



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Our spring mini-meet will be on our regular meeting day, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and follow the format noted below. A free sale table will be available for members only on a first come first served basis. If tables are still available after that, members can get a second table. The meet is open and free to the public. Janet Mattern has agreed to be the coordinator for the April mini-meet. Members wanting to reserve a seller's table should contact her (602-569-0568 or [tjmattern@cox.net](mailto:tjmattern@cox.net)) as soon as practical.

The mini-meet timeline is:

7:30-8:30 – Seller set-up

8:30-9:00 – Regular meeting: secretary & treasurer reports, announcements

9:00-11:00 – Meeting suspended; public enters as our guests

11:00-11:30 – Door prize drawn; sellers pack up

11:30-12:00 – Regular meeting re-convenes; old & new business handled

Our next multi-club venture will be the picnic on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at the McCormick RR Park in Scottsdale. A "Back Shop" tour of the 15" gauge will be available as well as inside layout tours of all three layouts in the Model Railroad Building.

The picnic timeline is:

10:00-11:00 – Tours

11:00-12:30 – Eat

12:30-1:00 – Raffles, etc.

The GCMR spring picnic-potluck was held Sunday afternoon, March 29<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to Glenn for

hosting the event and to Rod for being the chef. The format of the GCMR providing hamburgers/hot dogs, buns, cheese, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, and condiments along with a beverage (tea, punch) seems to work well with members bringing either a salad or desert to share. The members and guests present were asked for their thoughts for future picnics. The consensus was to keep the format the same but to schedule the fall and spring picnics to the third Sunday afternoon in March and September starting around 5pm. This isn't "cast in concrete" yet so if you have other thoughts, please share them with me.

Our Summer Cactus Meet will be held July 25<sup>th</sup> at the North Phoenix Baptist facility (Bethany Home & Central) and will follow the Winter Cactus Meet format. See our [www.gcmrr.org](http://www.gcmrr.org) site for details and the table reservation form. We already have 33 tables of the estimated 150 tables "sold" for the meet. We still need someone to serve as the meet chair. The various tasks have been defined along with the approximate timeline so the task isn't that demanding. Many of the previous tasks have gone away. The primary job of the meet chair is to coordinate the various tasks to ensure our glitches are kept to a minimum. Please consider serving in this capacity and let me know if you can help.

The mobile layout will be going to Williams June 20<sup>th</sup>. The next use won't be 'till Railfair in October. Both trailers will need some work done on them. George Bean (623-975-3823 or [geowbean@verizon.net](mailto:geowbean@verizon.net)) is coordinating work on the mobile and Dave Brown (480-650-5336 or [eaglefour@juno.com](mailto:eaglefour@juno.com)) is coordinating the module. Please contact them to learn where you can help.

Our trailers and the GCMR are becoming well known and well respected and must see displays.

As a reminder, our **Annual 1K Raffle** is: first prize - \$500 cash, second prize - a K-Line ABA diesel set, and third prize - \$100 cash. Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, or 10 for \$50. Contact Barbara or Glenn to get yours.

See you the 25<sup>th</sup>. Plan to bring things to sell – HO & N gauge items usually do well.

## 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 18** - Joint club's Spring Picnic.

McCormick Railroad Park, Scottsdale.

**April 25** - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Mini Meet (see the President's Message)

**May 3** - Herb Andreen Open House. See article this issue.

**May 23** - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

**May 29, 30** - GPM swap meet, Tucson. See flyer this issue

**June 20** - Train Day, Williams

**June 27** - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

**July 25** - GCMR Summer Cactus Swap Meet, North Phoenix Baptist Church

**August 15** - Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott Article on the new location next month

## MEETING NOTES

by Barbara Turner

### Announcements

- The spring pot luck is on 29 March at Glenn Saber's home.

- The spring mini-meet will be held on April 25th. Point of contact is George Bean.

### Show and Tell

- Bill Richardson brought a Tyco HO layout.

- Barbara Turner brought various boxcars whose tie to the theme of favorite holiday was food, i.e.: King Arthur Flour, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, Baker's Chocolate.

- Static displays:

- Rod Johnson brought railroad memorabilia including pictures, articles, date nails, commemorative stamps, etc.

- Bill Richardson had an S gauge 2007 Merry Christmas box car American Flyer by Lionel.

- John Draftz had a Coca Cola Christmas Speeder set.

### Old Business

- Anyone interested in name badges should see Barbara Turner. The cost is \$7.00

- Bill Richardson is the point of contact for work on the mobile layout. There is some

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track repair work that needs doing. The Paradise and Pacific will be using this layout and Dave Brown is the point of contact on that.

- A work party for the modules is on hold for now. Work is needed on the corners.

- Dave Brown reported on the Falcon Field event. It was a very good run with a lot of public interest in the layout. A special thanks to Herb Andreen for attending the final event planning meeting at Falcon Field.

- The mobile layout will next be needed for Train Day at Williams. The date is June 20th.

### New Business

- John Draftz can make logo buttons for vendors at the Summer Cactus Meet. Samples of two different buttons were available for the membership.

- The mini-meet needs a coordinator. There were no volunteers. Times for the meet are:

8:00 – set up

8:30 - short business meeting

9:00 – doors open

11:00 – meet shuts down, drawing

11:15 (approximately) – meeting resumes

- Jack Eaton gave an update on prizes for the Summer Cactus Meet.

- The club received an HO donation from Bill Richardson.

- John Draftz reported that 30 tables are already sold for the summer meet.

- Bill Lazenby reminded everyone that the three club picnic is April 18th.

- John Draftz gave an update on 501(c)(3) tax issues.

## **OUR VISITING LAYOUTS**

by Rod Johnson

As you know, many members of GCMR are also members of the Paradise and Pacific Club at Scottsdale Railroad Park. For a number of years now, GCMR has made our mobile trailer available to P&P because they want to thank the Paradise Valley Methodist Church in Scottsdale for letting them use one of their meeting rooms at no cost. This was because the P&P did not have a home during tear down of the old layout and construction of the new one in the new model railroad building being constructed at McCormick Railroad Park.

So on Easter Saturday P&P guys run trains for the parents, kids, whoever during the morning on GCMR's mobile. I caught a shot on my smart phone of this little guy totally involved (concentration) running one of my trains with the remote controller. He is a foster child of one of the P&P members. I can't help thinking this is what it's all about.



## **OPEN HOUSE AT THE ANDREEN'S**

by Herb Andreen

We are celebrating the near completion of the O gauge layout that was started almost five years ago at our home. The layout is on four levels with a 100 foot "Route 66" on the fifth level. To celebrate, we are inviting all GCMR members to an Open House on Sunday, May 3rd from 3pm till. . . .

The layout was planned and constructed by P&P members Bob Cowles and Dave Brown,



HO club member Mike Salzetti and Gadsden-Pacific member Ken Kelly.

Food, beverages, deserts, etc. will be provided. Bring nothing and enjoy the layout and friendship of fellow club members. We request you give us a call or e-mail ([raharaven@cox.net](mailto:raharaven@cox.net)) or 480-807-5151 with the number of guests by April 27<sup>th</sup> so that we may adequately prepare for your arrival.

3443 E. Norcroft Cir Mesa AZ

Directions: Red Mountain Freeway (202 East) exit at Val Vista (exit 19)

South on Val Vista 1 ½ miles to the Hermosa Groves Community (about ¼ mile south of McDowell).

Proceed through the gate on Minton. Gate Code: 7351 (4 numbers only)

Go one block to the rotary. Turn right onto May Fair.

May Fair ends at Norcroft. Turn left (west) on Norcroft.

We are the second house on the left.

### WINNERS!

**Bill Richardson, NYRR box car.**

**Bob Prehara, Wabash hopper with coal.**

**Bill East, trestle set (donated to club layout).**

**Glenn Saber, National box car (convention car).**

**Bob Dennison, L & N gondola with container.**

**Mystery box, John Draftz, a Spokane and Port Seattle dockside switcher and caboose.**

**The three raffle tickets were won by John Draftz.**



## SOME PHOTOS FROM THE POTLUCK AT GLENN SABER'S HOME

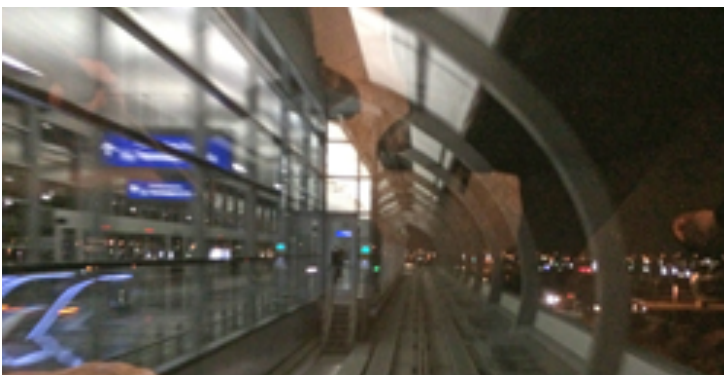
by Dave Brown



## SKY TRAIN

by Peter Atonna

If you have not had the chance to take the Sky Train from the Light Rail station into Sky Harbor, try the trip and especially at night. Not only the views of the city and airport spectacular,



My grandson at the head car - a budding fan?



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& Parts!*



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**Summer Show & Meet**

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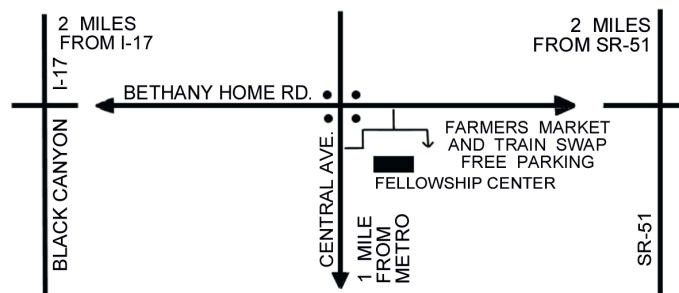


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No refunds after July 18, 2015.     Set-up opens at 6:00 AM     Please print form legibly.

Name		<b>\$25 per 8' banquet table</b> (Bring a table cover, if desired)  How many tables? _____  Amount enclosed? \$ _____  Request? _____  Will you participate in the auction? Seller? _____ Buyer? _____
Address		
City	State     Zip	
Phone	Email	
Buying, selling, ethics and behavior: In case of dispute, the Meet Chairperson and/or impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairperson shall arbitrate the dispute and render a timely decision and I hereby agree to be bound by such decision. I will not pack until 1:00 PM. Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.		
Signature		<b>Admission Name Badges</b> <b>1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.</b>  Badge Name _____  Badge Name _____ <b>3 or more tables = 4 badges max.</b>  Badge Name _____  Badge Name _____
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## **The Main Line**

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**A Beat the Heat teaser - some progress on the new layout at the Atonna's. We may not be ready for the public, but have offered to be open for the bus folks. These are the terminal tracks and passenger yards. By the time you visit, the next level, downtown Chicago, should be on top.**