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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

The February theme is “**It’s swap meet time!**” Our annual swap meet will be Saturday, February 15th. The goal of this activity is to get members to help in this annual club event that generates significant revenue for the club. We need members to help before, during, and after the meet. Please let Jack know how you can help (623-249-7297 or jeaton9@cox.net). Contact Glenn (602-956-6695 or thmpr@cox.net) for more details or visit our www.gcmrr.org web site. A list of tasks is attached to this newsletter. Table sales are doing well and the available table supply is dwindling.

As a reminder, 2014 dues were due before February. If you haven’t yet paid, please contact Barbara Turner (602-430-6306 or anubat@aol.com) as soon as practical to let her know your intentions.

Our annual raffle will be: first prize - a \$1000 credit for Roy’s Train World, second prize - a \$500 credit at An Affair with Trains, and third prize - \$100 in cash. Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, or ten for \$50. See Glenn to get yours. In lieu of the previous \$25 award given at the monthly meeting, we’re instead giving three additional annual raffle tickets thus increasing the winner’s chances for the top prizes. You need not be present to win.

We’re planning to hold a couple of mini swap meets (April & September) on our regular meeting day where members only can have a free sales table at the church and can sell to the public. The meet would be free to the public. Details are still being resolved but the meet would start at 8am that Saturday morning and end about 10. A brief club

meeting would follow the mini-meet. There’ll be an update for you at the March meeting.

Our next joint venture will be the annual picnic on Saturday, April 5th, at the McCormick RR Park in Scottsdale. More details later.

One suggestion made at the BoD meeting was to consider having occasional gatherings of club members and their families, e.g., a pot luck where the club would provide the main dish and beverages while members would bring a salad or desert. We’ve also talked about having outings beyond a toy train meeting, e.g., a bus trip to Lake Havasu. Such outings could be local or out of town or potentially out of state. Please send me an e-mail (jzdraftz@cox.net) to let me know your thoughts.

See you the 15th. Let’s keep our annual swap meet one that sellers and buyers alike look forward to.

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 15 - GCMR Armory Swap Meet, see registration form this issue.

March 22 - GCMR meeting Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church - S-ga modules Theme: A favorite toy train (non-electric included)

March 29 - Falcon Field Open House day

April 5 - Annual local train club's picnic at Scottsdale Railroad Park. More info next issue

April 26 - GCMR meeting Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - O-ga modules Theme: Potpourri AKA bring whatever you like

April 24 - 27 - Winslow Railroad Days, Winslow, AZ. For information: http://www.tucsonntrak.com/ASWMRR/ASWMRR_Winslow_Page.html

MEETING NOTES

Announcements

+ The 2014 officers and BoD were introduced: President – John Draftz, Vice-President – Jack Eaton, Secretary – Barbara Turner, Treasurer – Glenn Saber, BoD – George Bean, Dave Brown, Bill Richardson.

+ Dave Brown presented information on the annual three club picnic. The date has been changed to the first Saturday in April except in years when this would fall on Easter Sunday weekend. In that event, the picnic will be on the third Saturday in April.

+ The TCA Desert Division Wilson auction will be held on 15-16 March.

+ Arizona Train Day will be March 1st this year. GCMR will again be running trains during this event at the Arizona Railway Museum in Chandler. The National Train Day event at Williams has been moved to Father's Day weekend this year.

+ Falcon Field Open House will be held on March 29th from 9am to 2pm.

+ March meeting's theme is a favorite toy train, to include non-electric trains.

Show and Tell: What did Santa Claus bring?

+ Rod Johnson – O-gauge Daylight locomotive, Glenn Saber – Munster's HO narrow gauge train, Bill Richardson – O gauge hopper car, and John Draftz - American Flyer standard gauge coach.

Old Business

+ Jack Eaton will maintain the sign up rosters for all events this year.

+ John Draftz and Glenn Saber reported on the status of the Swap Meet. John went over a detailed list of jobs that will have to be done that weekend. Set up at the Armory will begin at 1:00pm on Friday. The swap meet will end at 1:00pm this year, an hour earlier than previously. A discussion about the feasibility of the auction was tabled for discussion by the Board.

+ Glenn Saber gave a report on this year's raffle and the changes to it. There will be no cash equivalent for the 1st and 2nd prize this year. The prize for the monthly drawing is now three raffle tickets and you need not be present to win. Ticket prices are one ticket for \$10.00, 3 for \$25.00, and 10 for \$50.00.

+ John Draftz discussed the need for additional work days on the mobile layout.

+ Having the modules at the meetings is a problem. Instead, members will bring small, individual ovals with their personal trains running. The modules will be set up once a year. Jack Eaton will coordinate the dates for members who want to bring ovals.

+ John Draftz presented a report on the status of a permanent location. Negotiations with Saguaro Central and the Live Steamers are ongoing.

New Business

+ Glenn Saber presented a report on the reconfiguration of the kid's layout.

+ John Draftz asked the membership to give some thought to what activities members would like to see in conjunction with meetings.

+ Dave Brown reported on being approached by Walter Olson of TTOS about a possible rapprochement between GCMR and TTOS. Dave presented this for information only.

+ Glenn Saber said the church has no problem with the club having two mini-meets during the year. These meets will probably be in April and September and will be from 8 to 10am on the Saturday of the monthly meeting. Only members would be allowed to have tables for sales at these mini-meets and the tables will be free. The meets would be open to the public and admission would be free. Further action on details such as publicity was deferred to the Board at this time.

BACKGROUND ON SWAP MEET CHANGE

Members are aware of the last minute change in our Swap Meet dates, but so you know the background, here is a memo from Glenn Saber concerning the events - ED

Although reserved since our 2013 swap ... I have just received word that the AZ National Guard has cancelled our use of the Armory on February 22 due to a recently rescheduled drill. The Federal furlough ... I'm sorry ... the 2+ billion dollar Federal 2 week free vacation paid by us taxpayers ... cancelled the National Guard's October drill - so they moved it to February 22nd and threw us out.

No other facilities are available at the National Guard for our use on the 22nd. The only real solution was to move our swap date to February 15th. I am in the process of damage control - informing all that have already reserved tables as to the change and preparing all new vendor and public fliers with the new date.

Unfortunately, there are already 500 vendor fliers and 400 public fliers in circulation with the February 22nd date. The TCA swap was the last swap before ours - and I handed out 200 more now-wrong vendor fliers. A few web sites will require changing and the public service announcement has already been sent for the 22nd.

We all need to pitch in with ideas and distribution of corrected public fliers.

Every year there is always some form of problem dealing with the National Guard.

Glenn Saber, Swap Meet Chairperson

SWAP MEET TASKS

by John Draftz

The various tasks that need to be done for our swap meet are listed below. They have been broken into small time frames so that each member can help without having to commit to the whole day. The goal is to allow each member to find something he or she can do thus contributing to the meet's success.

Jack Eaton has agreed to coordinate the staffing so when he contacts you, let him know how you can help. If you want to contact him first, his contact information is 623-249-7297 or jeaton9@cox.net. Remember, this is your club and it needs every member's help.

Friday: Set-up 1:00pm Y'all come.

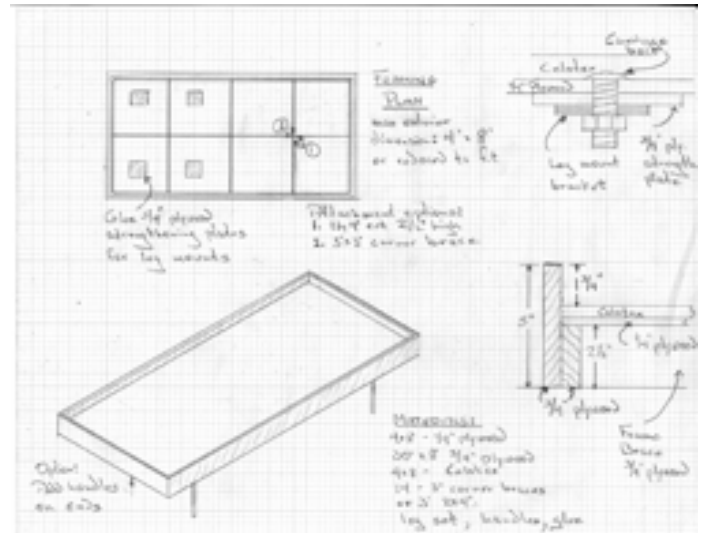
Saturday

5:30-6:00	Tasks:	set out road signs set up registration table set out coffee & donuts for vendors along with donation jar
6:00-8:00	Vendor Check In:	check against vendor list handle money give welcome packet and badge(s)
6:00-8:00	Set-up:	set out raffle prizes & jars set up PA & ensure working to include CDs ensure OUT OF SERVICE signs on vending machines set up kid's layout & "Brio" trains set up test track move stores into kitchen prepare dining tables set up mobile layout (weather permitting)
8:00-9:00	Kitchen:	stock kitchen prepare for serving
8:30-9:00	Pre-sale:	pre-sell admission tickets to public waiting in line
9:00-12:00	Layouts:	ensure all trains are kept running monitor kids use of trains

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| 9:00 -12:00 | During meet: staff the PA be a DJ
roam floor as ambassador to help as needed
solicit membership, sell raffle tickets
sell annual raffle tickets |
| 9:00 -1:00 | Kitchen Task: prepare and sell food and beverages |
| 12:00-12:30 | Races: conduct train races
conduct demo runs |
| 1:00-1:30 | Auction Task: auction items
process sales |
| 1:00-1:30 | After Meet Kitchen: clean up kitchen
pack leftover stores |
| 1:30-4:00 | Dismantle: fold & stack tables & chairs
sweep floor
pack up kid's layout & "Brio"
pack up race track
fold up mobile layout (if used) |

The 4 by 8 size was chosen since that will fit in the back of a pickup or a van.

I drew up a set of standard plans, we bought lumber and had a "cutting party" in my horse barn about 18 months ago. Then each fellow took his precut pieces and assembled his layout. Each table has legs built in so no other items are necessary when going to a show.



GOING PUBLIC

by Peter Atonna

The GCMR has a long history of taking toy trains to the public. With traveling layouts dating from the 1980's and with the addition of today's O and S gauge modular layouts, the GCMR has been at malls, churches, train shows and even annually to adoring crowds at Cal Stewart in California. Here in the Prescott area, a group of us were hoping our local club might also be interested in doing a traveling layout, but that was not to be. So, five of us took matters into our own hands and now have five separate O gauge layouts to take to venues in the Prescott area. Here is what we did.

Since we are not affiliated with a club, although we call ourselves the Bradshaw Mountain High Railers, we discussed the best approach to bring toy trains to the public. We decided a modular layout was out as that requires most or all of us to be at any show for enough of the modules to to complete a display. And a trailer, similar to GCMR's, financially was out of the question.

So, we came up with the idea of each of us doing our own 4 by 8 foot layout. In that way, whether it is one of us, or all five, we can bring them to venues.

Here is the neat part. Other than it must be O gauge tinplate, each member was free to choose his own track design and scenic theme. Other than track and wiring, all buildings and scenery must be portable, but that is not a problem. Some fellows just box their items up. I bought a small plastic chest of drawers on rollers to store my items and whose top is used to set my ZW on while operating.



At Del Rio Elementary School



At the Prescott Valley Senior Center



My layout has a '50s tin theme

(And since my layout was still in my pickup last December when the Desert Division, TCA, put out a call for someone to bring a layout to former Attorney General, Terry Goddard's annual neighborhood Christmas party, I was able to run trains all afternoon in his back yard!)

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES

Dues can also be paid on line at the club's web site. The direct address is : <http://gcmrr.org/gcmrr/Membership.html>



Rod Lorenz had a farm scene theme



Mark Ziven has two scenes on his commuter run

All five of us now have fully operating layouts and have taken them to Chino Valley elementary schools at Christmas time for the past two years, shown at Tim's Arena for the Prescott Valley days, have been to a senior center and to the Prescott Valley library.

WINNERS!

Dave Brown:	the TV car
Ken Barnes:	Kreys Reefer
Rod Johnson:	Rail link car
John Draftz:	knife
Bill Rogers:	coffee mug
<u>Mystery Box</u>	
Ken Barnes:	MTH Proto 1 switcher
Bill Richardson:	3 raffle tickers



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.

(PLEASE PRINT!)

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE/ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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.

<u>ERA</u>	<u>GAUGE</u>	<u>MANUFACTURER</u>	<u>LAYOUT</u>	<u>PERIPHERALS</u>
A-Prewar	D-O/O27	N-American Flyer	Y-Yes	1-Figures
B-Postwar	E-Scale	O-Lionel	N-NO	2-Toys
C-Modern	F-Std	P-Marx		3-Paper, Books
	G-G or #1	Q-Atlas		4-Buildings
	H-S, Flyer	R-Dorfman		5- Railroading
	I-HO	S-MTH		6-Other
	J-OO	T-Williams		
	K-N	U-K Line		
	L-Z	V-Marklin		
	M-Other	W-Other		

After completion, please bring it to the January meeting or mail it along with your check in the amount of \$35.00 made payable to GCMR to:

Barbara Turner
1812 S. 80th Place
Mesa, AZ 85209

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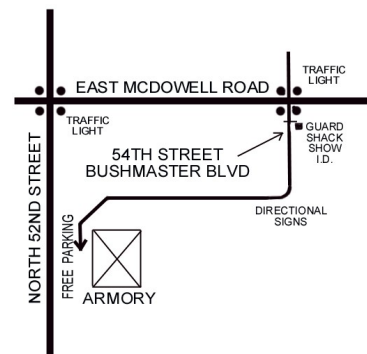
“Buck-A-Bark” Table Advertising, End-O-Swap Auction

To reserve your space and required admission name badges, submit this form by February 8, 2014

No refunds after February 8, 2014. Security is scheduled to unlock the hall at 6:00 AM,

however, their prompt arrival cannot be guaranteed.

Please print form legibly.



Name	\$25 per 8' banquet table (Bring a table cover, if desired)
Address	How many tables? _____
City State Zip	Amount enclosed? \$ _____
Phone Email	Request? _____
Buying, selling, ethics and behavior: In case of dispute, the Meet Chairperson and/or impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairperson shall arbitrate the dispute and render a timely decision and I hereby agree to be bound by such decision. I will not pack until 2:00 PM. Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.	Will you participate in the auction? Seller? _____ Buyer? _____
Signature Date	Admission Name Badges 1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.
Make check payable to: “Grand Canyon Model Railroaders” Mail to: Glenn Saber, 3415 E Pasadena Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85018 Info: Glenn Saber 602-956-6695 Credit cards accepted via PayPal - Visit www.gcmrr.org Email: info@gcmrr.org	Badge #1 _____ Badge #2 _____ 3 tables or more = 4 badges max. Badge #3 _____ Badge #4 _____ More badges available at \$5.00 each

THE MAIN LINE

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For many tinplaters, sharing our trains with the public is one of the highlights of our hobby. A group of us in the Prescott area are taking portable layouts to schools and other venues. There are no finer moments than seeing the joy on children's faces as they watch our toy trains zip around the track. See an article in this issue.