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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

The theme for our August meeting is "Tell us about your Guess the Heat entry". To enter the Guess the Heat contest", simply bring an engine, piece of rolling stock, or accessory. The last 2-3 numbers of the item is your guess as to what the heat (temperature) will be at 11am that day as determined by a call to the national weather service. The winner gets six, free, red raffle tickets. There's only one entry allowed per number so the first one entered for that number is the one we'll use. The winner is the guess closest to the actual temperature. If two numbers are closest (e.g., 1 above & 1 below), duplicate prizes will be awarded.

The Beat the Heat meet was August 17th. A report is later in the newsletter. (Actually, we'll do that next month as this issue goes out on the eve of the meet - Ed.)

At the last meeting, the original module rack in the trailer was fitted with wheels thus all four racks are ready for modules. The vertical pieces of pipe will keep the modules from sliding sideways. A test module was fitted with Velcro-type strips to see if that would keep the module from front/back sliding. If that system works, we'll attach similar strips to the other modules. If it doesn't, well it's back to the drawing board.

I met with the Saguaro Central BoD to discuss our presence at Adobe. Some unexpected developments came to light that require us to re-evaluate what we'd want to do and how to do it. This will be an agenda item and it's important that everyone attend if

possible. If you can't be there and have thoughts on the topic, please contact a BoD member to share your thoughts. Time will be made to allow for a question/answer session on the "pole barn" concept at Adobe. We need to clarify issues such as funding, insurance, permits, etc.



Our first public display of the season will be coming up in October with Railfair in Scottsdale the 12th & 13th. We'll have the mobile layout and both the O- and S-gauge modules in operation. Based on last year's event, Railfair is a two 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. Naturally, members can be there all day if they want. As long as we have 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. Please contact Jack

Eaton (623-249-7297 or jeaton9@cox.net) and let him know when and how you can help.

Elections for the four officers and three BoD members will be coming up soon. The nominating committee is Dave Brown (480-650-5336 or eaglefour@juno.com) and Bill Lazenby (602-558-9222 or bicycle@msn.com). If you would be willing to serve, please let either of them know. Nominations must be received by the secretary (Bill) by the October meeting with voting done in November. If all goes well, we'll be using the electronic balloting. For those that need it, we'll still have snail mail ballots available. More later.



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 17 - Beat the Heat swap meet, Prescott GCMR annual bus trip to the meet.

August 24 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - O-ga modules Theme: Tell us about your entry "Guess the heat meet" - enter w/ numbered item. Last 2-3 numbers of the engine or rolling stock will be the way to guess the heat at 11am that day (will call national weather service).

September 28 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - S-ga modules Theme: pizza meet - beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc) drag races

October 12 - 13 Railfair - Scottsdale Railroad Park

October 17 - 20 Maricopa Live Steamers fall meet

October 19 - Sahuaro Central Swap Meet

October 26 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - O-ga modules Theme: Halloween /National Convention Cars

November 22 - 24 - Cal Stewart meet - Ontario, CA

MEETING NOTES

+ Guests Frank Emiro and Kathy Baldacchino were introduced. They are interested in the bus trip and membership.

Show 'n Tell

+ The theme was "skill at kit bashing, scratch building and repainting AKA what do you have that's unusual?".

+ Dave Brown described modifications he'd made to an engine and various cars.

+ George Bean explained how he would be changing a trailer loader.

+ John Draftz showed the change he made to a tender that would match passenger car striping.

Old Business

+ John gave a report on the module work party held Wednesday, July 10th, at Angelo Tedeschi's house where the remaining three module racks were completed.

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+ Dave Brown gave an update on the August Beat-the-Heat meet and bus trip.

+ A discussion was held on the location at Adobe. John will contact Glenn to get plans prepared for submission to Saguaro Central. Jack will be asked to contact Buzz Sands about a possible donation against the cost of the building. If possible, we would cover the cost of the permits, electrical, and slab from the treasury. It was felt we needed to move as rapidly as practical since the Sunday exposure should help in getting new members.

New Business

+ The pre-meeting activity consisted of adding the wheels to the fourth rack and attaching hook 'n pile straps to a module to see how well the straps will hold the module in place in the rack.

+ The railway museum (ARM) advised groups that they were planning to change the National Train Day (NTD) celebration into an Arizona celebration to be held the first Saturday in March starting 2014. ARM would still participate in May's NTD but our commitment would only be to the March event. The Williams event may be scheduled for the fall. No word on that change yet. (Just in, the Grand Canyon Railway is considering moving the Williams NTD event to Father's Day weekend and calling it

Williams Train Day. Steam will be returning to pull the Cataract Creek Rambler. There would be no activities on the May NTD weekend - ED)

+ Discussion was held about remaining work on the module trailer. Inside work (flooring, storage areas, etc.) and outside work (spare tire mount, painting, etc.) are needed especially repair to the roof vent. George and Ken will look into outside projects as their time allows.

+ Discussion was held about July conflicts with the In-the-Heat meet. John will contact them to discuss the conflicts. The feeling was that we shouldn't be moving our meetings for some other organization's convenience since the fourth Saturday has been ours for quite some time.

LIONEL LAUNCHES BATTLE TRAIN

(For those members who have not accepted the world of cell phones, iPads, and maybe even the internet, the buzz is that Lionel has gone into the tablet gaming world. Here is an article from Consumer Reports online. PS, your editor has already downloaded it to his iPad)

NEW YORK, NY--(Marketwired - Aug 15, 2013) - Lionel Trains (<http://www.lionel.com/>), the iconic model train company with a 113-year heritage, today announced the launch of its first iPad gaming application, Lionel Battle Train. The action-packed mobile game challenges players to deliver cargo on a customizable train while fighting off enemy RoboCars through nineteen different missions and three unique regions. The application is now available for free download in the U.S. and Canadian iOS App Stores.

The legendary brand has provided train enthusiasts, hobbyists and families alike with realistic model trains that incorporate interactive controls, light, speed, sounds and even smoke. With the launch of Lionel Battle Train, the Company is chugging into the digital age, bringing the play experience and love for classic trains to a mobile platform that's become the common ground for a younger generation.

"Railroads are a symbol of American culture and history, and for more than a century Lionel has manifested the tradition with highly detailed model

train sets," said Jerry Calabrese, CEO, Lionel Trains. "Lionel Battle Train marks the beginning of a larger digital initiative for the Company, as we continue to drive the passion for trains on a platform that kids today are so familiar with."

Lionel Battle Train is set in a land that's confronted by an evil villain, Dr. DeRaille. The objective is to deliver precious cargo to people across three regions: the prairie, desert and mountains. Each mission becomes increasingly difficult, and requires players to arm their trains with more advanced weaponry as Dr. DeRaille dispatches bigger enemy RoboCars preventing the player from delivering the cargo. In the context of the game, people across the three regions have depended on the Lionel Delivery Company for 100 years -- and it is the player's charge to ensure that the train accomplishes each mission.

To download Lionel Battle Train, please visit: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lionel-battle-train/id616773167>

TRAVELS WITH DAVE BROWN

I was out just taking pictures a day after the forth of July and saw the two CSX on the head end of a freight, unusual for here. The passenger cars were also unusual for a freight train and were marked "GCRR", so I knew where they were going. Another

thing about the engine picture, this was taken before the light rail bridge was built, so this kind of picture can't be taken anymore.



And one of Dave's Cumbres and Toltec photos



TRAVELS WITH BILL

by Bill Lazenby

Russ Mosser and I went with the Gadsden/Pacific Museum group's bus tour to the Durango and Silverton Railroad and then to Chama, to ride the Cumbres and Toltec Railroad on August 2-5. We had a great time with cool weather and private trains.



AMTRAK'S NEW ELECTRIC LOCO

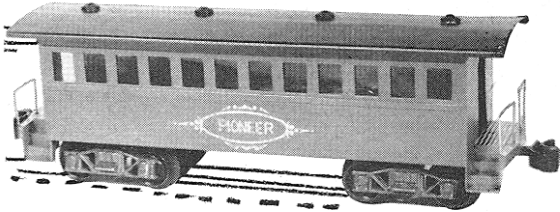


The first of 70 advanced-technology electric locomotives from Siemens USA began rolling off the assembly line in Sacramento on May 13. These first units of a \$466 million Amtrak order will be field-tested this summer for entry into revenue service in the fall.

The Amtrak Cities Sprinter (ACS-64) units have parts built in plants in Ohio, Georgia and Mississippi and components from

nearly 70 suppliers in 23 states. The Sacramento plant uses renewable energy. The new locomotives will power Northeast Regional, Keystone and long-distance trains operating on the Northeast Corridor.

The units are designed for easier maintenance. Advanced regenerative braking systems will feed energy from braking back into the electric grid. The engines meet the latest federal rail safety regulations.




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Like the GCMR and the club's modular O and S gauge layouts as well as the traveling trailer, a group of five of us in the Prescott area have built standardized 4x8 foot portable layouts to take to local venues. Each layout follows a different theme, designed by its owner. Here is Marlin Benson's at a show held at Tim's Toyota Center in Prescott Valley this May.