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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

Happy Easter to all of you! I hope you had a nice one. With covid getting less and less, things are getting more normal all the time. This includes train activities. Since our last newsletter, the March meeting has happened with our first drag race. The next time we will have a ZW to work with. The next weekend was the three club picnic. I hope you were there. With about 60 people there it was a little smaller than usual, but all that were there had fun, and there was lots to eat.

This month is our first mini meet of the year. It's on a first come first serve for the tables. Doors will open to the public at 9am and it's over by 11 am. Set up will start at 7am so get there then.

In May we will start the process of looking for officers for the next two years. You may be thinking that this is early for that, but remember counting May, there are only four regular meetings left in the year. All positions are open, so if you would like to run the club, now's the time to speak up.

I will not be running for President this time so that one is needing some one to fill it. Remember this is OUR club. One of the reasons we left that other club was the same people were always running it and kept others from getting in to see what they were doing, We are much more open. You can come to board meetings and hear what is being planned.

Everyone needs to take a turn at being on the board. This club is a lot of fun, but also a lot of work and we all must share that burden.

Enough for now, see you at the mini meet.

CALENDAR

GCMR meets are held at 9:00am in the Parish Hall of Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 1212 East 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 23 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church

May 28 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church

June 25 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church

July 23 - Cactus Summer Swap Meet, see flyer this issue

August 6 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott, see flyer this issue

BOARD MINUTES

by Rod Johnson

Attending: John Kendig, Treasurer; John Zaval, Dave Brown, President: John Draftz: Rod Johnson, Secretary: Janet Mattern, Doyle Bain, Vice President

The Board discussed the lack of membership participation for our various events. Lately, we have had only four or five members present for Railfair, Adobe Mountain runs, etc. We need more activity.

Reminder for the upcoming picnic on April 2nd, discussion on a permanent layout such as clubs have at Railroad Park in Scottsdale. We could form a committee to look into that, but the downside of maintenance, location, finding an available building, upkeep in general basically shoots this down. The City of Scottsdale does all that for the building at Railroad Park.

We have not used the static modules that we have set up in the past like for Railfair and other venues (not the trailer) so we should form a committee to look into that for the use in the future. No firm decision on this. Also, should we move the module trailer?

Regarding the layout trailer itself, the cover snaps are slowly being torn out from use. The decision was made to change to a twist type lock. In addition to the cover project, the UFO Martian needs to be added now that we have one.

Do we need locks for the drawers on the trailer? After discussion, the Board decided to proceed either to use combination (where you need to know what it is) or keyed locks. Not only should we put them on the drawers but also on the flip down door for the transformers.

There was a discussion on the possibility of doing a permanent type layout in some facility such as the streetcar museum, some building at the fairgrounds or some place similar which is tied to model trains. If we go this route, do we need a sizable donation to move ahead?

DOINGS WITH TERRY

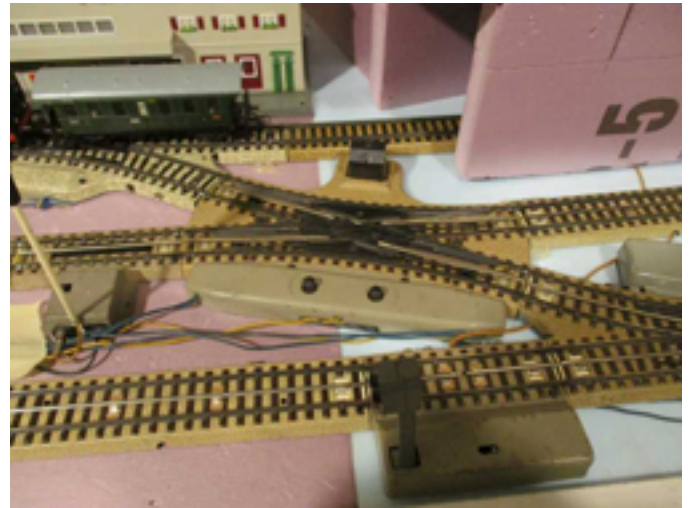
by Terry Gibbs

Recent Additions:

Peter is always asking for newsletter content so here's a simple idea for quick and interesting

content. "Recent additions". Just take a quick photo or two of new acquisitions and few words explaining your reasons.

I'll go first as an example. . .



I just bought a pair of these double slip switches for my Marklin layout. I never understood how neat these were until I used the one I had on the layout. Now I have three of them!



I also grabbed this Faller house on the hill. The back is made at an angle so it can go on a hill. For \$15 it was a deal I couldn't resist.

Send Peter a picture of your new treasure to share with us.

Layout Updates:

On the O gauge layout, I added a bunch of trees, hung some planes, and put out the Tootsietoys. The Tootsies are grouped by era – the long parking strip beside the passenger station has 1920s and early 1930s cars. The Schoenhut town has mostly cars from the mid 1930s, with others mixed in. The road up the mountain has late 1930s thru about 1950 smaller cars. The road behind the postwar sidings has larger cars from the late 1930s thru about 1960. (I kept back the mid 1930s large cars with white wheels for another layout.)



On the Standard gauge layout I added a bunch of trees. I glued upholstery tacks to the bases of the trees so they stand up well. I also put out the cast iron cars and trucks, and started unpacking the people. They fall over just like the trees, so I put cardboard bases beside the stations for them to stand on. Also new is the airport with planes.





THE GADSDEN RETURNS

by Peter Atonna

Some members are aware that Mary Jane and I were raised in Douglas, AZ. Through World War II, Douglas was the third largest city in Arizona! In addition to hosting one of the largest copper smelters in the country, it was a major railroad center, a Mexican port of entry and a shopping hub for the agricultural lands in the valley to the north.

It was a planned town by James Douglas, a founder of the Phelps Dodge mining. company. After the mines and smelter in overcrowded Mule Canyon in Bisbee became too congested and polluted, the smelter was moved to a broad valley with good water and a railroad was built to it, eventually becoming the El Paso Southwestern, to haul supplies and copper.

Thus, in 1911, the Hotel Gadsden, was built, four stories high overlooking the rapidly growing town. It celebrated the Gadsden Purchase. Sadly, in 1921 it burned to the ground. But, a larger hotel was built in its place. Now five stories high, it featured a grand stairway leading to a wall of Tiffany glass windows and skylights. Although repainted from the green of our youth, it remains open today.



Thus, from the completion of scenery in the first version of my basement layout, in 2001 a vacant lot was provided next to the also remaining Phelps Dodge Mercantile Store (the classic “you can buy anything here” company store). Alas, that lot remained vacant until last fall when my brother, sister in law and I journeyed there for an event. That lit the spark that it was time to build the Hotel Gadsden. Photos were taken, measurement were made. Materials were bought.

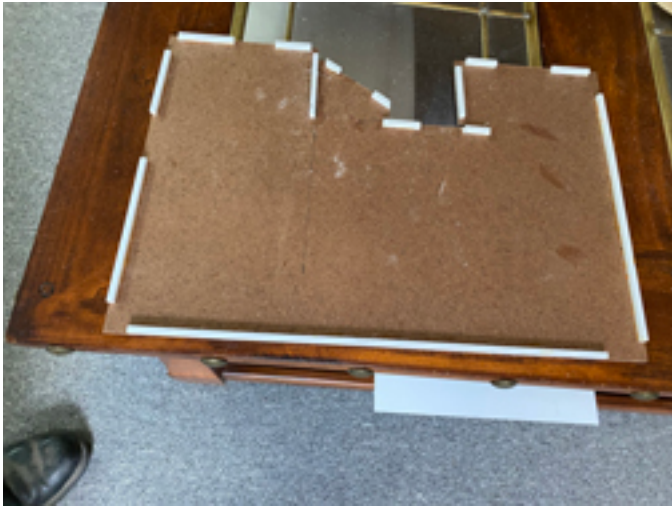
Construction was pretty traditional: .06” sheet styrene was cut and glued to create door and window openings. It was then covered by .015 sheet styrene to represent the smooth plaster finish.



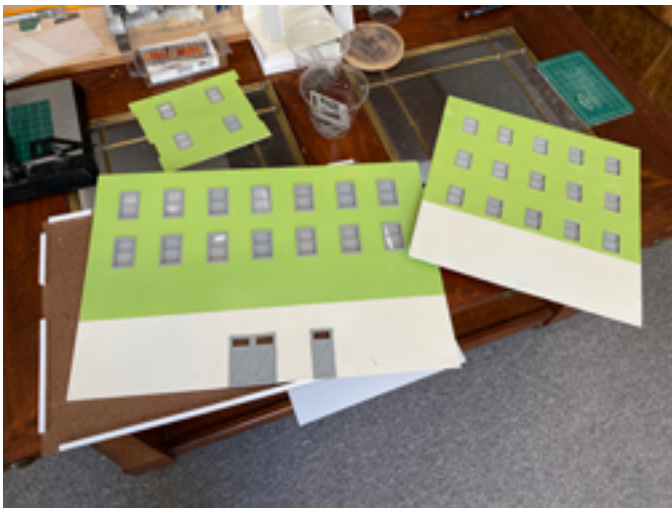
The shell was glued together and painted the original light green color. Following that, windows and doors were installed.

But in this structure, it is the trim and details that give it the character it retains. Fortunately a few years ago, a kit maker I was dealing with, was doing custom laser work, So I sent him materials to create many of the trim pieces including the rooftop name sign. And they are a dark green to give contrast the the base color.

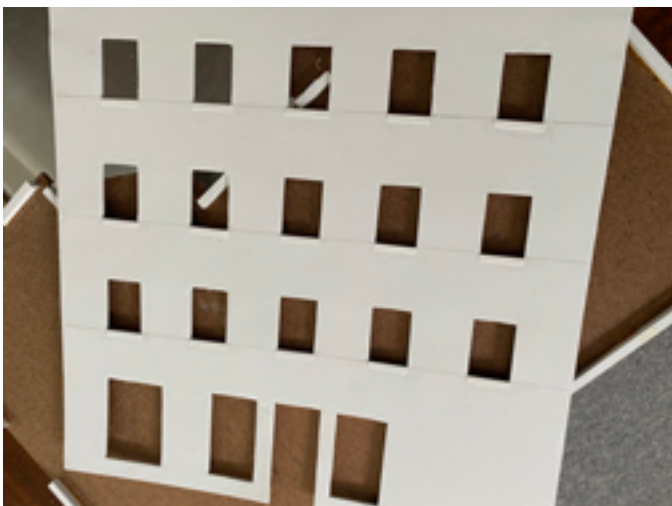
You may note that my Gadsden is only four rather than five stores high. That is because the space available forces selected compression of about a third. And to keep the height in that proportion, it is four rather than five floors. high.



Testing the location on the layout



Lighting is all strip LED's and all that remains to be done after all these years is to build a building next door to finish that portion of downtown Douglas.



And the finished building

WINNERS!

Dave Brown: double door box car

Glen Saber: Western Maryland reefer

Larry Melvin: Hershey operating barrel loader

John Draftz: Flyer Western Pacific boxcar

MYSTERY PRIZE

Chris Allen: Operating sawmill

ANNUAL PRIZE TICKET

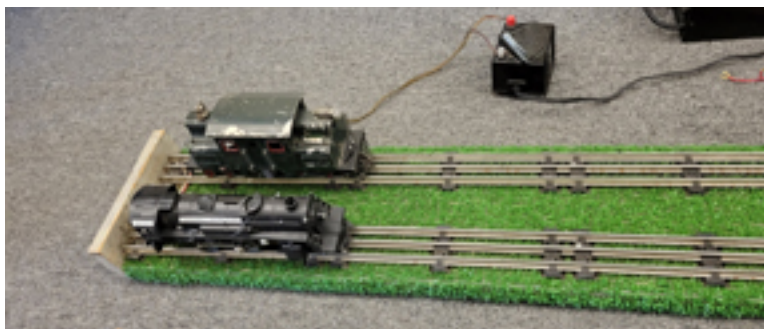
Janet Mattern: (3 more tickets to
add to the pot)



GCMR AT THE PICNIC



AND AT THE RACES



YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Attached to this issue is a current membership list. On it, those who **HAVE** paid their dues have an “**X**” before their name. If there is no “**X**” before your name, that means that your dues have not been received. Unfortunately, if they have not been paid by the end of this month, your name will have to be removed from the list and you will no longer be a member of the GCMR and of course will not receive your May newsletter.

Attached also is a membership form which you are welcome to use if you do not

BEAT THE HEAT UPDATE

The swap meet has moved to a new venue. It will now be held at the Activity Center at Embry Riddle University in Prescott. The good news is that the hall is twice the size as the school gym. In addition, to get there you will be able to stay on four lane highways right up to the entrance to the University.

For sellers, parking is in a lot directly next to the entry. For attendees, another lot has hundreds of spaces with a short walk to the hall.

And for sellers, another couple of changes. First tables will be 6 feet rather than 8 feet. But, the cost is dropped for more than one table reservation. And, sellers can now order their specific lunch with their table reservation. There is a separate “Vendor” form attached to this newsletter.

And for all, the layout visits are on! In addition to a couple of favorites, for those coming on the GCMR bus, there is a special stop, not open to the general attendee. So, look for the bus reservation form and join the gang.



Beat the Heat Model Train Show 2022 & Extravaganza

*Bigger & Better in our new location
Embry Riddle Aeronautical Univ.*

3700 Willow Creek Road Prescott, AZ 86301

Raffle Prizes MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
Grand prize \$500.00, 2nd prize \$300.00, 3rd prize \$200.00
& other door prizes

Saturday, August 6, 2022 9am - 1pm

***Model Trains, Toys, Accessories
& Display Layouts***

Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 & under Free

Contact: Fred Williams (928)830-5913 or Dick Gage (802)272-1352

Table Reservations, Std. 6' long \$30.00 for the 1st table,
\$20.00 for extra tables paid in advanced

Dealer setup time 7-9 AM NO Early Public Admission

The CAMRRC is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items.

Please Note: face masks recommended, NOT required

Please visit our web site for more info.

www.CAMRRC.com



BEAT THE HEAT 2022

VENDOR APPLICATION

Saturday, August 6, 2022.

The all new Beat the Heat Train Show is bigger and better. We have moved to a new location that is twice the size of our old facility.

**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Event Center
3700 Willow Creak Road
Prescott, AZ (see attached maps)**

Other changes include – we only have six (6) foot tables so have adjusted our pricing. We are offering upgraded lunches (see below) and there will be a “Hot Dog cart” right outside the door. Dealers have their own unloading area and separate parking lot. We have invited several clubs to bring their traveling train layouts.

NAME: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

of 6 foot Tables _____ \$30 for the first & \$20 each for additional tables. Total \$ _____

of Lunches _____ X \$12 = Total \$ _____

Helper Names: _____

\$12.00 BOX LUNCH CHOICES – Provided by Flavours by Sodexo at Embry Riddle

Write the number of each lunch in each

QUA

 box below



QUA

Chicken Caesar Wrap
Grilled Chicken Breast,
Chopped Romaine Lettuce,
Parmesan Cheese and Caesar
Dressing in a Flour Tortilla.
Includes Chips, Two Cookies
and Beverage.



QUA

Turkey and Cheddar on Wheat
Thinly Sliced Turkey Breast,
Cheese, tomato and Lettuce on
Wheat Bread. Includes chips, Two
Cookies and Beverage.



QUA

Ham and Cheddar on Wheat
Deli Ham, Cheese, Tomato and
Lettuce on Wheat Bread. Includes
chips, Two Cookies and choice of
Beverage.

**NOTE – Not the actual sandwich as shown, for illustration only. Beverage choices are: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Ice Tea and Water*

In addition there will be a Hot Dog cart, just outside the doors, serving a variety of dogs, chips and sodas.
Credit Cards only, no cash.

Include this form and your check for the total of tables and lunches.

Make check payable to CAMRRC and mail to:

CAMRRC
Fred Williams
PO Box 25138
Prescott Valley AZ 86312
928-830-5913

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

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**\$6.00 admission per person
Children 16 and under free with adult**

SATURDAY, JULY 23rd, 2022

Massive Outdoor Farmers Market at the same time!

NORTH PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP CENTER

**5757 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85012**

(Central Ave entrance - park in the Southwest lot)

Free Parking * Air Conditioned

A Family Affair * Food Available

Noon Table Top Auction * Test Track

Door Prizes * Fantastic Raffle

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RAILROADERS**

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email: info@gcmrr.org



CACTUS SUMMER TRAIN SWAP

Saturday, July 23rd, 2022 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**This coupon good for \$1.00 off
your \$6.00 cost of admission**

Children 16 and under free with adult

One coupon per person

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE FANTASTIC
BEAT THE HEAT
SWAP MEET BUS
WITH MULTIPLE LAYOUT TOUR
IN COOL PRESCOTT, AZ (Embry Riddle Univ.)

(Swap meet presented by Central Arizona Model Railroad Club)



SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022

CASEY SAYS: "IF YOU LIKE MY CACTUS SWAPS, YOU'LL **LOVE** MY BUS TOUR"
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COMFORTABLE DELUXE MOTORCOACH
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 ON-BOARD STORAGE FOR PURCHASES
 PRIORITY ENTRANCE INTO THE SWAP
 MULTIPLE LAYOUT TOUR INCLUDED
 OPTIONAL BOX LUNCH WITH BEVERAGE
 ONE LUCKY RIDER WINS A DOOR PRIZE

SWAP MEET ENTRANCE FEE INCLUDED!

Of Course I'm Going: _____ Wouldn't Miss It!

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Select Your Pickup Location:

Arizona Mills leave at 6:00 AM _____ Paradise Valley Mall at leave 6:30 AM _____

Metrocenter Mall leave at 7:00 AM _____ Carefree Highway McDonald's leave at 7:15 AM _____

Number of adult GCMR club members: _____ at \$35 each = \$ _____ Bus Trip Presented By: _____

Number of adult Non-GCMR members: _____ at \$40 each = \$ _____

Number of children under 12: _____ at \$15 each = \$ _____

Number of box lunches (OPTIONAL): _____ at \$12 each = \$ _____

You have 3 sandwich choices and will be contacted. Outdoor hot dog cart also available

Total: **Make checks payable to "GCMR"** \$ _____

Mail this form and check to: **David Brown**
 Make your reservation early! **3534 W. St. Charles Ave.**
Limited Seats Available **Phoenix, AZ 85041**
(480-650-5336)



All payments required prior to July 30, 2022

No refunds after July 30, 2022