



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

“The purpose of the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders (GCMR) is to preserve the heritage of toy train model railroading by establishing, operating, exhibiting, and maintaining educational operating facilities for the free use and enjoyment by the public using model railroad equipment of various scales, eras, and manufacturers.”

The above is our stated purpose, i.e. why we exist. As we go forward with our plans and activities, let's not forget why we exist and what we're trying to do.

With that said, the challenge to the GCMR is to find more and/or better ways to “get people and toy trains together”. Can we do better and probably increase our membership in the process? Should we have some way to let people (kids in particular) get hands on with trains? And maybe not just run the train in a circle but switch cars around and load/unload them? What are your thoughts and ideas?

Our regular August meeting will be the 25th. This is our “Guess the heat meet”. Enter with a numbered item. The last 2-3 digits of the engine or rolling stock is the way to guess the heat at 11am that day without going over (we call national weather service

JACK EATON RIP



602-275-0073 opt 1). It's first come, first served, i.e. if there are duplicate numbers entered, whoever showed up first gets the number. We'd also like you to tell us a little about your entry. If you have an individual layout, please bring it and run some trains.

Our Summer Cactus Meet was held July 28th. Glenn will have details, but based on comments I've received, it was a success. As always, the challenge is to see if we can improve it. The 2019 Winter Cactus will be February 16th with setup the day before. We already have over 15 of the 150 available tables "sold" for the meet. See our www.gcmrr.org site for details and the table reservation form.

Jack Eaton, our vice-president, died a few weeks ago. The service was held late the afternoon of July 28th. He will be missed. As per our bylaws, his replacement will be elected at our August meeting. If you have an interest in serving as vice-president, please let me know.

Jack was also our statutory agent, i.e. the point of contact for the corporation commission. We therefore must replace him in that position. There really isn't anything to do except be someone the commission can contact should it need to contact the GCMR. Let me know if you would be willing to serve in that capacity.

Our annual fall mini-meet will be September 22nd. Note there are five Saturdays that month. Janet Mattern (602-569-0568 or tjmattern@cox.net) is coordinating tables.

Please contact her to reserve a one. Tables are limited so it's first come, first served.

See you the 25th.

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 18 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet - Prescott Valley
Sales tables are sold out, but be sure to see the bus trip reservation form this issue seats are left.

August 25 - GCMR meeting - Theme: "Guess the Heat Meet" Enter with a numbered train item. The last 2-3 numbers of the engine or rolling stock will be your guess of the heat at 11am that day - without going over the actual number (we will call national weather service to determine that number)

September 22 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Fall Mini Meet

October 27 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

November 17 - Desert Division Turkey Auction - Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Catalogs \$5

CACTUS SUMMER SWAP MEET REPORT

by Glenn Saber

This was the best Summer Swap our Club has ever had with 146 swap tables - only 6 shy of a complete sellout at 152 swap tables. Never thought that would

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happen in the summer! Total clear profit was \$3,152.94! This is better than summer 2015 (\$2,778.27), 2016 (\$2,162.40) and 2017 (\$2,345.04) and nips on the coattails of our Winter 2018 show (\$3,655.55).

The swap went very well with only a few minor glitches. We will work on those to make the swap run even smoother. The Fantastic Raffle with four train rides did extremely well. The End-O-Swap auction fell flat - needs to be examined.

General Admission head count was 301, but more entered that did not receive a door prize ticket. So, about 300 were paying with the remainder free at age 12 and under. Families with children are becoming less and less a player at our Cactus Swaps as we have switched our focus primarily to swap - no food, no layouts, no races, no demolition, etc. - not really a "family affair". This may be a good thing as the Cactus Swaps are gaining in vendor acclaim, popularity and profit. Our Club is getting known for putting on a great, well-run event.

Sent the final Summer Swap payment and the reservation with deposit for the Winter Swap to North Phoenix Baptist Church. The date is the 3rd Saturday, February 16th, 2019. I expect another sellout.

LA CASTANEDA

This historic Harvey House, standing next to the Las Vegas, NM train station, after many years is being restored. Here is the story taken from the Albuquerque Journal- Ed

The Albuquerque Journal reports that the historic La Castañeda Harvey House Hotel expects to open a wing of the historic building in October this year. Developer Allan Affeldt is restoring the 120-year old hotel along with his artist wife, Tina Mion. They purchased the 25,000-square-foot hotel in 2014 for \$700,000 which included the liquor license attached to the property. The renovation, using mostly local labor, will cost about \$5 million dollars when complete.

Affeldt's plans are for a 22-suite hotel with a restaurant and bar on the first floor, another bar in the basement, and a museum and art gallery in the attic.

The hotel sits beside the Las Vegas Amtrak station and the court yard of the formidable structure can be seen from the daily Southwest Chief.

Affeldt has also acquired and is renovating the historic 1881 Legal Tender Saloon in Lamy, NM. It has been closed for several years, though when I lived in Santa Fe, it was the place to take a date on Friday night. The oaken bar as you enter was brought over from Germany and installed at the saloon in 1884. The restaurant served great food in an atmosphere of the old west with the decor including curtains and paintings from the end of the nineteenth century. It was also included in the movie "Silverado" which is playing on some cable channels. It sits prominently across the road from Lamy's Amtrak station which also sees the daily stop of the Southwest Chief.

LIONEL GOES RETAIL

Lionel, the producer of iconic model trains and die cast race cars, is opening a flagship retail location at Concord Mills - the destination shopping center in Cabarrus County, North Carolina.

The 118 year old American toy company, which is based in Concord, N.C, will use its new Concord Mills space to entertain, educate and excite customers by creating a shopping experience that is totally unique.

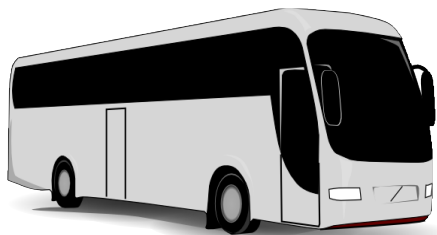
"Expanding shopping is just part of what we're hoping to bring to our local community," said Lionel President, Howard Hitchcock.

In addition to selling everything a family needs to build their own model train layout, the over 5,000 square foot retail space will house an interactive 8 by 24 foot Lionel train display that was designed especially for the new store, play tables and displays for young conductors, and a racing themed section packed with the company's die cast cars.

We're also planning to hold workshops for train hobbyists of all skill levels, host driver signings and special events for race fans, and partner with our friends at Simon Properties to make the Christmas season at Concord Mills more spectacular than ever," Hitchcock said.

The store is the first step in what could be a larger expansion into retail sales.

Per Hitchcock, "Our goal is to start in Concord Mills and build a template that could work in other shopping locations across the United States."



IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE ANNUAL

BEAT THE HEAT

SWAP MEET & LAYOUT BUS TOUR

IN COOL PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018

LET THE GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS DO THE DRIVING
COMFORTABLE DELUXE MOTORCOACH WITH ON-BOARD FACILITIES

SAVE ON GAS, PARKING AND STRESSFUL DRIVING

ON-BOARD TRAIN VIDEOS AND BOTTLED WATER

ON-BOARD STORAGE FOR YOUR SWAP MEET ACQUISITIONS

BUS TOUR INCLUDES A VISIT TO SEVERAL TRAIN LAYOUTS

OPTIONAL BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH BEVERAGE AT SWAP

(swap meet entrance fees are not included)

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Select Your Pickup Location

Arizona Mills at 6:30 AM _____

Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00 AM _____

Metrocenter Mall at 7:30 AM _____

Carefree Highway at 7:45 AM _____

Number of adult GCMR club members: _____ at \$30 each = \$ _____

Number of adult Non-GCMR members: _____ at \$35each = \$ _____

Number of children under 14: _____ at \$15 each = \$ _____

Number of lunches (OPTIONAL): _____ at \$7 each = \$ _____

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

(no refunds after August 11, 2018)

Mail this form and check to:

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By 1948, production at Lionel was back to full tilt and many of the new postwar items started to hit the pages of the catalog. Here is Lionel's announcement to their employees of some of the new items coming in the 1948 consumer catalog. This page is taken from the in-house publication, All Aboard at Lionel

It's all part of the business-- LIONEL Train Business!

For Christmas and for all-year-round giving, there just isn't anything that compares to a few extra Lionel cars that add that extra-rich touch to a boy or man's model railroading empire. These cars, and the accessories of course, add up to a big volume of LIONEL business. They add up for one reason: People who work for Lionel take pride in turning out the best conceivable product that can be had at any price!

Four perfect pieces of rolling stock:

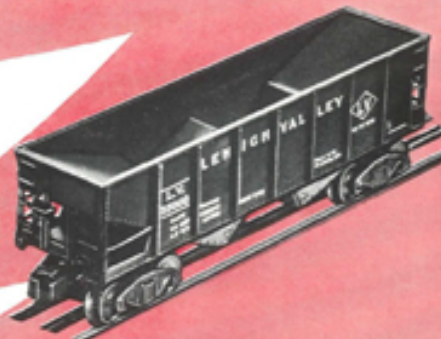
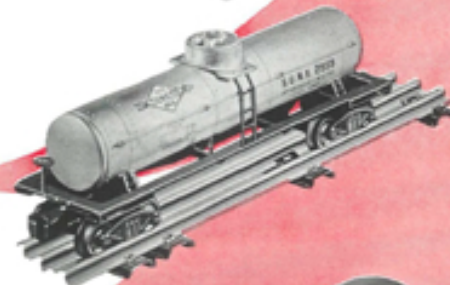
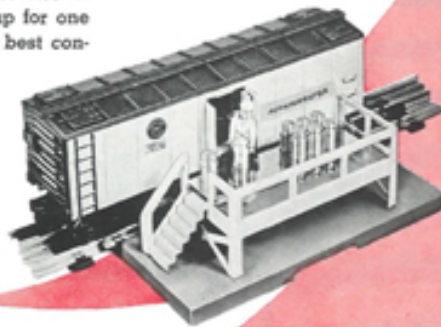
1. Yes sir! The operating milk car that rolled from the LIONEL production lines is going to make many a boy and his father pals on Christmas morning. They'll be able to spend hours of heartwarming play with this car which has a small man who shunts the cans out onto the sturdy platform. The outstanding EXTRA SOMETHING that makes LIONEL the top train maker! \$9.50

2. Old reliable! The car that's been knocking their eyes out for years. This sleek and cunningly detailed tanker is the perfect replica of the wagons that carry the liquid freight from the oil yards to the refineries. Just right even to the rivet and ladder details, this car is another of the superb LIONEL line. \$4.75

3. Newcomer! Off to a terrific start as the year's favorite, these taut little streamliners are the answers to many a model railroader's prayers. The translucent windows give off a cheerful glowing light from the interior. Handsome styling makes them a thing of railroad beauty. \$7.00

4. A workhorse! Yes, a real bear for work, this perfectly patterned hopper car is made from the plans of the Lehigh Valley Railroad where similar cars haul hard coal from the mines. With realistic hopper doors on the bottom of the car and with every rivet right in place, this car adds authenticity to any model railroad empire. \$4.25

AND! All of these cars feature the exclusive Lionel electro-magnetic railroad-type Knuckle Coupler!



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OK, with no meet minutes and apparently no photos taken during the Cactus Swap Meet, your editor decided to share a mystery with you. A recent train buy included this variation on a very common Marx bridge. What you see is the top of a Marx aircraft beacon. All it needs is the original dimple light bulb and an aircraft beacon hood. Now the problem, this is not listed in any Marx book I have. It looks genuine, the beacon top is exactly as described for the Marx aircraft beacon and the bridge is stamped to provide the tabs to attach the top. So, does any member have any information on this, the year's cataloged, cost vs. the plain bridge, etc.