need not be present.

So, plan now to win some cash and a great prize – the Lionel #773 Hudson in C-8 or better condition – and contribute to the running of the Desert Division.



HAVE FUN & HELP TOO

by Gordon Wilson TCA 76-10233

Have you been wondering how you can help out at our upcoming TCA Convention? Do you enjoy speaking with people? Have you "secretly" always wanted to be a Tour Guide? Well, do we have positions for you!

Starting next June, we will need volunteers to handle our promo booth at the 54th National Convention in Burlington, Vermont. Then next October, and again in April, we are going to need the help of people at our Convention promotion booths at the famous York Train Meet. You've heard about this train meet – well, here is your opportunity to attend, peruse the many halls, and spread the word about the State of Arizona for three full days in October of 2008 and April of 2009.

We will also need docents on our Tours and Trips during the Convention week of June 28 to July 5, 2009. On each trip/tour, we will have at least one docent on each bus to the intended venue. These trips will encompass the major attractions in Arizona. Some of the examples will be the Grand Canyon Railroad; the Verde Canyon Railroad; Sedona Pink Jeep Tours; Toy Train Operating Museum in Tucson; layouts in Prescott, Phoenix, and Scottsdale; Out of Africa in the Verde Valley; and so much more. The docent will assist with attendance, see to it that everyone has bottled water and tickets, carry a cell phone for emergency use, pass on some "tidbits" about what people will see, answer questions about the trip, and help run the bus's DVD unit. In other words, you'll be the Desert Division's personal representative on that bus for that trip.

We don't need you to sign up and volunteer now, but we would like you to think about it and ask questions about the positions. Having served in both positions in 1997, I can assure you that they are really fun, so I hope you'll seriously consider volunteering your talents.

SECRETARY DUTIES

The office of Secretary is much more than taking notes at all Board and Division meetings. Therefore, we thought it would be beneficial to advise anyone in the Desert Division who may be considering to be nominated for this position exactly what will be expected of him or her.

- Take notes at BOD and Regular Division Meetings/Meets.
- Provide those notes to all BOD members.
- Provide those notes to the National Secretary.
- Keep an accurate, up-to-date list of active Desert Division Members.
- Create and distribute annual Desert Division Membership Roster.
- Create and distribute annual Desert Division Membership Cards.
- Provide names/addresses to National Business Office of all new and deceased members.
- Review National TCA "DROP" List for any Desert Division members.
- Call and/or e-mail any Desert Division members on the "DROP" List to remind them that their National TCA dues have lapsed.
- Procure and deliver name badges for Division members who pay for them.
- Provide a copy of the Desert Division Bylaws to each new Division member.
- Work closely with the Division Treasurer on collected dues from Division members.
- Assist the Editor of the Dispatch with the production of ten issues of the newsletter per year.
- Host one BOD Meeting dinner per year.

HOLIDAY TRAIN DISPLAY IN FOUNTAIN HILLS

Only a few days left. Ken Burling's train display at the Community Center on Sahuaro Boulevard in Fountain Hills will stay up only until the end of the year. Trains of O, S, Standard, and G gauges run from 1 to 5 PM, Monday through Saturday. Would YOU like to run YOUR trains on this display? Division members are invited to pick a day and time to help Ken keep trains running throughout December. Call Ken at Burling's Ton of Trains (480-816-6510) to let him know when you will be available to help with this project.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Do you want to save the Division some money and yourself some extra paper? Would you like to see the pictures in "living color"? To do so, you need only agree to receive your monthly Desert Division Dispatch online instead of in the mail. The savings in printing costs and postage will be used to help defray the costs of the TCA National Convention being hosted by the Desert Division in 2009. This program relates to newsletters only; all members will still receive ballots, rosters, and membership cards via the US Post Office.

If you wish to receive the newsletter online, please fill out the bottom section of this page and return it to Christie Wilson, 16231 E. Ocotillo Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.

_____ Yes, I want to receive my newsletter online.

Name _____

TCA Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of year again. Holidays are upon us, and that includes the New Year. January and February are Desert Division dues collecting months. Anyone who wishes to be included in the 2008 Membership Roster must be a member in good standing by March 1. That means dues must be paid by February 29.

If your address label is highlighted in orange, you owe dues at this time. You may pay for one year (\$10), two years (\$20), 3 years (\$30), 4 years (\$40), or 5 years (\$50). Make your check payable to TCA – Desert Division and mail it to Christie Wilson. Until a new Secretary is named, she will continue to serve as your Division's Membership Chair. Use the Desert Division Registration Form in this bulletin to make any roster changes, express your train collecting preferences, or just wrap around your check so no one but you and the recipient will know it's there. The form and check should be sent to the address on the bottom of the Registration Form.

We value your membership, so please mail your dues today.

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WANTED – Standard Gauge preferred, or Gauge 1: Rich-Art McKen 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 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.

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.

FOR SALE – 2008 Greenberg Pocket Guides. Contact Gordon Wilson at 480-837-5344 or e-mail christielwilson@aol.com.

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.

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COMING EVENTS

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| January 12, 2008 | Regular Meet, Drinkwater Clubhouse, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM
8102 E. Jackrabbit Road, between Chaparral and McDonald |
| January 19 | Toy Train Show, Tucson, AZ
Contact: Bud Stewart (520-749-0228 or e-mail bud@at.tuccoxmail.com) |
| January 19 | Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Sombra Del Monte Church, 2528 Utah NE, Albuquerque, NM
Contact: Greg Palmer (505-898-3840 or e-mail mechele@nmia.com) |
| February 8 | New Board/Old Board Dinner, The Quilted Bear, Scottsdale, AZ – 6:30 PM |
| February 9 | Regular Meet, Drinkwater Clubhouse, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM |
| February 16 | Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Sombra Del Monte Church, 2528 Utah NE, Albuquerque, NM |
| March 8 | Regular Meet, Drinkwater Clubhouse, Jaycees Hall, Scottsdale, AZ – 9 AM |
| March 14-16 | Cal-Stewart Meet, Santa Clara Convention Center, CA |
| March 22 | Rio Grande Chapter Meet – Sombra Del Monte Church, 2528 Utah NE, Albuquerque, NM |

PADE PROMOTIONS

Have You **PADE** Your Way?

Purchase raffle tickets

Author an article for the Dispatch

Donate something to the club

Enlist to help

Thank you's go to Elliott Klein for his generous cash donation to the Kids Club. Rich Bimmer, Ken Burling, Don Shaw, and Steve Palmer all made significant donations to the Turkey Meet offerings. Thomas Plies and Jonathan Peiffer worked the Kids Club table, while Brad Martin sold raffle tickets. Bill Mack procured a Thomas the Tank Pedal Car to be used as a raffle item to benefit the 2009 TCA National Convention to be held in Scottsdale, AZ. Donations from Terry Gibbs, Greg Palmer, and Gordon Wilson augmented the Turkey Meet Auction, while Terry Fagan's and John Upshur's Lionel box cars enhanced the Holiday Party offerings. Thank you to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make both the Turkey Meet and the Holiday Party the successes they were this year.

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