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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

My, how time flies. It's already August and almost time to start train season fall. I wasn't able to go to the Beat the Heat meet in Prescott due to health issues, and of course the bus tour was canceled this year due to the cost doubling because of the cost of fuel. But the P&P folks organized a carpool and lots of folks made the trip. I hope that those who went had a good time.

With August comes our annual Guess the Heat meeting this Saturday. Bring your guess what the temperature is at 11:00 am in the form of the last two or three numbers of the cars that you bring. We usually use Sky Harbor's temperature, but last year there was an issue with that so we used the temperature off of cell phones. Remember the closest without going over the temperature will be the winner. If all guesses are over, then the closest number will be the winner.

The application for Railfair has been sent in. We will get one 20 x 20 foot tent for our trailer. The next thing we need is people to run trains. I know some of you can't make the two day commitment like I do. But even if you can only do two or three hours on Saturday or Sunday it will help and we will clear a track so that you can run.

This is the first big run for the new train season, and there will be others to come. If necessary we will get e-blasts out on other runs. Come to the August meeting to hear about any other runs coming up.

September is our fall mini meet. Please contact Janet Mattern to make your reservations for tables. The meet will open to the public at 9:00 and close at 11:00.

During September expect a call to see if you want to be a club officer or board member. As I stated earlier, I will not be running for President for the the next two years,. Of course, all positions are always open to run for.

Remember this is OUR club, not mine or anyone else's. We all need to take turns at being on the Board, If you want to try new ideas, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO TRY THEM OUT. The same people have been on the board for some time, and it's now your turn to put your voice on the board!

Keep those trains running.

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.

August 27- GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church - Guess the Heat meet

September 24- GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church - Mini Meet

October 1,2 - Railfare - Scottsdale Railroad Park

October 22 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church

November 12 - Turkey Auction - Desert Division

TWO GREAT SWAP MEETS

Since our last issue the Summer's two great swap meets were held: The Summer Cactus meet at the North Phoenix Baptist Church and the Beat the Heat meet at their new location at Embry Riddle University in Prescott.

Here are a couple of shots of each:

CACTUS MEET



BEAT THE HEAT MEET



CACTUS MEET REPORT

by John Draftz

The 2022 Summer Cactus is now history and, outside of some confusion at seller set up time due to missing reservations, the meet was a sellout and a success. A special thanks to Glenn for finding the extra tables we needed for those sellers. Raffle ticket sales went well and we made money. Details will be at the meeting. We already have reservations for the 2023 Winter Cactus in February with more to come.

We made arrangements with North Phoenix Baptist Church to allow sellers to use the hall NE entrance from 6-9 Saturday morning for unloading thus avoiding the trek from the SW parking lot to the hall. That convenience was greatly appreciated and should now be a normal feature.

For those sellers able to do so, we opened the hall Friday afternoon from 4:30-6 for early set up. Several took advantage of the option. This also should now be a normal feature of the Cactus meets.

Coffee and donuts were available for sellers Saturday morning and were a popular perk.

The 2023 Winter Cactus will be Saturday February 18th with early set up Friday the 17th. Visit the www.gcmrr.org site and click on the Vendor tab for more details and the registration form.

MY BEAT THE HEAT TALE

by Chris Allen

So, like a fisherman taking a picture with his catch for the day, let me tell what I landed during my visit to the Beat the Heat Meet.

First, I found three Marx Auto Carriers with some custom painted automobiles. Since they were repainted over the original colors, the seller and I worked out a great price for me and a good sale for him.

Next, I found the happy smiling face of old friend Ivan English and his son who made the trek from the Old Pueblo up to Prescott. Ivan always has interesting items from current to postwar but what caught my eye was the lowly AT&SF x3484. This one will be added to my collection.

For what reason? Well there is a oddity with this car that the ampersand between the AT and the

SF is sometimes filled in. Makes no matter the value it's a very common variation. The one I purchased from Ivan was only partially filled in, on both sides. Yes, I can be very, very anal when it comes to this stuff.

Finally, I rounded out the day with purchasing an American Flyer Hudson from Peter Atonna after purchasing a little Atlantic 4-4-2 earlier in the day. Actually, the deal for the Hudson came through after I missed out on a mixed lot of Flyer freight cars another buyer had. When I went back near the end of the show many of the freight cars were just being taken away by another buyer. You snooze, you lose.

So to console myself I went back to Peter's table and bought myself another Hudson. The new location was great.

Big, with plenty of tables, and for a first-time show, I think it came off really quite well. I had light rain of the way home and the new location is quite an improvement. It was a bit of a hike from the parking lot to the swap meet and I can't imagine doing that walk in a typical Prescott monsoon that we've had in the past. Good thing for me and my bag of new found treasure, it was downhill at the end of the day!

