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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Our April meeting is Saturday the 22nd and it's the spring mini-meet which is the first of our two mini-meets. The meet will be from 9-11 and follow the format we've used before. Tables are free to sellers and the meet is free to the public. Janet has been willing to serve as the event coordinator. Please let her know if you want a table (602-569-0568 or tjmattern@cox.net). Our challenge is to get the word out to the public and thus potential buyers. July 22nd will be the other mini-meet.

We're getting table reservations for the Fall Cactus swap meet in September and are 25% sold out at this point. Visit our www.gcmrr.org web site for more details and the vendor form.

Saturday, April 15th, we take the mobile layout to Brookdale Desert Ridge senior center where residents and staff could visit the layout and reflect on earlier days. All seven loops have trains running on them. A special thanks to Dave Brown, Rod Johnson, Janet and Terry Mattern, and John Zaval for running trains, answering questions, and being a great people outreach in general.

See you the 22nd.

Just in: We have been asked to operate the mobile layout this Saturday from 9-noon at Brookdale Desert Ridge senior living center located at 4050 E Bluefield Av (40th St & Union

Hills area). We anticipate moving the layout there about 8 am which should give us enough time for set up. A meal will be provided.

If you can help part or all of the time, please let me know (602-942-3457 or jzdraftz@cox.net) as soon as practical.

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 15 - Mobile layout run at Brookdale Senior Center - See the President's Message

April 22 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran / Church - Spring mini swap meet. See table reservation form this issue

May 27 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church - individual layouts Theme: Memorial Day; Space/Military Trains/Hardware. Drag races stock & custom

June 24 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church - Theme: Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc.; item(s) w/flag(s)

BOARD MINUTES

by Rod Johnson

attendees Janet Mattern, Glen Saber, John Draftz, Terry Haas, John Zaval, Rod Johnson

+ for the mobile layout

+ Dumbo accessory broken wire was replaced and the same was done for the flying saucer. On the edges of the layout work should be done to repair or replace the wooden part; or replace all of the plywood plus work on the wiring where needed.

+ Temporarily, work on the track sections to get them more straight at the intersections to avoid derails. Maybe we should set aside a day (once every 6 months) to works on trailer repairs.

+ It was suggested to search for a location (under shelter) to do the work. Gas prices are up. We should consider compensation for moving the trailer to various events. For example, \$20 to the train museum, and \$20 to Scottsdale. Estimate the fuel used and submit a bill to the Treasurer.

+ other items

It was suggested to move money from the Treasury into to 3 CD's at different locations to gain interest at the current rate of 4.6 percent. After a short discussion it was moved to do so.

The hours of time devoted to our various meets (cactus meets, etc.) was discussed and the decision was made to continue with the 9 am to noon time frame.

Should we raise our dues to \$40 annually was a question that was discussed briefly, but no decision was made.



FUN KITBASHING

by Keith Olmanni

This was a fun project; I cut two Bachmann ON30 cars up, added American Flyer "S" gauge knuckle trucks, some detail parts that were lying around and kit bashed a MOW Creosol tanker and flat car. Plans are to Letter and number both cars during next in shop maintenance.

Before cars:



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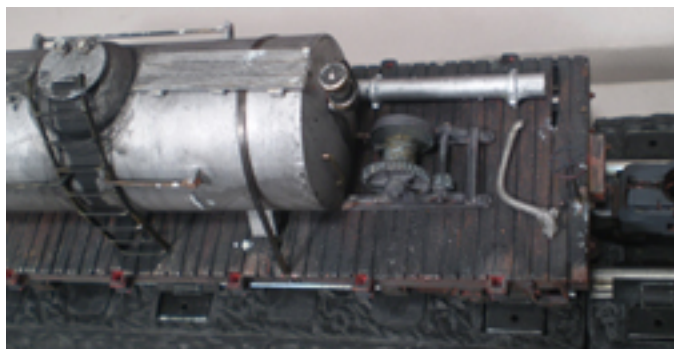
And my kit of “tools”



And after the “project”



**ROD JOHNSON VISITED SOME OF
THE ABTO OPEN HOUSES**





A NOTE ON YOUR DUES

Attached to this newsletter is the current GCMR membership list. Some receiving this newsletter have not paid their dues.

If you want to keep your name on the list, you can either mail them or pay them at the April meeting. A dues form is also included.

Following the meeting the "permanent" 2023 list will be emailed to all GCMR members.



APRIL MEET PHOTOS

by John Draftz



The Raisins Came!

On the Classic Toy Trains email newsletter this morning was posted a story about how the Lionel trains in the Fabelman's movie (taken from Steven Spielberg's life) has a Phoenix connection - a big one in fact!

The Fabelmans' Lionel trains have been **the subject of some speculation lately**. You may have recently seen the semi-biopic about Steven Spielberg's life and wondered about the company that provided them. The movie was recently nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award.

The man responsible for the toy train magic is Gary Rushton, owner of **Fun Factory Vintage Trains and Service** in Phoenix, Ariz. In 2020 he was contacted by a prop master at Amblin Partners who needed Lionel trains for a production.

The Fabelmans Lionel trains

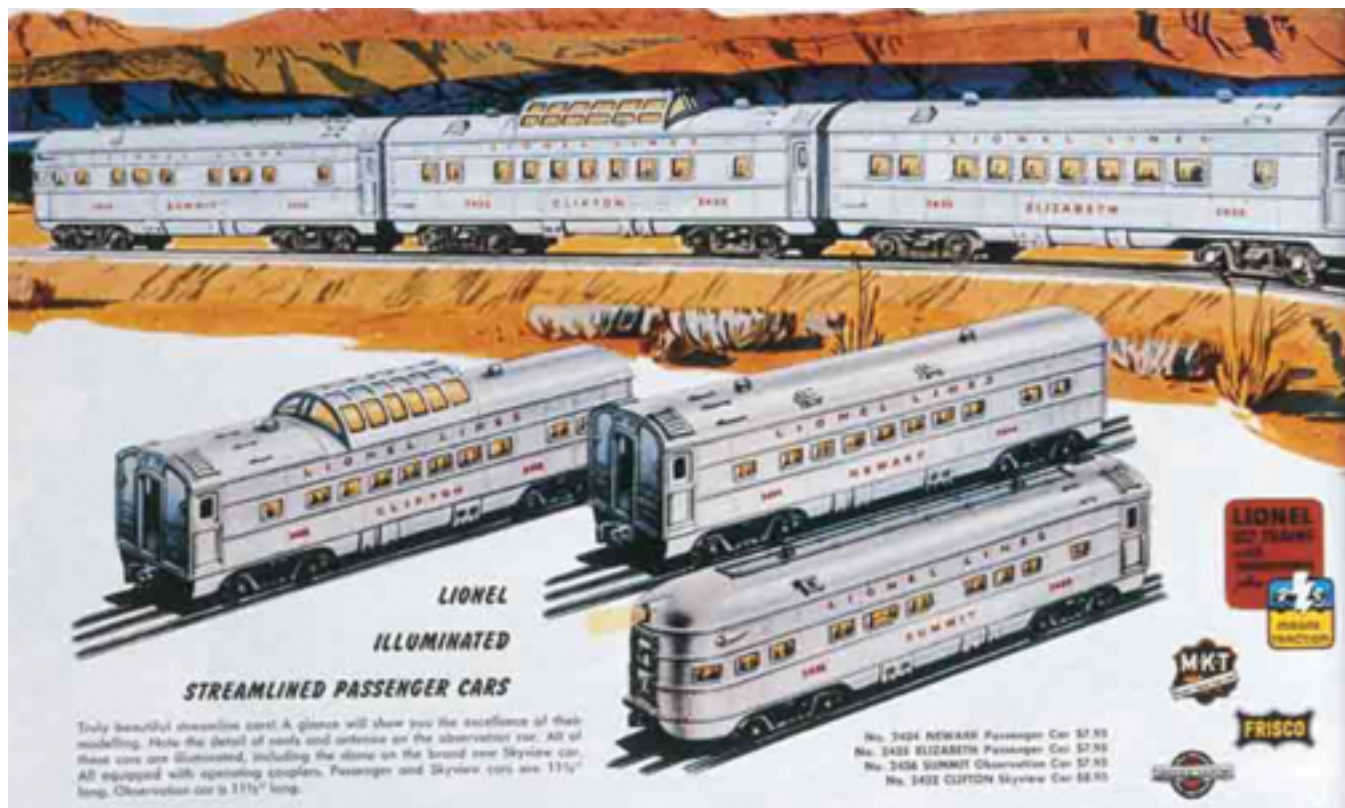
Amblin is the film and television production firm led by Steven Spielberg. *The Fabelmans* is based on his early life.

The company needed several sets of the Lionel steamer and tender, and passenger and freight cars Spielberg had received during Chanukah in 1952. The prop master explained that 6-year-old future filmmaker hadn't been given a cataloged set; instead, his parents had given him different models over the eight nights.

Rushton corresponded with Spielberg via email to figure out the engine and rolling stock lineup. Then Gary acquired several examples of each item and restored them to brand-new condition.

The models

He said it took him about 12 months to find and restore six examples of the Lionel No. 2026 steam engine and No. 6466 tender, along with the two No. 2420-series passenger cars, No. 6454 boxcar, and No. 6357 Southern Pacific-type caboose.



Spielberg received a couple Lionel 2420 passenger cars during Chanukah 1952, when the future filmmaker was 6.

Amblin needed several sets of equipment because they were being used to film a wreck. "Every one of them ended up being destroyed while Spielberg filmed the dramatic crash."

Final touches

Before the demise of the locomotive and rolling stock, technicians at Amblin tweaked the smoke unit to produce more output, thinking it would make the scene look better. Prop masters at Universal Studios, which distributed *The Fabelmans*, created faithful reproductions of the Lionel boxes and wrapping paper for Sammy Fableman to open.

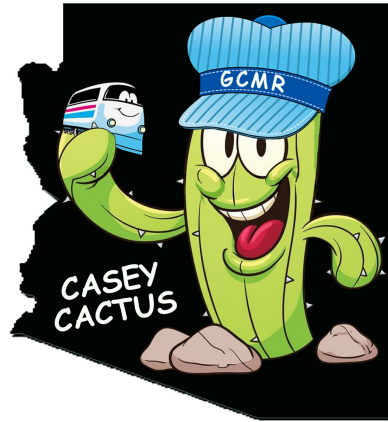
Rushton also supplied the correct Lionel transformer for him to operate the train. The tubular track was really the only element where Gary took liberties: Instead of a vintage loop of Lionel straights and curves, he opted for the shiny new pieces from Menards.

The search for the correct Lionel models was harrowing and hectic. Still, Rushton looks back on the experience as positive. He has since been given a similar assignment involving prewar trains for another production. Stay tuned to find out more!

[Click here](#) to shop a wide selection of great Lionel products including books, magazines, puzzles, DVDs, and more curated by the editors of *Classic Toy Trains* magazine.

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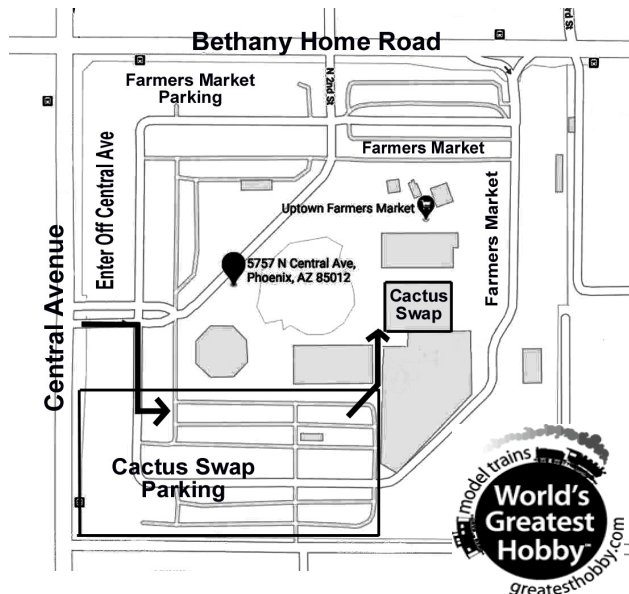
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Arizona Railroad



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For More Info: Craig Faris 623-340-3529 Dewayne Koltin 623-308-1574

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BEAT THE HEAT 2023

VENDOR APPLICATION

Saturday, July 29, 2023

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

We only have 6 foot tables so please plan accordingly. The cost is still the same, \$30 for the first table and \$20 for each additional table. Large display items and shelving units CANNOT be placed in the public isles. If you need room for one small display/shelving unit (3 feet wide or less) please describe in the Special Request box at the bottom of the Vendor form. I will try to leave a gap between tables for you. If you have larger displays you will need to pay for table space but I will remove the table so you have room for your oversized displays. Again, please describe in the Special Request box at the bottom of the Vendor form. If you are only getting 1 table, please try to limit yourself to just one helper.

We have invited several clubs to bring their traveling train layouts.

There will be a Hot Dog cart, just outside the doors, serving a variety of dogs, chips and sodas. Credit Cards or cash. Also, there is at least 6 fast food restaurants within 5 minutes from the venue (if you can send one of your helpers to go get food.)

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

Make check payable to CAMRRC and mail to:

CAMRRC
Fred Williams
PO Box 25138
Prescott Valley AZ 86312

For more info, call Fred at 928-463-5163

NAME: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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

Helper Names: _____

Special needs/requests:

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	G - LGB/G M - Other		Q - Ives	W - Other	4 - Buildings
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2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

It's that time of year again. Dues are Due. GCMR Annual Dues are \$35.00. Please renew by filling out this form and mailing it in or bring to the next meet. Club dues are due on January 1 and are delinquent after February 1.

(PLEASE PRINT!)

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE/ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Would you be interested in holding a layout or collection open house? Yes _____

How would you be willing to volunteer your time to the Club? _____

AREAS OF INTEREST: If yours have changed, please update

Please circle your areas of interest. You may circle as many in each category as you wish.

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