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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

February's meeting is replaced by our annual swap meet. If you haven't already agreed to help in some way that Saturday, please consider doing so. We can always use ambassadors, i.e. members who are available to answer questions and help as needed. Contact either Glenn Saber (602-956-6695 thmpr@cox.net) or John Pryor (602-799-8570 jpryorttos@gmailbox.com) to let them know of your availability. Even if you can't be there all day, whatever time you can give will be appreciated.

Our January meeting had a number of issues to discuss and vote on and unfortunately took more time than desired. The good news is that the backlog of unfinished business has been processed and that future meetings should be back to normal. To those members present, I extend my thanks for your patience.

Our next regular meeting will be Saturday, March 24th in the form of the annual, joint P&P/GCMR/TCA picnic. The McCormick RR Park was unavailable so we'll be meeting at a park at 104th St and Via Linda in Scottsdale. More details will be sent to you next month as they are known. Current plans are for table sales from 9-11 (remember the other train clubs will be present), the business meeting from 10-11 that will include regular red ticket raffle prizes. The blue ticket mystery prize will also be there along with tickets for the annual raffle prize. The picnic lunch will begin about noon.

After our January meeting, I learned of a change at Adobe that impacts decisions we made. The MLS clubhouse will not be available to us for meetings. This means we will continue meeting at Our Savior's at 12th St & Glendale. An item on the March agenda is to revisit the joining of Sahuaro Central. Please plan to attend the March picnic meeting so that your views may be made known. If you can't be there and want to share your thoughts, please contact me (602-942-3457 jzdraftz@cox.net) or any board member before that meeting.

Running trains on the mobile layout at the Sahuaro Central Museum at Adobe on the first and third Sunday afternoons has been well received and has generated donations. Besides whatever money we get, it's an excellent opportunity to invite members of the general public to join the GCMR. If you can, I encourage you to stop by the museum when we're running to see the opportunity firsthand.

Our mobile layout and our other portable layouts are becoming well known and well received. We have commitments for them on March 17th and 31st, April 7th and maybe the 21st, and May 12th with more to come this fall. As you are able, please consider giving some time to one or more of these events. These are also excellent opportunities to recruit new members and grow the club.

In closing, we have a great club with great people in it and tremendous opportunities to take the hobby of toy trains out to the public. But we as a club also have a responsibility to meet your personal needs and desires. Please let your leadership know what they are. See you at the swap meet and the picnic.

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.

February 25 - GCMR Mid Winter Swap Meet - Phoenix National Guard Gym (note the new location and entrance in the Meeting Notes)

March 24 - GCMR picnic with the Desert Division and Paradise and Pacific - Scottsdale Ranch Park. More details next month

April 28 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - theme Standard Gauge

OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

March 2-4 - Spring Nor Cal meet - Santa Clara Convention Center. Info: www.norcaltca.com

March 17 - Sahuaro Central Swap meet - GCMR module operation

March 24 - Wyoming Division Club Open House - Cornville (see article this issue)

March 31 - Falcon Field layout display

April 19-21 - York meet - York, PA

MEETING NOTES

New Officer Introduction & Board members

President - John Draftz , Vice President- Jack Eaton, Treasurer- Glenn Saber, Secretary- Rod Johnson, Past President- George Bean, Board Member - Bob Prehara, Board Member - Bill Rodgers

Secretary's Report

Payment for Membership Renewals are due now and will be overdue the last day of March.

Old Business

+ Club Policy Book: The Club needs to formulate a Club Policy Book mainly for Standard Operating Procedures such as where we meet, when, what venues we take on for the mobile trailer, etc. The Board will look into this.

+ Gurney layout: It doesn't work and needs to be finished and put together. Hospitals have severe restrictions for access, training, certification, etc. Good idea, but the restraints are too formidable. This action deferred to the Board for the present.

+ Kids Club Layout: Bob Prehara has it. Decision to use at the 2012 Swap Meet in February is deferred to the Board.

+ Adobe Mountain Volunteers: The Club's obligation to run on the 1st & 3rd Sundays for the mobile layout is still in effect. So far it has been very well received by the public. Tip jar has gained considerable revenue. There is a need to cleanup the layout some after each run day so keep that in mind.

+ AMRS-MLS light display at Adobe during the Holiday Season: We ran Thursday through Saturday night with the mobile layout two weekends in December. We need more club Members for that setup. Also we need our own lighting system highlighting the tip jar. George Bean announced that he is starting to build a new standard gauge (only) trailer only that could be used at Adobe and other venues.

+ Cal Stewart Report by Dave Brown: SW Division in Pasadena was very cordial and cooperative toward our efforts. Club participants also enjoyed a very nice dinner and reception. We were very well received by the public with the mobile layout as has always been the case in recent years.

Board of Directors

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+ Turkey Meet report by Bob Dennison: 174 tables were sold and there would have been more except the Hotel ran out of tables. It was a good meet, and a very good venue. The meet location will probably be at the same location next year. Our mobile unit was setup outside, and luckily the weather was favorable. Again we were well received by the public running the different gauges.

+ O Gauge corners module report by Bill Lazenby, Dave Brown & George Bean: They are painted now and some scenery has been finished. However, they have been in the storage trailer for last two months with no additional work. In addition there are two new corners to work on for scenery, etc. We need a volunteer or two to put in some effort on these.

+ New 060 FasTrack for the Mobile Layout Trailer: A Motion to buy the new track and receive reimbursement from Janet Mattern (who volunteered to pay) by George Bean. Motion approved. Cost will be about \$150.00. S gauge FasTrack may also be available. Bill Richardson agreed to check on S gauge FasTrack availability and report back. A letter to Janet thanking her for her donation will be sent.

+ Falcon Field Open House: This venue is scheduled for March 31. We are in a hanger and not out in the elements. We will schedule this event for the mobile layout trailer. We should have enough participants.

+ Annual Picnic at McCormick Railroad Park: The exact Ramada to be determined and date has not been set. Per Dave Brown, it is usually in April with all three clubs invited. (P&P, GCMR, & TCA)

+ Rails Rods & Wheels event this past November: As reported by George Bean, this a car show at Pioneer Park in Mesa including model trains running to raise funds for the upkeep of the locomotive at the park. The mobile layout was operated by Bob Prehara, Dave Brown, George Bean, and Bill Richardson. Apparently, this will be an annual event.

+ Swap Meet Status Report by John Pryor: We will need a sound system. Bill Richardson agreed to contact Bob whom we feel won't have a problem letting us use it again. Volunteers of course are needed for table setup and take down. Arrival of the

tables varies so setup people be there by early afternoon Friday.

The meet will not be in the Armory this year, but in the Gym. The entrance may be off of McDowell further East due to the new fence surrounding the location. If that is the case, we will need someone at the 52nd Street entrance to show attendees where to go if that entrance (52nd St) is locked. Chances are that the usual entrance will be available; but, we need to find out for sure.

Usually over 200 cars are parked in the lot off of 52nd Street so we hope that will convince the powers that be to be sure it is open. That being the case, the 52nd St sentry has to be there at 5:30 am for traffic control if necessary.

To avoid a slow long line, we will take entrance money outside the facility. Glenn Saber and Bob Prehara will take care of that. George Bean and Chris Allen will sell raffle tickets at the tables. Paul Boston will make new signs as needed. The race boards are in the possession of Ken Barnes and will be available at the meet---same is true of the test track in the possession of Dave Brown. Bill Richardson will take care of the snack bar, food, etc.

+ Coffee & Donut at Meetings Yay or Nay: The consensus was "nay".

+ Decision to Join Sahuaro Central: Motion to Join By Wayne Ross. Discussion: Dave Brown questioned the need for a tabulated mail vote by the entire membership? Consensus was to decide the issue at this meeting. Are we okay as far as our incorporation? According to the By Laws we're okay. More discussion evolved over the fact that joining is a good recruiting possibility to enlarge the membership. Question about insurance on the trailer if it is located in a flood plain. The trailer location at Sahuaro is not in a flood plain. Motion to join was approved by voice vote.

+ Move Meetings to Adobe: Should we postpone the move? There will be an offset in paying for Adobe Membership versus church rental; i.e. the GCMR will pay the first year's membership to Sahuaro for every member; but the cost will mostly be recovered by not paying a monthly fee for the Church facility. Paul Boston moved to move for the

March Meeting. Bill Richardson seconded. Hand vote on the motion resulted in 14 approve; 5 disapprove; 5 abstain. Motion Carried.

Bank Account signatures: Discussion on needing two signatures for the GCMR checking account. That is, one of two members could sign checks. Motion by Ken Barnes Larry Melvin seconded, voice vote approved. The Treasurer would be one signatory and the President would be the other with Board approval.

+ Tom Stange's Life Membership reverted to Beth, his widow: Motion by Ken Barnes. Motion approved.

+ Archive Material: Chris Allen mentioned that if club members have archive type documents, membership lists, etc. on who were GCMR or Grand Canyon (TTOS days) members in the past please pass this on to him.

THE ARMORY SWAP MEET IS HERE!

by Glenn Saber

Well, folks, the Armory Meet is another sell-out this year! 125 vendor tables indicate there will be lots to see and purchase in all scales. Also, there will be hot dogs, chips, sodas, door prizes, great raffle prizes from the Grand Canyon Railroad, Verde Valley Railroad, AZ Diamondbacks and much more. We've got a Picaxe demo, our modules, Kid's Club layout, Arizona Big Train Operators layout, train races and a train demolition. It will be like a three ring circus!

Please note that the National Guard has implemented new security measures that make the Armory building no longer accessible from 52nd Street as in the past. You will have to enter at 54th Street, go through the manned security station South of McDowell Road then drive through the property to get to the Armory. There will be train show signs helping direct traffic. Also, we will need one or more volunteers to stand at the old 52nd Street entrance handing out small maps to the confused guests.

Don't forget the date - Saturday, February 25th. We need as many volunteers as possible. Please come

Friday afternoon at 2pm to help table set up, then at 8:30 Saturday morning to help with traffic control and ticket pre-sales in front of the door. Throughout the day we need raffle ticket sellers, operators to set up and manage the module, announcers at the PA, etc. This is our club's big day and we need every member to get involved and help to make this swap another success. Proudly wear your sharp GCMR vests!

VALLEY OF THE SUN S GAUGERS

I have been in communication with Charles Eral, who has been coordinating the formation of a new S gauge group and he sent me this information about it. I thought GCMR members would be interested in the group and might want to visit some of their meetings and activities - Ed

I started a blog "web site" about my American Flyer train layout back in August of 2010. This site has gradually grew in scope where it has over 125 plus views per day from 87 countries around the world. I found out over the years a lot of people enjoy operating there trains on their layouts like I do.

In September of last year I spoke with members of the Desert Division, mostly American Flyer collectors and operators. Talking with Marty Wik, who has a very nice layout that's been featured in CTT and Karl Wuepper who is building a very large S-gauge layout, the three of us decided to try to start an informal club with membership open to American Flyer and hi-rail S gauge operators and collectors. There would be no dues. We decided to meet once a month on the 3rd Saturday of the month at a members' home. The club would be informal, calling ourselves the "Valley of the Sun S-Gaugers". We would welcome visitors and followers, along with members to our informal meetings.

We have completed a data base of over 75 individuals that have some connection to S Gauge. Starting a club is all about getting the word out any way you can. You may be surprised how many people would like to join a model train club that has an operational layout at every meeting with discussions and educational programs.

We had our first informal club meeting last October at Karl Weupper home. Since then we have met at Marty Wik's and Chuck Eral's. With our club

membership doubling at every meeting we are looking at everyone to bring their own folding chair. Standing room only!

This is your invitation to attend the meeting in North Scottsdale on Saturday, February 18th from 10:00 am till 1:00 pm. It will be at Nelson Steinmetz's home. His S-Scale layout is an around the wall 22 by 22 foot layout. The era is 1950/1960 and only diesels are operated. Motive power is manufactured by S-helper, American Models, Overland, River Raisin and Omnicon. Scenery is 35% complete. This meeting is informal with fellowship and the operating of diesel model trains on his S-Scale layout.

Please e-mail Chuck or call Nelson at 480-948-8508 if you will be attending this meeting. His address is: 14021 N. 83rd Place in north Scottsdale. You can park in his large driveway. Phone: 480-948-8508

We now have our official "Valley of the Sun S-Gaugers" web site at: sgaugers.com and our "Informational Valley of the Sun S-Gaugers" blog site at: sgaugers.blogspot.com

I have my personnel web site "My Classic American Flyer Cabinet-top Train Layout" at: azflyer.blogspot.com and you are welcome to email me at cerall@cox.net or by cell phone: 480-332-8120

DUES ARE DUE!

It is that time of the year, your GCMR dues are due. Please copy the membership form in this issue and return it with your dues to Rod Johnson. Note, if you would, any changes in your address, phone or email and hobby preferences. Also if you have been getting the newsletter by mail and would like to receive it in glorious color, please note on your renewal you would like the newsletter by email.

WYOMING DIVISION OPEN HOUSE

And here is another new club being formed. This is a group in the Verde Valley who is starting a new HO layout in its own building. Again, I thought some

members might be interested in visiting what could become a spectacular model layout - Ed

The Wyoming Division Model Railroad Club of Sedona will model the Union Pacific from Cheyenne to Ogden. The layout is a point to point model with a two and three track main line nearly 800 feet long and with a 28 foot long, 13 track staging common to both east and west ends of the layout. Staging represents both Denver and Omaha/Chicago east of Cheyenne and Salt Lake City/Los Angeles/Bay Area west of Ogden. The staging yards make an expanded continuous running main line of nearly 1000 feet.

Bench work is a free standing steel framed mushroom design on two levels connected by a giant 7 x 13 foot helix. The 800 feet of HO track does NOT include the helix length or staging. Backdrops on each level insure that one set of operators can not see the other level or its operators. And any given operator will only be able to see forward and back on his own immediate track just like on the prototype on the Wyoming plains or Utah canyons.

For more information and the track plan, join the Wyoming Division Yahoo Group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wyoming_division/

You are invited to participate in this club personally as a visitor, a working and operating member who can participate locally, or as a Yahoo Group member.

Of very special interest will be the unveiling of the acquisition of Wayne Hammer's museum quality collection of UP brass steam and diesel locomotives, freight and passenger cars, and Union Pacific photos, books and records of the locomotives. There are about 50 brass locos, over 1300 cars, numerous UP structures, and a wealth of Union Pacific photos and prints, many signed by famous photographers of the 50's. Wayne will be there to discuss the UP in the 50's and his collection, and brass railroad models.

An Open House for a new giant HO model railroad layout will be March 24, 2012 in Cornville with a free BBQ in Sedona. This is not a fund raiser, rather a free introduction to the Wyoming Division Layout now being built. After the Open House all are also invited to the Division Superintendent's home in Sedona, 17 miles away, for a BBQ and social. Please see the flyer attached for directions and details.

WINNERS!

Ken Barnes	Lionel Gondola
Jim Bergero	D & T Shoreline Boxcar
Ken Barnes	Union Pacific Stock Car
Rod Johnson	Framed Art: CP No 1201
Bob Prehara	Lionel Signature Edition catalog
Bill Richardson	Joshua Lionel Cowan Caboose

Mystery Prize Drawing:

Bill Richardson	ATSF steam switcher
Jim Bergero	\$25 drawing

Jim Bergero - \$25 winner



Bill Richardson -
Mystery Prize Winner



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- OR if coming from Cottonwood 5 miles east of Cottonwood on Cornville Road which starts 1 mile out of Cottonwood
- Turn left (South) at the Family Dollar Store on Eastern Drive Turn Left on other side of gate
- The Wyoming Division 4000 square foot building and 1100 square foot shop is immediately behind Family Dollar (and nearly as large)
- Address: See left
- Free parking in lot or on street

562 458-9589



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

It's that time of year again. Dues are Due. GCMR Annual Dues are \$35.00. Please renew by filling out this form and mailing it in or bring to the next meet. Club dues are delinquent after the last day of February.

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

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Would you be interested in receiving monthly newsletter by email ? Yes ___ No ___

Would you be interested in holding a layout or collection open house? Yes ___

How would you be willing to volunteer your time to the Club? _____

AREAS OF INTEREST

Please circle your areas of interest. You may circle as many in each category as you wish.

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After completion, please mail this renewal form along with your check in the amount of \$35,
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THE MAIN LINE

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Your editor, with Mary Jane, spent a delightful Arizona Centennial and Valentine's Day by traveling to the Grand Canyon on the GCR's Centennial train, pulled by steamer #4960 and riding in historic Harriman coaches. We treated ourselves to lunch at El Tovar and enjoyed the beauty of the canyon in the snow (and a nice snowfall on the drive home)