



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

## MAIN LINE

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

Well, it's been quite a year so far. It's only April, and a lot has happened.

In February we had the winter Cactus Meet, followed by the run in Chandler. The beginning of April brought the three club picnic and over 100 people from the clubs made it out to the Railroad Park in Scottsdale for all the food and fun.

This Saturday we hold our first Mini Meet of the year. I won't be there due to a death in my family, however Jack Eaton will fill in for me for the short business meeting. May then brings our May meeting on the **THIRD** Saturday of that month. This is because lots of people have family plans for the fourth Saturday which is Memorial Day Weekend.

All this and the year isn't even half over.

One club - non club activity that has happened is running of our trailer at the Paradise Valley Methodist church by Paradise and Pacific. I would like to thank those GCMR members that helped in this: John Drafts, Bill Richardson, and Glen Saber. Thank you for all the help in getting the trailer there and back, For those that don't know, the P and P borrows our trailer on the Saturday before Easter to help PVUMC with their Fair for the kids. It is my hope that we will be back at Christmas time to run modules at that time.

Info on the Beat the Heat bus will be coming out next month, as well as the form for signing up.

That's all for now, I will see you at the May meet.

### 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 22** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church GCMR Spring Mini Meet  
Regular club meeting: 8 - 9am  
Mini Meet: 9 - 11am

**May 20** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

**June 24** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church: Annual Hot dogs and Apple Pie meeting

**July 22** - Summer Cactus meet. See the vendor's flyer this issue

**August 12** - Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott Valley, see the vendor's flyer this issue.

### MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

GCMR Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes:

OLD BUSINESS:

The February Winter Cactus did great.  
Treasurer Glenn Saber reported it was our

best swap ever financially! In the future we may be able to put the LCCA on a 6 ft table.

Next year for Arizona Railway Day out at the Arizona Railway Museum in Chandler, we will move our mobile layout more to the front of the park. This will bring us closer to where most of the people hang out.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The Summer Cactus meet is scheduled for July 22nd, 2017. We are already 16% sold. John Draftz will put out courtesy reminders in May.

April 1st, will be the multi-club picnic. We are expecting 120 people. GCMR is responsible for 3 raffle prizes, a mystery prize, soda (6 cases), water (100 bottles), ice cream, and ice (about 100 lbs). Bill Richardson will bring soda, water, and whatever ice he needs. John Draftz will bring ice cream and whatever ice he needs. Members can bring a side dish, salad, or a dessert to share. GCMR will receive the mystery prize raffle money.

We are out of Mini-meet flyers. Glenn Saber will print 200 more and bring them to the club picnic.

Dave Brown informed the Board that the Cal-Stewart train meet is moving to Glendale, California.

Dave also indicated that the Bus contract for the "Beat The Heat Meet" needs to be signed this month.

## GCMR General Membership Meeting

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Treasurer Glenn Saber gave the treasurer's report. The report specified the amounts in the checking account and the PayPal account. Glenn informed the membership that we set the record for our profit at this Cactus Winter Meet. We surpassed all of the previous Cactus and Armory Meets even with all the rain. We ended up selling a total of 149 tables. Thanks to all who made it happen.

The \$750.00 deposit for the Cactus Summer Meet has been paid. The report was accepted by the membership present.

We had a guest visitor, Gene Probasco, at our meeting. Gene is an "S" gauger from our old TTOS days.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

We need to update the By-laws limiting the Past Presidents term on the board to a 1 year term. Motion was made and passed unanimously.

It was noted that the Cal-Stewart Meet is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in November (11/18/2017). We generally don't schedule a membership meeting after Thanksgiving on the 4th Saturday. A motion was made to make October the last meeting of the year. Motion carried.

LCCA was very happy with their table at our Cactus Winter meet, so our arrangement with them advertising our meet should continue. They managed to sign up some new members and were happy with how well our meet was run.

### Board of Directors

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## NEW BUSINESS:

The Multi-club picnic is scheduled for next Saturday, April 1st. The picnic is in Scottsdale at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park out at the Stillman ramada.

Food will be served from approximately 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, condiments, soda, water, ice cream are all provided. We are expecting around 120 people. Members can bring a side dish, salad, dessert, and yourself. GCMR will be providing the soda, water, ice cream, and ice. Bill Richardson and John Draftz will coordinate this. There will be Raffle prizes and a mystery raffle, so bring your money. ABTO is also having some open houses in Scottsdale that you may want to check out both Saturday and Sunday.

GCMR is having another public Mini-Meet on April 22nd from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Phoenix. Setup will begin at 7:00 AM, there will be a quick mini-membership meeting from 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM. We are planning to Raffle off a \$75.00 gift card. Be there if you can. Members should contact Janet Mattern if you want a table.

June 24th, 2017 is scheduled to be GCMR's hot dog and apple pie meeting. Plan on attending. Hot dogs, apple pie, soda, and water provided after the general membership meeting.

The May general membership meeting will be on the 3rd (not the 4th) Saturday of the month, May 20th

## SHOW AND TELL:

The theme was funny cars and silliness.

- + John Draftz brought in a circus transport car (clowns are funny!).
- + John Zaval brought his M&M handcar.
- + Ralph Treichel brought in his K-Line spinning Coke bottle
- + Dave Brown brought in his "HO" Wall Street Journal "stock" car and his double header rolling outhouses.

- + And in the spirit of silliness Bill Richardson actually brought in an "HO" scale hot rod funny car.

## THEY WERE FUNNY!

Dave Brown photos



Bill Richardson



John Draftz



Ralph Treichel





John Zaval



Dave's "Double Header"



Bill Lazenby

## WINNERS!

**Bill East** - Lionel 6-48533 Pacific Fruit Express flatcar  
**Bill Richardson**- Book on A.C. Gilbert's Heritage  
**Bill Lazenby** - K-Line 2931 Milwaukee Road Boxcar  
**Chris Allen** - Lionel 19977 Toy Fair 1999 Boxcar  
**Roger Bourque** - Lionel 9726 Lackawanna Boxcar  
**Lin Sinclair** - Won a prize but chose to pass her prize on to someone else. They thank you Lin.

**The Mystery Raffle prize winner was:**  
**Bill Lazenby** - Lionel 6-28623 Engine & Tender

**The Monthly 1K Raffle prize winner was:**  
**John Draftz** - who won 3 more tickets to the 1K annual raffle.

## FROM HO TO O IN A WINK

by Peter Atonna

OK, perhaps not a wink, but here is the story. As most of us not modeling in HO scale know, the variety of equipment - locos, cars and structures - pales in comparison with what our HO scale friends have.



Last year I had an idea, what if I modified specific HO structures, could they be made into acceptable O scale buildings? To do that, you need to look at large scale industrial or commercial structures. I

started with an HO engine house which looked like it could be modified into a car repair shop in O scale.

I was pleased with the result, so this last winter, I bought a Walther's Cornerstone furniture factory. From the illustration, I could combine pairs of windows to go from a four story HO building to a two story O scale one. Doors and the loading dock would have to be enlarged, but it looked doable.



New doors were made and window openings enlarged.



And here it is on the workbench, checking for clearances in the loading dock before being placed on the layout



Here is a check to make sure the new openings look correct in O scale.



And finally, in place on the layout.





**"ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST  
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS"**

# THE CACTUS SUMMER MEET

**SATURDAY, JULY 22nd, 2017**

**9 AM - 1 PM    \$6/PERSON \$11/FAMILY**

(\$1.00 off cards and coupons available - next to large Farmers Market!)



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Presented by your pal Casey Cactus and the  
**GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS**

To reserve your space and required admission name  
badges, submit this form by July 15, 2017

No refunds after July 15, 2017

Set-up opens at 6:00 AM Please print form legibly.



Name	
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	Date
Make check payable to: "Grand Canyon Model Railroaders" Mail to: John Draftz, 1507 W Willow Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029 or Credit cards accepted via PayPal - Visit <a href="http://www.gcmrr.org">www.gcmrr.org</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@gcmrr.org">info@gcmrr.org</a> Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457; Glenn Saber 602-956-6695	

<p><b>\$25 per 8' banquet table</b> (Bring a table cover, if desired)</p> <p>How many tables? _____</p> <p>Amount enclosed? \$ _____</p> <p>Request? _____</p> <p>Will you participate in the auction?</p> <p>Seller? _____ Buyer? _____</p> <p><b>Admission Name Badges</b> 1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.</p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p>3 or more tables = 4 badges max.</p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p><b>More badges available at \$5.00 each</b></p>
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# **PRESCOTT AREA BEAT THE HEAT**

**MODEL TRAINS & OLD BOYS' TOYS**

# **SWAP MEET**

**Saturday, August 12, 2017, 9 AM - 1 PM**

**Again at the Liberty Traditional School  
3300 N. Lake Valley Rd, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314**

*Presented By:*

**THE CENTRAL ARIZONA MODEL RR CLUB**

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

**Contact: Dick Gage © 802-272-1352 or Larry Gauthier 928-632-4180**

**Table Reservations \$30.00 per table in advance**

**\*\* 1 Free Admission with Each Table purchased \*\***

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

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

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**# of Tables \_\_\_\_\_ (Limit 4 per seller) @ 30.00 each \_\_\_\_\_**

**Helper Name \_\_\_\_\_ @ 4.00 \*\* \_\_\_\_\_**

**Helper Name \_\_\_\_\_ @ 4.00 \*\* \_\_\_\_\_**

**Lunch Reservations (sandwich, chips, soda) \_\_\_\_\_ @ 7.00 each \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Make Checks payable to: CAMRRC and mail to**

**CAMRRC Treasurer, PO Box 1105, Mayer, AZ 86333-1105**

## **THE MAIN LINE**

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**Missing a monthly GCMR meeting can mean you are missing out on the chance to come home with some significant goodies. Here is Bill Lazenby with his brand new Lionel steamer that he won in the Mystery Prize Raffle drawing**