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Editor's Note: In order to get this month's newsletter to you before Beat the Heat, it is a very abbreviated issue.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Draftz

Our August meeting will be the 22nd. Note: there are five Saturdays in the month. The BoD will meet at 7:30am with the regular meeting starting at 10. Trains will be running in between. The theme is: Guess the Heat. Enter by bringing a numbered item. One entry per member. The last 2-3 numbers of the engine or rolling stock will be your guess as to what the heat will be at 11am that day (we call national weather service). The winner is the closest guess to the actual temperature and will get six, free red raffle tickets. In case of a tie, both win six tickets. In case of duplicate numbers, the first one submitted to the secretary gets the number.

Our first ever Summer Cactus Meet was held Saturday, July 25th at the North Phoenix Baptist Center (Bethany Home & Central). We sold 128 tables which is about the same number we sold at the February meet. Channel 10 TV was there for two live broadcasts. In addition, a farmer's market was also being held nearby. Overall, the meet was a success based on feedback from both sellers and buyers.

We do have a slight challenge. We need to do a "post mortem", i.e. analyze the meet to

determine how to make it better. We already know we need to re-evaluate the road and building signs to help the public find us. If you were a part of set up, tear down and/or the during the meet activities, please note what we can do to improve and get your thoughts to me or to any BoD member. If you were a buyer and/or seller, how did it go for you? Again, what can we do to make it better?

Initial indications are that the Winter Cactus meet will be even larger thus we want to identify what, where, when, who, why and how we can be better. Our top-of-page billing is "ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS". We have a great reputation within the hobby. Now, how can we improve?

The Central Arizona Model RR Club "Beat the Heat Meet" will be August 15th and the bus is reserved. This year the meet is in Prescott Valley and will be bigger and better cooled. The bus is open to non-members but seating is limited. The cost is just \$30 for adults and \$12 for kids. There is also an optional \$7 bag lunch which will be delivered to you at the meet. Dave Brown is the point of contact and he indicated that there will be a layout visit available only for the bus riders. Please contact Dave (480-650-5336 or eaglefour@juno.com) for more details and to reserve your spot on the bus.

Our annual, fall mini-meet will be on our regular meeting day, September 26th, from

9-11. We will follow the format used last spring. The meet is free to the public. Members only can have a free sale table at the meet. A second table is possible depending on availability. Janet Mattern is the event coordinator for the mini-meet. If you want a table, please contact her (602-569-0568 or tjmattern@cox.net). The number of tables is limited so it's first come, first served.

Part of our meeting is the chance to see trains running. If you have not done so before, consider bringing a train to run. Remember, there's no gauge restriction so bring whatever appeals to you. It doesn't have to be rare.

Elections are coming up in a few months so please consider serving as an officer or board member.

The drawing for our **Annual 1K Raffle** will be at our October meeting. First prize is \$500 cash, second prize is a K-Line ABA diesel set, and third prize is \$100 cash. Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, or 10 for \$50. Contact Barbara or Glenn to get yours.

See you the 22nd. Bring a train to run and an entry for the guess-the-heat contest.

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 15 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott, new location. GCMR bus trip. See map in this issue

August 22 - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

September 19 - Desert Division G and HO gauge swap meet, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 1500 W. Maryland Ave., Phoenix

September 26 - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Fall Mini-Meet See information in the President's Message

October 24 - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

November 21, 22 - Cal Stewart Swap Meet, Ontario, CA

November 28 - Desert Division Turkey Auction, Phoenix

PLEASE NOTE:

A work day is scheduled for Saturday, Aug 29th, starting at 6am at the MLS patio at Adobe Mountain Park.

The project is to correct the four O-ga corner modules and anything else that might need tweeking. The session will last into mid-morning unless we're done sooner. It's OK to arrive late – just not too late. For more info contact Dave Brown (480-650-5336 or eaglefour@juno.com) or John Draftz (602-942-3457 or jzdraftz@cox.net).

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Beat the Heat Meet
New Location!

LIBERTY TRADITIONAL SCHOOL

3300 N Lake Valley Rd.
Prescott Valley

Notes:

- + show is in the gym
- + level move in
- + air conditioned
- + enter from the NORTH on
Lake Valley (see directions on
map)

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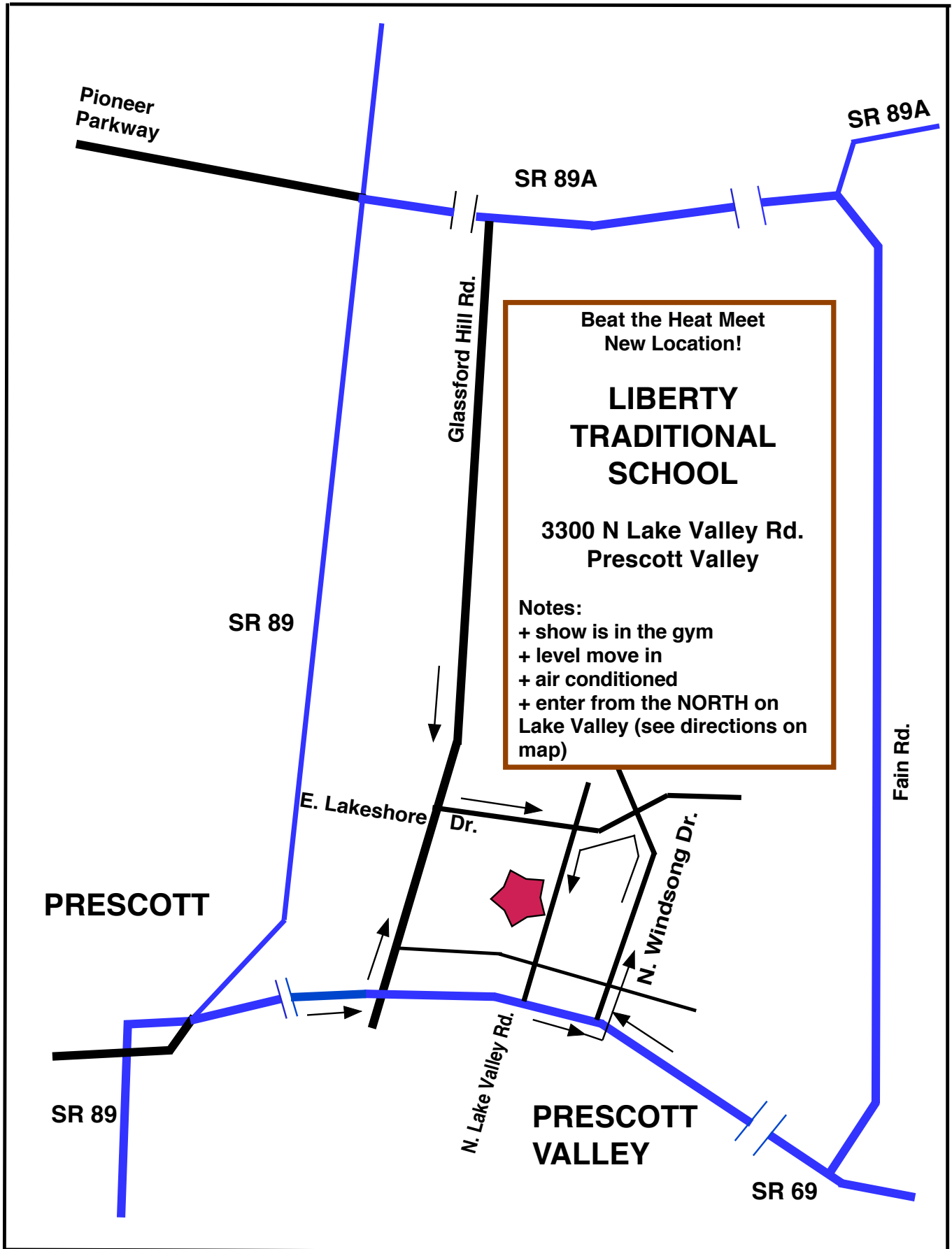
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Your Editor's layout reconstruction seems to be taking forever. But hopefully the bus visitors at Beat the Heat will enjoy seeing what it takes to rebuild a large layout. Here is a teaser, the new Union Station is in and is operational