



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

The February meeting is replaced by our annual Armory Train Swap and Show. More details below.

Wayne Ross was elected a BoD member but the other two BoD slots had a tie between George Bean, Rod Johnson, and Bill Richardson. At the meeting, Bill withdrew his name due to family matters back east thus George and Rod are the remaining BoD members. Please let your leaders know your thoughts for the direction of the club and how we can get there.

Our annual swap meet will be in a couple weeks on February 23rd with a pre-meet dinner Friday evening at Monti's in Tempe. Our swap meet is a showcase for the GCMR. Sellers know about us. Buyers know about us. And, it brings in revenue. We'll need members to help before, during, and after the meet. Even if you can only be there a few hours Saturday, it's better than not helping at all. Please let Glenn Saber, the meet chair (602-956-6695 or thmpr@cox.net), know what you can do. Bill Lazenby (602-493-9222 or blcycle@msn.com) is the assistant chair in case you can't contact Glenn.

Glenn is finalizing arrangements for the pre-meet dinner Friday evening at Monti's. The dinner is targeted to our meet vendors who may be here before Saturday but is open to members as well. It's a good

opportunity to meet vendors and others in the hobby in a somewhat relaxed setting. Contact Glenn for more details or visit our www.gcmrr.org web site.

Our annual raffle will take on a modified format this year. The first prize is a \$1000 credit for Roy's Train World or \$800 in cash. Second prize is a \$500 credit at An Affair with Trains or \$400 in cash. Third prize is \$100 in cash. This should make the raffle attractive to other train clubs and even non-train clubs. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. See Glenn to get yours. If you can, take tickets to other clubs that are willing to invite you to see if their members would be interested in buying any. The more money we get from their pockets, the less that has to come from ours.

The kid's layout was in operation this past meeting. It's complete with board, O-gauge track, train, accessories and transformer. It has a lot of potential for taking our club out into the community. Contact any BoD member for more details.

The Falcon Field Open House date for this year is March 23rd which is our regular meeting date. The BoD felt we needed to avoid taking members away from our regular meeting thus we've declined to exhibit this year. Indications are there won't be a conflict next year and that our potential location will be better defined.

Our mobile layout will be used by the P&P club Easter Saturday at the PV Methodist church. Contact a P&P member for details.

One suggestion presented is for the club to plan outings beyond a toy train meeting that would tend to include significant others. Such outings could be local or out of town or potentially out of state. In simple terms, where would you like to go and/or what would you like to do? Please send me an e-mail (jzdraftz@cox.net) to let me know your thoughts.

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 22 - Pre Swap Meet social dinner. See flyer this issue.

February 23 - GCMR Public Swap Meet - Phoenix National Guard Armory. See article in this issue

March 23 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - S-ga modules

Theme: A favorite toy train (non-electric included)

Note: Adobe mobile layout runs (3 & 17) cancelled

April 27 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - O-ga modules Theme: Potpourri AKA bring whatever you like - Note: Adobe run (7th & 21st) – mobile layout **cancelled**

OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

March 9 - Annual picnic with P&P, TCA - McCormick Railroad Park

March 16 - Sahuaro Central swap meet

May 11 - National Train Day events in Williams and Chandler. GCMR layouts at both.

SWAP MEET UPDATE

by Glenn Saber

The Armory swap meet is shaping up nicely. I am receiving one or two vender applications in the mail every day. At the time I am writing this, we have sold 110 tables out of our 127 available. Only 17 more to go for another sell-out.

Once again, this must be stressed. The Grand Canyon Model Railroaders need the participation of its membership to make this swap meet a success. Many important positions still must be filled. Volunteers are still needed to operate the Kid's layout, sell raffle tickets (a huge money maker for us) and be the announcer on the public address system. There are many more areas that need additional volunteers such as O and S gauge modules, train races, food services, security, etc. Please contact Glenn Saber at 602-956-6695 to volunteer your time and energy. Any time you can afford would be greatly appreciated.

On the other hand, the First Annual Pre-Swap Banquet at Monti's La Casa Vieja is in jeopardy. Support has been dismal. As of February 6th, we only have 16 reservations from within GCMR and 5 others for a total of 21. The hope was this dinner would become an anticipated annual GCMR tradition, an excellent addition to our Armory swap and grow as word spread about the great food, great raffle and camaraderie. However, a certain number of diners is needed to support the cost of the included bartender, raffle and door prizes. If we can not achieve 60 reservations (only 30 couples) by Sunday, February 17th, the banquet will have to be cancelled and reservations refunded. Please support this banquet. You'll have way more fun than you think. See the reservation flyer in this issue.

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Show N Tell items in January's meeting

MEETING NOTES

Old Business

+ The Board has worked on the Policy book and it will be the size of their choice.

+ Jack Eaton reported on getting a cover for the mobile layout to protect it from the rain and sun. Jack has contacted Eagle Wings/Awning Works and received an estimate of 1,500.00 for a waterproof snapped on fabric cover. Discussion followed as to having a shade cover made from the waterproof cover when it was taken off the mobile layout. Jack will contact the company and get the requested information.

+ Club Raffle Tickets will for 2013: A Grand Prize and 2nd and 3rd as follows:

Grand Prize: \$1,000 gift certificate @ Roy's Train World - or \$800.00 in cash
 Second: \$500.00 gift certificate @ Affair with Trains or \$400.00 in cash
 Third: \$100.00 cash

+ Glen Saber gave a detailed update on the upcoming Swap meet. It runs 9am-2pm All members are asked to sign up to help. This swap meet is the big money maker for the club for the year and we need all members to be involved.

+ Table sales are going great. We will set up tables the day before as we have done in the past.

+ Glenn further discussed that the Armory will have some military vehicles on site for people to look at and sit in.

+ Glenn noted that there is new event, a diner Friday night, Feb 22nd 6pm, at Monti's in Tempe for all vendors and club members. Cost is \$30.00 per person.

+ Also discussed was having a full time announcer during the entire swap meet. So if you like to talk and can help out, please let us know.

+ We would also like to implement a BUCK AN ANNOUNCEMENT PROGRAM For one dollar each vendor can have a sales pitch on what a vendor has on their table for one time only. Additional announcements can also be purchased.

+ During the swap meet there will be raffle tickets available for

\$1.00 per ticket; 6 tickets for \$5.00; 12 tickets for \$10.00 and 25 tickets for \$20.00

+ Raffle prizes

Grand Canyon Railroad
 Verde Valley Railroad
 Durango/Silverton
 Autograph Cardinal football

More prizes are being developed at this time.

+ George Bean is working on a ticket bucket/box that will be placed in front of the prize and the person can deposit their raffle ticket for that specific prize.

+ Outgoing secretary, Rod Johnson, gave a brief summary of the previous meeting minutes and the Board of Directors meeting held on January 9th followed by approval of the minutes as published in THE MAIN LINE.

+ 2013 Club membership are due now. Please contact Secretary Bill Lazenby or Treasurer Glen Saber ASAP.

New Business

+ Run-off election was to be held with the membership present for the two remaining Board of Directors position. Bill Richardson requested to be removed from the list. Therefore the two open positions will be Rod Johnson and George Bean. The third Board of Director is Wayne Ross.

+ Discussion continued on the mobile layout and for all members to watch very carefully the tire wear on the trailer. It is believed we can monitor the tire wear to make sure we do not ruin the tires and create further stress on the axle. Tires should last maybe two years if we limit long hauls out of state.

+ Membership Drive. For new members dues will be \$27.00 the first year and for former GCMR members \$20.00 for the first year

+ The club still needs to decide what we want to do at Adobe Mountain. Do we want to continue on with this venue and if we do where at Adobe do we want to be located. President Draftz advised that Saguaro Central is waiting for our decision.

going to do this and they will let us know. More information to follow.

Show and Tell

+ George Bean showed a 1930-40's homemade paper-mache mountain he recently purchased. The Mountain is very detailed and would look great on any Lionel 0-31 curve. (George is considering selling if the price is right.)



George and the tunnel



Playing with the Kids Club layout, fun for big kids too!

+ Bill Lazenby stated that the Scottsdale HO Club at McCormick/Stillman RR Park is possibly going to host a National Model Railroad Association Division/Regional Convention in Sept 2015. They are asking all train clubs in the valley if they want to be involved. They still have not decided if they are

+ Bill East brought in an American Flyer box car and coil car that were a re-production

+ Jack Eaton showed his new SOO line switcher and caboose from MTH.

+ Rod Johnson displayed his 60+years old Korean War #2056 steam engine he has had since that time [Secretary's note: even though he is only 55 yrs old---OK Rod we believe that one] His father paid \$80.00 for the entire train set which as we all know was big bucks back then.

+ John Draftz recently purchased four Halloween one axle Peep passenger cars from Ready Made Trains

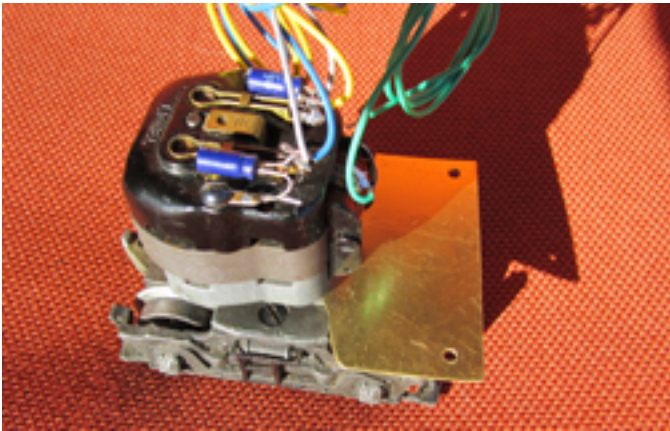
THE M10000 PROJECT

by George Bean

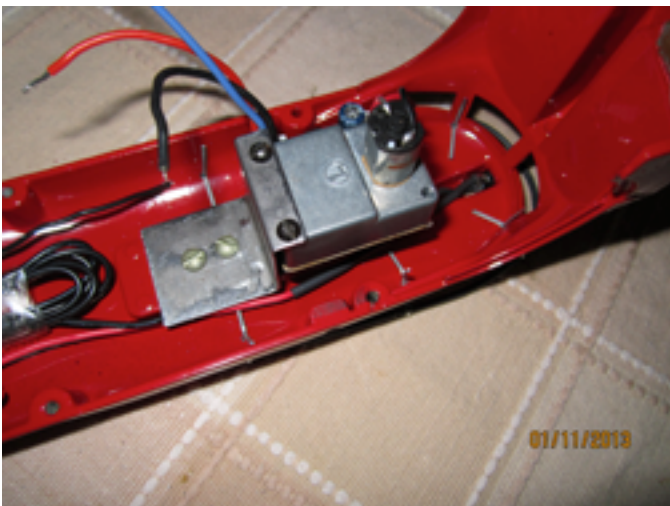
Last month I told you about the M10000 project that I am working on. One of my requirements as you

might recall was to upgrade the motor and add the TMCC control to the engine. This month I will talk about that upgrade.

In my treasure box of spare part I found an old 2023 that had been repainted so many times that the shell weighed more than the motor. Not seeing any use for this engine I decided that the motor would serve me well for the M10000 project. These motors are very smooth and trouble free.

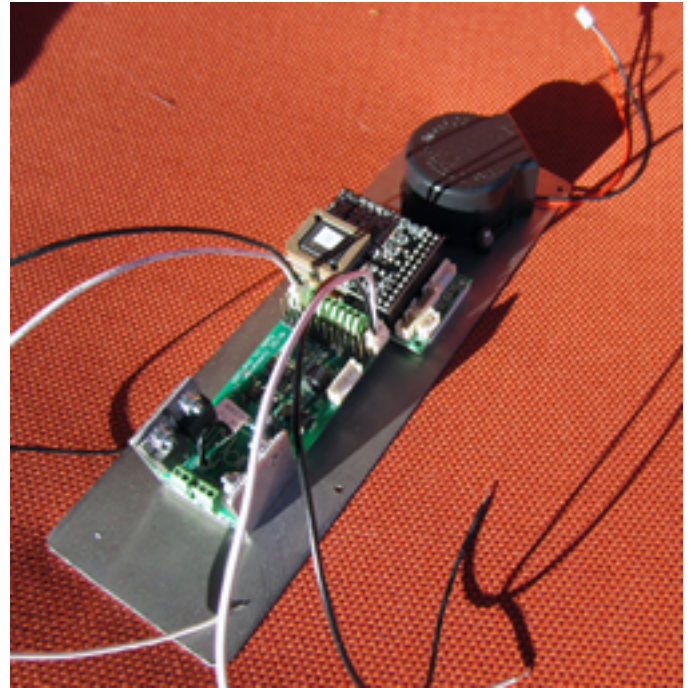


The next step is to adapt it to the M10000. In order to do this I had to remove part of the lower frame from the engine base. I also had to make an adapter plate to mount the motor to the frame. Because the 2023 motor has Magna-traction, I elected to use brass for the mounting plate. Although I will talk about the smoke later, I also had to move the motor back so the smoke unit would have room. This required some removal of metal from the cab frame.



After fitting the motor to the frame, I next had to find room for the electronics that control the TMCC. If you look in the Lionel catalog you will find a page

that offers controls to convert your old trains and upgrade them to TMCC. These are provide by Electric RR Co. I found them easy to work with and provide all the parts need for this conversion and any additional information that I needed. So I built a platform to mount the electronic controls. This will set on the side frame that is part of the engine cab.



With this I will be able to control the direction, sound, smoke, and interior lights. The interior light presented somewhat of a problem and I will talk about that later. In the photo you can see the speaker that was mounted on the control board. At the present time I am still waiting for the vestibules and bodies to come back from the powder coater and chrome shop. After I get them I can assemble everything and work out all the bugs.



The sliding shoe pick up for the power, to me, was just not going to work. So I used the roller pickup from the 2023. This required somewhat of a rework of the engine cab lower frame, but I think that it should work OK. I also had to mount the program / run switch on the frame along with the switch to turn off the smoke when not in use.

Next time I will talk about the interior light and smoke unit.



And the winner is!!!



Rod talks about his 1950's Lionel set

WINNERS!

Raffle Drawings

Lionel U P caboose	Herb Andreen
Lionel Fire Car-	Bill Lazenby
Illinois Terminal Hooper car	Dallas Dixon
Lionel Western Pacific	
box car	Ken Barnes

Mystery Prize--

RMT Budd Car [Reading]	Glenn Saber
\$25.00 cash drawing	George Bean



Cash can always bring a smile to George's face



Bill East shows his preproduction Flyer pieces



Join the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders



for a pre-swap plated banquet dinner
Family, Fellowship, Food, Fun, Door Prizes and Raffles

Friday, February 22, 2013



Cash bar opens at 6:00 PM

Seating at 6:30 PM

Menu includes your choice of:

- * 6 oz. Prime Steak *
- * Grilled Chicken *
- * Broiled Salmon *
- * Vegetarian Pasta Rosa *

Salad, Roman bread, plated desert,
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Grand Canyon
Model Railroaders
pre-swap banquet dinner
Friday, February 22, 2013
Come One – Come Couples - Come All
Please print names of those attending

\$30.00 each = _____

Is handicap seating required?

Yes _____ No _____



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THE MAIN LINE

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Even though the snow is coming down as your editor types this, it is not too soon to start thinking about your summer plans to enjoy real trains in the great outdoors. Thanks to Rod Johnson for sending this beautiful scene on the Georgetown Loop west of Denver.