



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

MAIN LINE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

There will be a proposed change to the by-laws at the August meeting regarding the policy book. It is designed to give the members more positive control over future changes. The wording is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact a BoD member.

The July 28th mobile layout work party at the MLS patio at Adobe was able to get more of the layout decorated along with tweaking and adjusting the tracks so that trains should be able to run without major problems. Accessories were positioned and connected to push buttons. Members present were Dave Brown, John Draftz, Jack Eaton, Bill Richardson and Glenn Saber. Also helping was John Goodwyn.

The mobile layout has had some functional upgrades done to it as authorized by the members. A report will be made at the meeting. The BoD will also make a recommendation about the use of the mobile layout and ask for a decision by the members.

Elections will be coming up soon. A nominating committee is to be appointed at the August meeting. If you would be willing to serve, please let me know.

The theme for the August meeting is "Guess the Heat". Simply bring in a train item with a number on it that represents your guess as to what the temperature will be when we call the weather service.

Lastly, our public venues begin in October with Railfair and continue every month through May.

This is one of the ways we attract new members. Such events are where the "rest of the world" learns of our existence. For us to present ourselves well means each member needs to find ways to help make the event a success.

It is not up to a handful of members to do all the work nor is any one member expected to commit to an all day presence. For example, Railfair is a 2-day event from 10-5 each day. That's seven hours a day. If each day were broken up into two shifts (10-1:30 and 1:30-5), members would only need to commit to one of the four shifts. As long as we had all four shifts covered, we haven't burdened any one member and we've made a good impression on the city park staff as well as the general public.

As these various events occur, please ask how you can help with the event and volunteer accordingly.

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.

August 25 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - theme: S-gauge modules
Your favorite operating car. Guess the Heat – enter w/numbered item. Skill at kit bashing, scratch building and repainting

September 22 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - theme: – O-gauge modules; pizza meet - beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc) “trolley” drag races

October 27 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - S-gauge modules Theme: Halloween Cars, National Convention Cars

OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

October 13, 14 - Railfair, Scottsdale Railroad Park

October 18 -21 Maricopa Live Steamers fall meet. Adobe Mountain Park

October 20 - Sahuaro Central Fall Swap Meet, Adobe Mountain Park

November 2-4 - Cal Stewart Meet, Ontario, CA

November 2, 3 - Gadsden Pacific Museum swap meet. Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington. Info:

TucsonTrainShow@gmail.com

November 24 - Turkey Meet, Scottsdale

November 25 - Turkey Meet auction, Scottsdale

PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

ARTICLE IX. CLUB POLICY BOOK

SECTION A). Further interpretation and understanding of the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, and Club policies can be found in the Club Policy Book (CPB).

SECTION B). Changes to the CPB may be proposed by any member in good standing. Such proposed change(s) shall be given to the Secretary who shall ensure that the proposed change(s) be given to the newsletter editor for publishing in the next issue of the club newsletter. The proposed change(s) shall be voted on at the next regularly scheduled, general membership meeting following that issue of the newsletter. An affirmative vote by a simple majority of the members present at that meeting shall be required to adopt the proposed change(s).

JULY MEETING

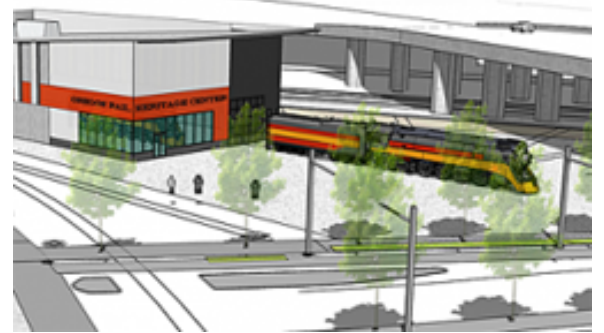
Since the July meeting consisted of a work party on the modules, there was no formal meeting and thus no minutes. So, here are a few shots of fellows working at the “work party”.



Jack Eaton



New additions



Bill Richardson

BROOKLYN ROUNDHOUSE

You are probably aware that the Southern Pacific Daylight, #4449, has been told that she, along with the other locomotives stored at the historic Brooklyn Roundhouse in Portland have to move. The Union Pacific is expanding their yards and plans to tear down the roundhouse. As a result a group started a fundraising program to secure a new site and build a new, permanent facility for the locomotives which will also allow public access.

The fund raising has been successful and the new site secured and a new facility is under construction. There is a website describing the progress which tells the story of this project that you may enjoy: www.orhf.org.

Shown here are sketches of the new facility.

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The Beat the Heat 2012 Grand Tour Bus arrives at the Atonna's for the traditional start of the afternoon's layout tours. Send your editor an email with the story of your Beat the Heat trip and we will have more coverage in next month's newsletter.