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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

Well, it's February and our first big meet of the year is just around the corner. This is an all hands on deck time, because there are a lot of things that need to be done to make the meet work. Please come to this month's meeting and see what YOU can do to help. This is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year and help will be needed.

Train running events are also upcoming, maybe soon. Depending on the number of tables sold, we may be running at the swap meet. But, some events were put on hold for this year. The replacement for the Great American Train Show was one of them. Reports were there were lots of people on Saturday and some on Sunday. However with a \$7 parking fee and about a \$10 entrance fee and with no guarantee of being paid for this event, we let it pass for this year.

Falcon Field was scheduled for the forth Saturday of March. This would normally conflict with our March meeting, however this year with the Swap meet being on the first Saturday, we were going to do it. As the trailer is going to be use in Paradise Valley by the Paradise and Pacific, the modules were going to used at Falcon Field. We thought this would be a good idea because of the conflict with the active runway issue of the past years. We could just wheel in the racks on Saturday and do the run. However the people in charge didn't want us to "jam up"

the door on Saturday morning, so they wanted us to set up on Friday. This wasn't going to work out, so we've also passed on that for this year.

The three club picnic is set for the first Saturday in April. This is a pot luck event with the clubs providing the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips and pop. This will be a good time to meet some of the people in the other clubs and to visit the model railroad building. Other tours are in the works, so stay tuned

I hope to see you all at these up coming events.

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 27 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

March 5 - Winter Cactus Swap Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church

Note: No formal March club meeting

April 2 - Joint Club's Picnic - Scottsdale Railroad Park - more information next month

April 23 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Spring Mini-Meet

MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

Old Business

+ This year's upcoming Cactus Winter Meet at North Phoenix Baptist Church is Saturday, March 5th. Table sales for the upcoming Meet are currently at 58 tables or \$1,450.00. Next year's Cactus Winter Meet is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in February, 2/18/2017.

+ Because of the swap meet, there will be no GCMR club meeting in March 2016.

+ The club has two events scheduled for March 26th. Currently we are planning to bring the "O" and "S" gauge modules to the Falcon Field Airport Open House (from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM), and the Mobile trailer layout to the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church's Family Easter Celebration (from 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM). The Paradise and Pacific RR club will coordinate this effort with the church.

+ The three train club's annual picnic (TCADD, GCMR, P&P) is on Saturday, April 2nd, at the Stillman Ramada (by the tunnel) in the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. Plan to be there.

+ Remember, we have planned a Mini Meet for the April meeting, on the 23rd. from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Show and Tell: Theme "What Happened at Christmas"

Ralph Treichel, showed his TCA flat car with car. Bill Lazenby, showed his LCCA traveling box car. John Draftz, showed his American Flyer flat with tanks.

Bill Richardson, showed his On30 Thomas Kinkadee Christmas train and his On30 Freedom train, both from Hawthorne Village.

Old Business

+ There was further discussion on the GCMR club becoming a 501 C3 organization. Some Pro's and Con's were discussed.



Bill and the LCCA Traveling Boxcar



Ralph and the TCA flat car

The GCMR website www.gcmrr.org is ready . Please go check it out and tell us what you think of it.

+ New Business

The GCMR club is currently selling tickets for its 1K Raffle for 2016. Ticket prices are 1 ticket for \$10.00, 3 tickets for \$25.00, and 10 tickets for \$50.00. There are 3 prizes.

\$600.00 cash 1st prize
\$300.00 cash 2nd prize
\$100.00 cash 3rd prize

The club is still looking for a permanent location. Adobe Mountain has been looked at, Mesa has been looked at, and now the Children's Museum of Phoenix is being looked at. John Draftz and Glenn Saber are talking to them. John and Glenn think this could be a win/win situation.

George Bean reported that the mobile trailer really needs a new axle. A motion was made to spend up to \$2000.00 for a new axle. The motion was approved with 1 vote opposed.

Dave Brown held an Open House at his home from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM on January 23rd.

CAL STEWART NEWS

From the TTOS Southwestern Division Newsletter

CAL-STEWART 2016 TO BE AT FAIRPLEX NOV 18 - 20.

by Larry Pearson, President

We had a three year contract with the Ontario Convention Center (OCC) that needed renewing for 2016 - 2018. The OCC people lured us away from Pasadena with some pretty good pricing on the hall, chairs and staffing and we were hopeful that this would continue for three more years. Jerry Moser tried to get a similar contract, but it was not to be. The OCC people wanted us to sign a contract that had no set pricing on staffing costs, chairs, risers, drapes, tables with skirting, the banquet and the like. this is unacceptable to us. We have to know what the costs will be.

We looked at other venues, and they were much too small for our needs. So, we signed a contract with the Pomona Fairgrounds for Building 6 for 2016. They would not do a three year contract at this time. We have a lot of work to do to get reasonable hotel rates and a place for our Welcoming Dinner Party. Some good features are free electricity (everywhere on the floor and on the walls) and the huge G gauge outdoor layout is about 100 feet away. There are three large roll up doors for easy move in and move

out. The costs will be similar to the "deal" we had at OCC. I will keep you updated.

AND NOW I UNDERSTAND

by Peter Atonna



I have long been a collector of Lionel and other company's paper - catalogs, booklets, instructions, etc. Recently, while browsing through a 1952 Lionel Advance (dealer) catalog, I noticed that the original owner (dealer) had noted next to each set in the catalog the number of sets he planned to order.

As we know, Lionel, as well as American Flyer and other manufacturers have always offered sets at different prices, from the least to the most expensive, in order to attract as wide a range of customers as possible. I always assumed the lower price sets sold more than the most expensive. That, I also assume, helps to explain how common, or rare, locos and cars that comprise those sets are now. So, looking at the numbers being ordered from this 1952 catalog gave me a fascinating insight into at least a very brief view of the availability of items from this era, which many of us consider to be the beginning of the prime years for Lionel trains.

Here, is a listing of the sets in the 1952 dealer catalog with the number being ordered by this particular dealer. I will list the set number, his number to be ordered, the set price and a brief description. But if you have a 1952 catalog, get it out and you can see just what this dealer thought would sell.

027 Sets

- #1119 - 3 sets - \$17.75 - Scout set, three cars, manual couplers
- #1465 - 4 sets - \$22.50 - Scout set, three cars, auto couplers
- #1477S - 3 sets - \$29.95 - 2026 loco, three cars
- #1485WS - 8 sets - \$39.95 - 2025 loco, three cars
- #1479WS - 2 sets - \$49.95 - 2056 loco, four cars
- #1464W - 2 sets - \$66.50 - 2033 diesel, three passenger cars
- #14667W - 1 set - \$57.50 - 2032 diesel, four cars
- #1483WS - 0 sets - \$65.00 - 2056 loco, five cars, 2 operating cars
- #1484WS - 0 sets - \$70.00 - 2056 loco, four passenger cars

O sets

- #2177WS - 1 set - \$39.95 - 675 loco, three cars
- #2179WS - 1 set - \$47.75 - 671 turbine, four cars, 1 operating car
- #2183WS - 1 set - \$54.50 - 726 loco, four cars, 1 operating car
- #2187WS - 1 set - \$62.50 - 671 turbine, five cars, 2 operating cars
- #2189WS - 0 sets - \$69.50 - 726 loco, five cars, 3 operating cars
- #2193W - 3 sets - \$70.00 - 2344 NYC diesel, four cars
- #2191W - 2 sets - \$70.00 - 2343 ATSF diesel, four cars
- #2190W - 0 sets - \$89.50 - 2343 ATSF diesel, four passenger cars

Some observations:

- + In set numbers, W means the loco has a whistle or horn, S means smoke. No letter, no features.
- + This was 1952 during the Korean war when Lionel had to discontinue Magna Traction on most steam locos, who returned to their pre 1950 numbers for that year
- + Note the heavy weighting toward 027, less expensive sets
- + Can you see any logic as to why some sets were priced at \$.50, \$.75, \$.95 or \$.00? I cannot
- + The F-3 diesels remain a hit. Note that more of those sets are ordered than the rest of the O gauge line combined
- + Although the Santa Fe F-3's far outsold the NYC versions nationally, this dealer must have been on

the east coast where the NYC was much more of a presence.

- + This was the first year for introduction of the aluminum passenger cars, but they apparently did not impress this dealer as he did not order any of them. However, since the Advance catalog came out in the spring, he may have had to make his order before seeing the actual cars - and thus being impressed by them. In addition, there is no mention in the catalog that the cars are made of aluminum rather than the plastic of the 027 passenger cars which had been cataloged for five years by this time.

WINNERS!

**Glenn Saber won a K-line Ford gondola.
John Draftz won an Amtrak car.
Jack Eaton won a Lionel gondola with containers.
Dave Brown won milk car w/platform.
John Zaval won a Lionel bumper.**

The Mystery Raffle prize winner was John Draftz. He won an original K-Line motorized 3-car Western Pacific Budd Set.

The monthly 1K raffle winner was John Horvath who won 3 more tickets for the 1K



John Zaval with his raffle drawing prize

**"ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS"**

THE CACTUS WINTER MEET

SATURDAY, MARCH 5th, 2016

9 AM - 1 PM \$6/PERSON \$11/FAMILY

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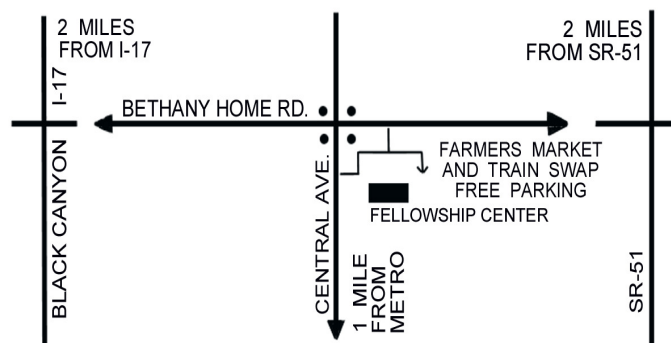
Presented by your pal Casey Cactus and the

GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

To reserve your space and required admission name
badges, submit this form by February 26, 2016

No refunds after February 26, 2016.

Set-up opens at 6:00 AM Please print form legibly.



Name		\$25 per 8' banquet table (Bring a table cover, if desired) How many tables? _____ Amount enclosed? \$ _____ Request? _____ Will you participate in the auction? Seller? _____ Buyer? _____
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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 1:00 PM. Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.		
Signature		Admission Name Badges 1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max. Badge Name _____ Badge Name _____ 3 or more tables = 4 badges max. Badge Name _____ Badge Name _____
Make check payable to: "Grand Canyon Model Railroaders" Mail to: John Draftz, 1507 W Willow Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029 or Credit cards accepted via PayPal - Visit www.gcmrr.org Email: info@gcmrr.org Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457; Glenn Saber 602-956-6695		More badges available at \$5.00 each

THE MAIN LINE

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In case you have not attended recently, the monthly GCMR meetings are a great way to visit with your fellow toy train fans, get an update on club activities and maybe even take home a prize.