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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Draftz

Our Winter Cactus swap meet (formerly called the Armory Meet) will be Saturday, February 28th, with table and chair set-up on Friday, the 27th, about noon. Visit our web site www.gcmrr.org for more details and to make a table reservation. At this writing, there are less than 15 tables remaining.

We'll need members to help before, during, and after the meet. George Bean is coordinating the assignments (623-975-3823 or geowbean@verizon.net). Please let him know how you can help.

Our **Annual 1K Raffle** is: first prize - \$500 cash, second prize - a K-Line ABA diesel set, and third prize - \$100 cash. Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, or 10 for \$50. Contact Barbara or Glenn to get yours.

As a reminder, 2015 dues were due so the secretary can create a current member directory and get it distributed. 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. Only members can have a sale table at the mini-meets. In case you didn't save it, there is a copy of the dues notice again in this issue.

Our spring and fall mini-meets will be on our regular meeting day and follow the format we used last fall. The 2015 annual spring mini-

meet will be April 25th. Members only can have a free sales table at the meet. The meet is free to the public. We need someone who would be willing to serve as the event coordinator. Any volunteers?

Our Summer Cactus Meet will be held July 25th at the North Phoenix Baptist Church in Phoenix at Central Ave and Bethany Home Road. It will follow the Winter Cactus Meet format. We need someone to serve as the meet chair. The various tasks have been defined along with the approximate timeline so the task isn't that demanding. Please consider helping in this area.

The mobile layout will be at the Falcon Field Open House in Mesa on Saturday, March 7th, from 9-2. Please let George know if you can help.

Our next multi-club venture will be the picnic on Saturday, April 18th, at the McCormick RR Park in Scottsdale. More details later.

We'll hold another GCMR potluck/picnic for members and guests. Current plans are for the last weekend in March. The date and location haven't been finalized. We'll let you know as we know.

See you the 27th and 28th. Plan to help as you are able. You are the main reason the GCMR can do what it does.

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 28 - GCMR Armory Swap Meet - Phoenix. Please see President's Message for details about helping.

March 7 - GCMR layouts at the Falcon Field Open House, Mesa

March 28 - GCMR meeting. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

April 18 - Joint club's Spring Picnic. McCormick Railroad Park, Scottsdale. More information coming.

April 25 - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Mini Meet

June 20 - Train Day, Williams

July 25 - GCMR Summer Cactus Swap Meet, North Phoenix Baptist Church

MEETING NOTES

by Barbara Turner

Announcements

- Dave Brown announced the election results.
President: John Draftz, Vice President:
George Bean Secretary: Barbara Turner,
Treasurer: Glenn Saber, Board of Directors:
Dave Brown, Rod Johnson, Bill Richardson.

- There will be a track laying event at Bill East's house on February 21st.

- The Armory Swap Meet is February 28th.

Show and Tell

- Bill Richardson brought his HO Tyco Santa Fe Passenger train.

- Static displays:

- George Bean brought his Lionel 100 series standard gauge tank car, his 112 gondola, and his one and only anywhere 115 tank car a flat car with an 815 series tank mounted on it.

- Bob Dennison his American Flyer 10 series cars built in 1926 and a catalog showing the set.

- Bryan Jewell brought two items; a video "Building an O Gauge Layout – the Old way" and a book copy "Realistic Scenery for toy Train Layouts."

- John Draftz had a Detroit, Toledo and Ironton GP 35 dummy unit.

- The March meeting theme is favorite holiday.

Old Business

- If anyone is interested in club shirts, vests, or hats contact Barbara Turner.

- John Draftz announced that henceforward the two yearly swap meets will be the Cactus Meets.

- On the issue of a permanent location, the Adobe location is on hold indefinitely. John

Board of Directors

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Draftz is pursuing a possible Mesa location and also Encanto Park as a possibility.

- George Bean recommended that each trailer be given a lead person who would be responsible for maintenance, discretionary spending, and getting said trailer to functions. A team would assist each lead. George Bean volunteered to be lead for the mobile unit and Dave Brown volunteered for the modules. Duties will be defined in the policy book.

New Business

- The Summer Swap Meet (Cactus Meet) will be at the North Phoenix Baptist Church on the 4th Saturday in July. Starting in 2016, both Cactus Swap Meets will be at this location.

- George Bean is coordinating tasks for the upcoming Armory meet. Set up will be Friday February 27th at 11am. Jack Eaton is coordinating raffle prizes and has nine prizes so far.

- The president recommended that GCMR pursue 501(c)(3) status with fees not to exceed \$1000. The motion was made by Jack Roberts and seconded by Rod Johnson. It was passed with one dissenting vote.

- The April mini-meet needs a coordinator.

- A non-train related potluck is in the planning stage for late March, event to be, possibly held at Glenn Saber's house.

- The Beth Israel Preschool has requested a model train presence at their Transportation Day

CAL STEWART 2014

by Peter Atonna

I didn't have room in the January issue to share with you some photos from last year's Cal Stewart meet. For any member who has never been to this meet, it not only is the largest swap meet in the Southwest and Pacific Coast, but also features a large number of display layouts. Of course, our own GCMR trailer has been going for many years and is a centerpiece.



George Bean doing duty at the GCMR layout controls



A spectacular Standard Gauge layout



One of several delightful Lego layouts



The Southern California S Gaugers had a very nice set of modules, but their trains ran so fast, my poor iPhone camera could not catch them!

CACTUS MEET UPDATE

by John Draftz

Preparations for the February swap meet are progressing well. We have less than 15 sale tables available as of this writing and most of the volunteer tasks are being covered.

Please contact George Bean to learn where we may yet need help. We have eight raffle prizes and

expect to have that amount also available at the Summer Cactus meet in July.

We won't be doing races and demo derby at this event. However, the test track will be available along with food service, door prizes, and the end-o-swap auction featuring Peter Atonna as our auctioneer. We'll have both the kid's layout and the mobile layout operating (weather dependent)

WINNERS!

Rod Johnson, Burlington Gondola.

Ralph Treichel, UP boxcar.

Bill Richardson, operating mail car.

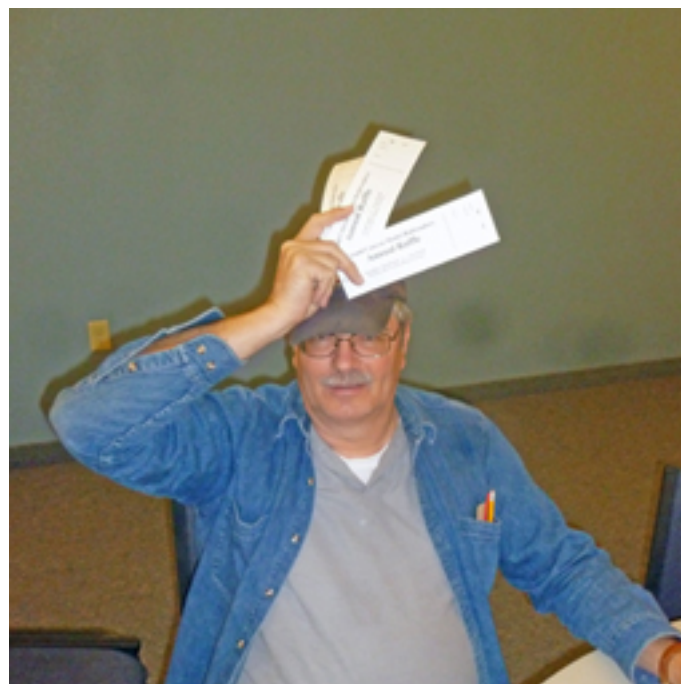
**Dave Brown, Diesel horn shed
(donated back to club for layout).**

Rod Johnson, bumpers.

Bill Richardson, decorative metal sign.

**Mystery Box: Bob Dennison,
Pennsylvania Speeder.**

Yearly Raffle tickets: Bill Richardson





The intermodal yard

ATONNA LAYOUT UPDATE

by Peter Atonna

As most GCMR members know, last year I decided that I had accomplished all I could with my layout. So, rather than just enjoying it (!), I decided I wanted to try a totally new theme. I have long enjoyed big cities and railroads so wanted to try that with my layout. Demolition began after the Beat the Heat open house visits last August and continues to this day. But I am slowly making progress on the new version (working on hands and knees, under the layout with wire and a soldering gun dripping globs



“New” Ash Fork



of solder onto hands and arms means it goes slowly!)

The main terminal tracks and passenger yards. You can see the beginnings of the platforms. This area will become under downtown and Union Station.



The subway stop at Union Station

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Again in 2014 the GCMR traveling layout went to Cal Stewart to be admired by hundreds of visitors to the show. More photos from Cal Stewart inside.



2015 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:

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