



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

We had planned to hold our first mini-meet in April but decided to delay the start of such meets 'til September. That should give us more time to evaluate the meets and how best to make them happen.

It was decided to skip the regular April meeting (the 26<sup>th</sup>) and instead use the day as work party to get both trailers maintained. **We'll meet at Adobe (43<sup>rd</sup> Av & Pinnacle Peak) about 7:30 am.**

**Refreshments will be provided.** We need to install gasket material around the door openings at the front (and rear ?) of the mobile layout which should solve the water problem when driving in the rain. The track needs cleaning and adjusting especially at the joints. Snaps on the tarp need to be replaced.

The module trailer needs the top bubble replaced to keep water from getting in the trailer. Also, the trailer has several holes in the floor that can allow critters to get in. A simple caulking may solve that problem. The most extensive project is to mount the spare tire on the outside of the trailer above the hitch thus freeing up space inside the trailer. I believe a couple members indicated they would be willing to undertake that project.

We need a swap meet chairperson for the 2015 February swap meet. The various tasks are documented so it should mainly be coordinating the volunteers in addition to reserving tables, chairs, etc. If you would be willing to serve in that role, please contact anyone on the board of directors. Having a chairperson by May would be nice.

For those that haven't heard, Roy's Train World is closing this month. The train hobby is losing a great, long time resource. We wish Tim and the others there the best in their future endeavors.

Our next joint venture will be the annual picnic on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at the McCormick RR Park in Scottsdale. More details later in the newsletter.

2014 dues were due before February. If you haven't yet paid, please contact Barbara Turner (602-430-6306 or [anubat@aol.com](mailto:anubat@aol.com)) as soon as practical. The 2014 directory is included in this newsletter, but you can still have your name kept on the roster.

The "Beat the Heat Meet" will be coming up and the bus is reserved. Please contact Dave Brown (480-650-5336 or [eaglefour@juno.com](mailto:eaglefour@juno.com)) for more details.

Our next venue is the display at Williams on Saturday and Sunday, June 14 & 15 (Father's Day weekend). We'll be displaying the mobile layout. We're still waiting for details and will get them to you as we learn them. If you can help, please contact Jack (623-249-7297 or [jeaton9@cox.net](mailto:jeaton9@cox.net)).

Having individual members bring in trains to run in lieu of trying to set up either the O-gauge or S-gauge modules at meetings seems to be working. Jack is coordinating this approach. If you're willing to bring an oval of track and a train to run on it, please let Jack know. It can be any gauge. We have a lot of floor space for those who want the floor. We have numerous tables available but they're round (the rectangular were replaced) so your oval may end up being a circle. The goal is to have trains running for

visitors and guests and to give members a chance to show off some of their “toys”.

Over the years, the club has amassed “things” that have found their way into various members’ houses for storage. This presents two problems. First, getting at stuff when it’s needed. Second, imposing on members. To solve those problems, we will be renting a storage locker that will house the “things” thus allowing members to get part of their house back. The BoD has secured such a locker near 19<sup>th</sup> Av & Peoria and will be moving the things to it on Monday, the 31<sup>st</sup>. Sometime ago we rented space from a member in which to store the mobile layout thus this renting of space isn’t new to the club.

See you at Adobe the 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

## CALENDAR

*GCMR meets are held at 9:00am in the Parish Hall of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 1212 E Glendale Avenue in Phoenix, located on the north side of Glendale, just east of the traffic light at 12th St. It is easily reached off the Glendale Exit of either I-17 or SR 51. Go east from I-17 or west from SR 51 to 12th Street.*

**April 5** - Annual local train club’s picnic at Scottsdale Railroad Park. More info this issue

**April 19** - Valley of the Sun S Gaugers - Chuck Eral Fountain Hills (480) 332-8120 Web Master and eBay Sales

**April 26** - GCMR meeting Adobe Park. See President’s Message for details.

**April 24 - 27** - Winslow Railroad Days, Winslow, AZ. For information: [http://www.tucsonntrak.com/ASWMRR/ASWMRR\\_Winslow\\_Page.html](http://www.tucsonntrak.com/ASWMRR/ASWMRR_Winslow_Page.html)

**May 24** - GCMR meeting Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church -individual modules Theme: Memorial Day; Space/Military Trains/Hardware

**May 30, 31** Tucson - GPM Train Show - Info: [TrainShow@gpdToyTrainMuseum.com](mailto:TrainShow@gpdToyTrainMuseum.com)

**June 14, 15** Williams Train Day

**June 28** - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church - individual modules Theme: Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc., item(s) w/flag(s)

**August 16** - Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott GCMR Bus Trip

## MEETING NOTES

### Old Business

+ The Falcon Field event is Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Set up for the layout will begin at 0800.

+ Club participation in the Arizona Train Day event was rained out.

+ Glenn Saber reported a profit of \$3244.97 from the annual train swap meet. Attendance was 440. The auction contained about 25 lots and netted a profit of \$31.50.

+ Jack Eaton reported that there is no new information available on Adobe to report.

+ The mini-meet that was discussed for April 26<sup>th</sup> will be postponed. This should provide

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ample opportunity for the club to be ready for a September mini-meet.

+ A work day has been scheduled for the next meeting day, April 26th. At this time both the modules and the trailer can be worked on. Start time will be 0700 for the work party with a brief regular meeting to follow. The work day/meeting will be held at Adobe. The motion was made by Dave Brown and seconded by George Bean. It was passed by the membership.

### New Business

+ A picnic update was given by Dave Brown. There will be a raffle held jointly by the three clubs. Condiments, plates, and utensils are the responsibility of GCMR.

+ Jack Eaton reported on the proposed storage area. Nothing has been finalized yet but information was presented from two possible facilities.

+ Glenn Saber brought up the need for a prize chairperson to deal with the monthly raffles. No one has yet volunteered.

+ George Bean announced that Delores is on the mend after her mishap at the train meet.

+ Glenn Saber will arrange for engraving the initial names on the Bill Schulte Memorial Layout plaque.

+ Those running trains or bringing track to the meeting were: Dallas Dixon – track, Rod Johnson – trains/track, Jack Eaton – trains.

## **BILL RICHARDSON CAN'T FORGET!**

I have a couple of old photos from when we went to Cal Stewart last year. Here are a couple of photos of Glenn and George posing with what Dave Brown called his new "Tech" bag. We kidded the heck out

of Dave telling him it looked like a purse, but he insisted it was a "Tech" bag. For laughs we got George and Glenn to pose with the bag when Dave wasn't looking.



## **GLENN SABER'S OPEN HOUSE**

Here are some photos of my backyard railroad - Casa Verde Railroad. I'm having an ABTO open house Saturday, March 29th. One loop is five rail Gargraves to run my Standard and O scale trains outside.





## CELEBRATION AT ROCK SPRINGS

by Peter Atonna

For years residents of in the town of Rock Springs on the Seligman and Paulden lines have endured the fact that their train station was over 80 years old. Now, as a growing community, they were happy that it was of substantial construction befitting their progressive community. But they still could not deny the fact that the station was the oldest serving

Yes, it's a toy, Glenn. Anything goes, doesn't it?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** All GCMR members are receiving this hardcopy edition of the Main Line so you can receive a hard copy of this year's Membership Roster. Emailed members have also received their electronic version.



the communities along the S&P, being built by the Lionel Mfg. company in the late 1930's.

Their preference was for a Southwest flavor station, similar to the S.P. stations in Mesa or Yuma, AZ. Fortunately, your general contractor, on a trip to Tucson, saw a building that matched the basic design style. So, plans were drawn and a new station was under way.



Since the footprint of the original Lionel station set the available area, the prototype was selectively compressed to fit the space available. However, the exterior wall and window details gives the structure much of its character and were followed.

All base and wall construction was from .080" styrene. The thickness of this material required walls to be cut into sections forming window and door openings, but that gave the building substantial



strength. Windows and doors were to be casement style. Few Grandt Line windows and doors are designed for mounting inside walls, the contractor sanded them flush so they could be adhered, after painting, inside the walls. Here the .080 thickness of the styrene worked well for masonry walls.

A primer coat was given to the exterior and then a pebble finish paint sprayed on the exterior so simulate stucco. Finally, a color coat was sprayed on to match the color of the prototype exterior.



Next up was the interior. Since the residents of Rock Springs planned to make frequent use of the station, a full first floor interior was needed. Scratch built seats and furniture were glued to computer printed flooring and wall finishes.



Finally, the roof structure was begun. In this case a piece of 1/8th inch Masonite was used as the base with rafters cut from Styrene to form the fairly complex shape of the roof.

The exterior lights above the entrance doors are actually HO gauge found on the Walther's website. The remaining lighting is LED's, mounted in the ceiling of the first floor.



With construction complete, the citizens happily attended a grand opening and noted that they were now proud of their town's station - however they are now talking about the need for more frequent train service!



## MEET PHOTOS

By Dave Brown



Running trains at the meet



Looks like Bob is holding his prize so he can see what is in it!



Rod is the big winner of the Mystery Box drawing

## WINNERS!

- Bob Dennison, Lionel RR Club tank car
- Dave Brown, CSX gondola
- Bob Prehara, Jersey Central car
- Glenn Saber, Lighted vending machine
- Rod Johnson, the mystery box which contained an American Flyer talking station
- Rod Johnson, 3 raffle tickers





**PRESCOTT'S**

**BEAT THE HEAT**

**Model Trains & Old Boys' Toys**

**SWAP MEET**

**Saturday August 16, 2014 9 AM - 1 PM**

**At the Prescott Activity Center 824 E Gurley St**

**Presented By:**

**The Central Arizona Model RR Club**

**Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 and under Free**

**Contact: Dick Gage (c) 802 272-1352 CAMRRC Treasurer**

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**Table Reservations \$25.00 per table in advance**

**Table Sales are Subject to Availability**

**1 Free Admission with Each Table**

**Dealer Setup Time 7-9 AM --- No Early Public Admission**

**The CAMRRC is Not Responsible for Lost or Stolen Items**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tables \_\_\_\_ (Limit 4 Tables per seller) @ \$25.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Helper Name \_\_\_\_\_ @ 4.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

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Lunch Reservations (Sandwich, Chips, Soda) \_\_\_\_ @ 7.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks to CAMRRC and mail to.....**

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**Glenn Saber is hosting the Arizona Big Train Operators and is sharing with us some shots of his outdoor O and G scale layouts in his back yard. More inside.**