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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Our next meeting is the annual spring mini-meet the 28th from 9-11. We'll be back at Our Savior's Lutheran. I'll plan to have the hall open about 7:30am. Sale tables are free and the meet is free to the public. Contact Janet Mattern, the event coordinator, (602-569-0568 or tjmattern@cox.net) to reserve a table.

A major factor in the success of the mini-meet is getting the word out to the public. We don't need thousands but hundreds would be nice (the fire marshal thanks us in advance). Part of being a member is to help get the word out. Look at your personal situation and see what you can do. How 'bout posting a notice at nearby public elementary and other schools. Do you use social media of any kind?

The mobile layout will be at the Rail, Rods, and Steel Wheels Show in Mesa's Pioneer Park on Saturday, April 21st, from 9-2. My understanding is that we'll be located where we've usually been. Note that this is a change from the normal November date. Jack Eaton (623-249-7297 or jeaton@cox.net) is coordinating the staffing. Please let him know if you can help especially if you live on the east side.

The multi-club picnic was Saturday, April 7th, at the McCormick RR Park in Scottsdale. I wasn't able to attend, but reports I've gotten are that it was a success.

Glenn and Jack are continuing to look into a suitable replacement for the mobile layout cover with a more user-friendly fastening system. A solution to the spare tire storage hasn't yet been identified, but whatever we devise should ideally keep the spare out of the elements until needed. One other "weak spot" is the opening between each wing and the base due to the hinge height when the wings are folded. This can let critters and water get into the trailer and potentially do damage. We need to devise a simple but effective "seal" for the openings. If anyone has any thoughts, feel free to share your thoughts with Glenn a/o Jack.

Our Summer Cactus Meet will be held July 28th and is about 25% sold out. The fall mini-meet will be September 22nd.

Due to non-GCMR fall activities, our last meeting of the year is in October. A fall GCMR potluck/picnic for members and guests would give us an opportunity to get together one more time before the year end. Current thinking is for a Saturday or Sunday in November – probably at supertime. The board can make this happen but needs your comments. If you have a preference, let a board member know.

See you the 28th.

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 21 - Rail, Rods, and Steel Wheels Show - Mesa Pioneer Park

April 28 - GCMR meeting - Spring Mini-Meet

May 26 - GCMR meeting - Theme: Memorial Day; Space/Military Trains/Hardware

June 23 - GCMR meeting - Theme: Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc.; item(s) w/flag(s)

July 28 - Summer Cactus Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church

August 18 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet - Prescott Valley (note: as of this writing, only 10 sales tables remain!)

MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

March GCMR Board Of Directors Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM at the Lutheran Church of the Master by President John Draftz. Also in attendance were Vice President Jack Eaton, Treasurer Glenn Saber, Secretary Bill Richardson, Past President Dave Brown, and BOD member Janet Mattern.

OLD BUSINESS:

Janet reported that 21 out of 25 tables at the upcoming mini-meet on 4/28/18 have been requested

by members so far. We will be supplying a \$75.00 gift card for the raffle prize from Hobby Lobby.

Jack Eaton is in the process of officially registering to become the GCMR's new Statutory Agent. There is a \$10.00 filing fee.

John Draftz reported that Arizona Railway Museum Train Day event on 2/24/18 went well, and that our new location up by the party caboose worked out very well. The mobile layout was once again a big hit there.

Glenn Saber handed out some new club business cards. These cards have the GCMR web address, email address, and a space to write your name or other current information. Glenn also reported that Big Stitch has our logo and can make shirts and hats. This needs to be promoted at the General Membership Meeting.

The Winter Cactus meet made approximately \$3655. In the future we will probably discontinue the family rate because of abuse. Everyone will get a hand stamp on entry to speed things up. A pre-meet Friday dinner is still being discussed by the BOD. Janet Mattern has distributed all the raffle prizes to the winners. John Draftz has Terry Haas's e-mail train ride tickets.

President John Draftz would like the BOD to:

- 1) Think about criteria for member recognition.
- 2) Lead by example, bring trains to run to the General Membership Meetings (if possible).
- 3) Think about a November GCMR event, like a pot luck dinner. Would Nov 22 be a good time?

We will need to do some maintenance of the mobile layout. Jack and Glenn will see about getting the

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canvas replaced after Easter. The "S" gauge modules need some work as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Paradise & Pacific RR club will be borrowing the GCMR mobile layout for the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church annual Easter celebration on 3/31/18.

Reminder that the Multi-club picnic will be held on Saturday 4/7/18. GCMR will supply raffle prizes, 6 cases of soda, 3 cases of water, 80 lbs of ice, chips, and ice cream. Bill Richardson, John Draftz, and Rich Fortmeyer will coordinate.

The Rods, Rails and Steel Wheels Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, 4/21/18 at Pioneer Park in Mesa from 10 am until 2pm. The mobile layout should be there by 8am. Jack Eaton will coordinate.

This years Summer Cactus Meet will be held Saturday, July 28, 2018. We are already 30% sold out.

We plan on running train drag races at our May General Membership Meeting.

John Draftz mentioned that a pole barn for our mobile trailer might preserve the canvas longer. We could also put it in a bigger storage unit to protect it from the elements. No decision. The spare tire needs to be welded to the trailer somewhere.

It looks like we will be charging the same prices for the Beat The Heat bus trip up to Prescott this year in August.

.March GCMR General Membership Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Glenn Saber gave the treasurer's report noting the amounts available in our accounts, and that we made approximately \$3,655 at the February Winter Cactus meet. We had 409 paid people come through the door, and that was down about 40 people from last year. Bill Richardson gave the Secretary's report. Reports were accepted by the membership present.

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United Methodist Church annual Easter celebration on 3/31/18. See Jack Eaton if you want to help them.

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President John Draftz asks the GCMR membership to bring trains to run at the membership meetings. We are an operating club, so let's operate.

GCMR will be attending the Rods, Rails and Steel Wheels Car Show. It is scheduled for Saturday 4/21/18 at Pioneer Park in Mesa from 10am until 2pm. Pioneer Park is located at 526 E. Main St, Mesa. The mobile layout should be there by 8am. We need people to come out and run trains and promote our club. Jack Eaton is the coordinator so contact Jack if you can help.

Dallas Dixon informed the GCMR membership of a bus trip (sponsored by the P&P RR club) to Tucson to see and tour two large layouts. This trip will be on Sunday 4/22/18. The cost will be \$35.00, and there will be various pickup points. Contact Dallas or the P&P club for more information if you wish to attend.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Janet reported that 21 out of 25 tables at the upcoming mini-meet on 4/28/18 have been requested by members so far. The mini-meet goes from 9am to 11am. Setup will start about 7:30am. As usual, this will be at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church located at 1212 E. Glendale Ave, Phoenix AZ. We notified the public through mini-meet flyers, Craigs List, and Phoenix Backpage.

Jack Eaton is going through the process of officially registering to become the GCMR's new Statutory Agent.

John Draftz reported that Arizona Railway Museum event on 2/24/18 went well at our new location in front by the party caboose.

Glenn Saber emphasized to the club membership that we need everyone to help at the Cactus swap meets. Many workers aren't getting any breaks. This must change. With everyone's help, no one should be overworked. Glenn also talked again about a pre-meet gathering the Friday before the meet. John Draftz mentioned that "Thank You" notifications went out to the raffle prize donors.

If you need a new club hat or shirt go to Big Stitch.

There are new generic GCMR Business cards available. They are a nice, small wallet size.

Check out our website (www.gcmrr.org) let us know if something needs to be fixed.

How about a pot luck in November, maybe the 22nd, what do you think?

Should we give out Member Awards for recognition above and beyond the call of duty?

The "S" gauge modules needs some work and the "O" gauge module needs to start. The mobile trailer needs some maintenance and new canvas with better snaps.

Vice president, Jack Eaton, handles event

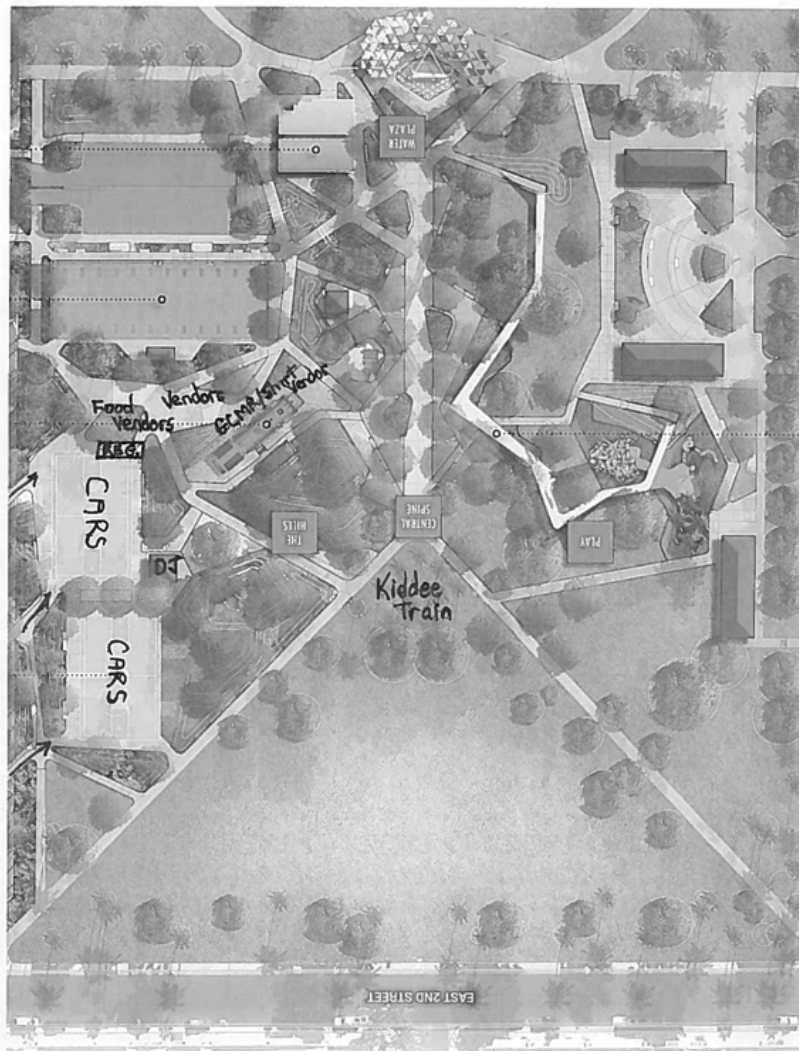
sign up sheets.

Club member Chris Allen brought up for consideration keeping the mobile trailer in storage like the TCA does.

SHOW AND TELL:

The theme was a favorite holiday car or other train item.

- +Ralph Treichel brought in his wooden Easter train.
- + Glenn Saber showed his McCoy Diners which retailed for around \$200.00, but he got his by chance on EBAY "buy it now" for only \$59.00.
- + Roger Bourque showed us his G-gauge Xmas Express Red Loco.
- + Bill Richardson brought in his "S" gauge Xmas cars. John Draftz showed his red, white, and blue Freedom Train.
- + Janet Mattern showed her "O" gauge Xmas tree car
- + John Zaval showed us his Halloween Car.



LAYOUT AT PIONEER PARK

by John Draftz

Here's the map of the reworked Pioneer Park for the Rail, Rods, and Steel Wheels Show. We'll have the mobile layout on display Saturday, April 21st. If you can be there to help, even if for only part of the day, please contact Jack as soon as practical.

PICNIC PHOTOS

Hare are some photos take at this year's all club picnic held at Scottsdale Railroad Park taken by the Valley of the Sun S Gaugers.

Here's the 4 Valley of the Sun S gauge members, L to R: Jim Ingram, Gary Cychosz, Marty Wik and Carl Wuepper. Actually, I believe there were two more S gaugers at the picnic, who were members of the GCMR: Bill Richardson and Bill East.



WINNERS!

Bill Richardson - Lionel AF 6-49003 UP searchlight car
Dave Brown - Lionel 6-19709 Pen Work Caboose
Ralph Treichel - MTH 20-94362 Miller HighLife
Jack Eaton - Lionel 6-19813 NP ice car
John Draftz - Lionel AF 6-48354 Southern Pacific Boxcar
Bill East - Lionel AF 4-9005 3 dome tank car

The Mystery Raffle prize winner was:
Roger Bourque - Lionel crossing gates 6-14098

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

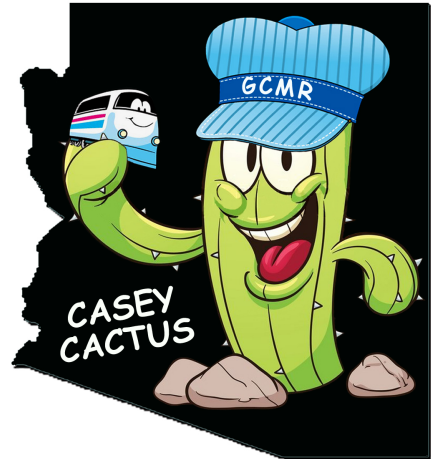


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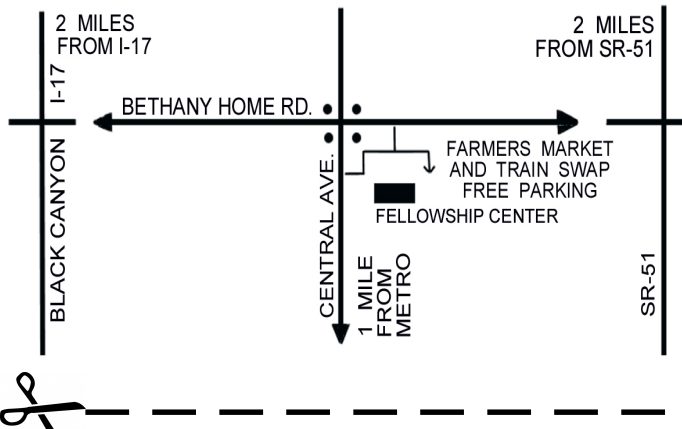
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Reserve your space and required vendor badges

No refunds after July 21, 2018

New Fun Friday pre-meet dinner - info to follow
Saturday set-up opens at 6:00 AM. Print form legibly



Name _____		<p>\$25 per 8' banquet table (with chair - bring a table cover, if desired)</p> <p>How many tables? _____</p> <p>Amount enclosed? \$ _____</p> <p>Requests? _____</p> <p>Will you participate in the auction? Seller? _____ Buyer? _____</p> <p>Cactus Vendor Badges REQUIRED to enter trading hall There will be space on the badges to write your names, if so desired.</p> <p>1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max. 3 or 4 tables = 4 badges max. More than 4 tables = contact us More badges available at \$5.00 each</p>
Address _____		
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<p>Security: I will abide with vendor badge entrance requirements. 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.</p>		
Signature _____ Date _____		
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Here is this month's edition of Lionel history taken from their Employee's magazine, All Aboard. It is from 1947 and illustrates how Cowen never lost sight of the need to continually put Lionel Trains before the public. And this was in the early PostWar years in which people seemed to not be able to buy enough Lionel trains!

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The Show and Tell portion of our monthly GCMR meets continues to be a significant reason for attending each month. Here Bill Richardson is examining one of the many items brought for Show and Tell at the March GCMR meeting.