



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Our Winter Cactus swap meet will be Saturday, February 17th, at the North Phoenix Baptist Church hall with set-up on Friday afternoon, the 16th, about 4pm. The church is at the southeast corner of Central and Bethany Home Roads for those unfamiliar with the location. Visit our website at [www.gcmrr.org](http://www.gcmrr.org) for more details.

For the second year in a row, this meet is a sellout. We need members to help before, during, and after the meet. We will start setting out road signs about 5:30 am that morning with seller access to the hall from 6-9am.

Sellers may use the NE door during that time, thus we'll need 2-3 people there for security. The public is allowed in via the main doors from 9am to 1pm. Clean up will start about 2pm.

Jack Eaton (623-249-7297 or [jeaton@cox.net](mailto:jeaton@cox.net)) is coordinating the assignments. Please let him know how you can help.

Our goal for our meets is simple. We want both buyers and sellers to leave happy so they'll come back again. To that end, we need to get the word out to the public (potential buyers) so that they'll stop by. Think about how you can get the word out. Tell family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, members of your church, etc.

As a reminder, 2018 dues are now due so the secretary can create a current member directory and

get it distributed. If you haven't yet paid, please contact Bill Richardson (623-203-0329 or [willielumplump@cox.net](mailto:willielumplump@cox.net)) as soon as practical to let him know your intentions. A renewal form is elsewhere in this newsletter if you haven't yet paid. Remember, as an incentive to keep your membership, only paid GCMR members have first shot at a sale table at the mini-meets.

Our Annual 1K Raffle is set to go: first prize - \$600 cash, second prize - \$300 cash, and third prize - \$100 cash. Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, or 10 for \$50. Contact Bill Richardson or Glenn Saber to get yours.

We'll continue to give three raffle tickets to the winning ticket holder drawn at regular meetings. The winner need not be present to win.

Please consider the following and let me know your thoughts.

1. For those members who go above and beyond for the club, what is an appropriate way to recognize them?
2. We don't do a meet in November & December. Would a November date for a picnic/potluck be a good way to just get together?
3. Would you want the club to rent a bus and go somewhere, e.g., a train ride or a winery tour? If so, what do you have in mind?
4. We still want a location for a permanent layout. A couple places have been researched but nothing definite as of yet. Can you think of somewhere that would work?

See you on the 16th and 17th. 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 17** - Cactus Winter Swap Meet, North Phoenix Baptist Church - see flyer this issue

**March 4** - Cal Stewart Spring Meet (Nor Cal) Info: [www.norcaltca.com/pages/calstew.htm](http://www.norcaltca.com/pages/calstew.htm)

**March 12 -18** - Maricopa Live Steamers spring meet. Info: <http://maricopalivesteamers.com/2018-mls-50th-anniversary-spring-meet-registration/s>

**March 17** - Sahuaro Central swap meet Info: [www.arizonamodeltrains.com/am.shtml](http://www.arizonamodeltrains.com/am.shtml)

**March 24** - GCMR Meeting - NOTE there will be a one time new location this month. See the Meeting Minutes.

**NOTE:** the spring Arizona Big Train Operators spring open houses has been cancelled

**April 7** - Multi Club picnic. Details upcoming

## MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

### Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The state of the "S" gauge modules was discussed. Modules are functional but could use some new track and definitely some latches to hold the modules

together. Re-construction of new "O" gauge modules was discussed. The questions of whether GCMR needs or even wants "O" modules was discussed. Dave Brown says let's get going on LCCA standard "O" gauge modules.

John Draftz reported that the status of our club's hunt for a new permanent location is still ongoing.

The GCMR Winter Cactus Meet is fast approaching. Currently, we have space for 149 tables. We may be able to squeeze two more in. We are very close to a complete sellout. The mobile trailer will definitely be there come rain or shine. We have 400 flyers to distribute. Volunteers to distribute will be sought at the membership meeting. There was discussion about having a pre-cactus gathering at a restaurant. Nothing was decided for this Winter Cactus Meet, but perhaps we may try something for the Summer Cactus Meet.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

We will be providing our mobile trailer at the Arizona Railway Museum on February 24th for Arizona Railway Day. The trailer will need to arrive before 7:00am. Show time is 9:00am until 4:00pm.

Our regular membership meeting on March 24th will have to move locations due to a church conflict. When and where we go will be discussed at the membership meeting.

A question arose as to who is our corporate "statutory agent". No one seems to remember who volunteered for this position. Secretary Bill Richardson will check the old meeting minutes and report back to the board.

If you are aware of any changes needed to the GCMR website please report it to Glenn Saber. Glenn will have 500 pocket size business cards for

### Board of Directors

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club advertisement purposes printed up with the new club officer's names.

George Bean looked into skirting for the modules. We could get train skirting, but we would have to apply the fire retardant. This did not seem like a good idea. It was decided that the skirting should be made of dark pre-treated fire retardant certified cloth.

The multi-club picnic is scheduled for April 7th.

A GCMR Lifetime membership was discussed.

New club shirts were discussed. Big Stitch has our emblem.

Since we store our trailers at Adobe Mountain we need a representative to Saguaro Central. The BOD has asked Bill Richardson to be the GCMR representative. He has accepted the position.

#### January Meeting Minutes

##### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be no regular membership meeting next month in February due to the Winter Cactus Swap Meet.

Incoming new President John Draftz opened the meeting by acknowledging we had two guests present, Earl Woody, and Sam McElwee's wife Roxanna. Glenn Saber gave the treasurer's report noting the amounts available in our accounts. Bill Richardson gave the Secretary's report. Reports were accepted by the membership present. Motion was made to approve the Secretary's October minutes as printed in the November 2018 Mainline.

##### OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Lazenby reported to the membership the results of the GCMR BOD elections. Elected to their positions were President John Draftz, Vice President Jack Eaton, Treasurer Glenn Saber, Secretary Bill Richardson, and Board Members George Bean and Janet Mattern. Dave Brown will serve as Past President.

The GCMR Winter Cactus Meet will be Saturday February 17 from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Currently, we have sold 140 tables and we have space for about 150 tables. Setup will be Friday the day before.

The mobile trailer will arrive Friday at about 4pm. We need people to run trains on the mobile layout during the swap meet. We will also need people to secure the doors. Janet Mattern will once again sell raffle tickets with a little help from her friends. We have 400 flyers to distribute. Several members volunteered to distribute the flyers to the various hobby shops.

The state of the "S" gauge modules was reported. The modules are functional but could use some new track, some latches to hold the modules together, and some leg brackets.

The state of the mobile trailer layout was reported as needing some electrical work along with some work on the canvas.

John Draftz reported that a permanent location for our club at the state fair grounds was probably not going to occur.

President John Draftz would like to see more trains running at our membership meetings since we are an operating club. He also wants everyone to think about more things the GCMR could do as a club. Some examples might be a pot luck dinner or a Durango Silverton train ride. Any ideas are appreciated.

Janet Mattern will once again be the GCMR mini-meet coordinator. The mini-meet is scheduled for our April 28 meeting. Tables are limited so if you would like a table be sure to contact her.

##### NEW BUSINESS:

Our regular GCMR Membership Meeting on March 24 will have to move to a new date or a new location due to some church conflicts. After some discussion it was decided to keep the date the same but move our March 24th meeting to a new location. John Draftz will check with his church to verify that we can go there this one time. Be sure to check your March 2018 Main Line for the exact location of our March membership meeting.

The multi-club picnic is scheduled for April 7th, the Saturday after Easter.

Glenn Saber reported that Big Stitch is who we dealt with for our GCMR club shirts. They have our emblem, golf type shirts, hats, patches. An idea to

sell train or club shirts at our swap meets to the public was suggested. The BOD will evaluate.

#### SHOW AND TELL:

Bill Richardson brought in his two favorite On30 train sets (The John Wayne train set and the Budweiser train set).

Glenn Saber brought in his 1941 Marx train set.

John Draftz brought in his Lionel Reindeer Disconnect Set with the upside down couplers.



John Draftz's Reindeer set



Bill Richardson's John Wayne and Budweiser sets

Rod Johnson and Dana Price with their raffle drawing winnings



## WINNERS!

#### RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS:

**Roger Bourque - Lionel 9610 Frisco High Cube Boxcar**

**Roger Bourque - Lionel 17221 NYC Boxcar**

**Dana Price- Lionel 9112 Rio Grande Hopper**

**Bill East - AF 6-48378 Illinois Central Boxcar**

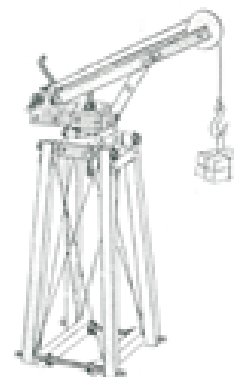
**John Kendig - Lionel 6-12761 "O" animated billboard**

#### MYSTERY RAFFLE PRIZE WINNER:

**Rod Johnson - NW switcher engine**

**No Monthly 1K Raffle prize winner as we didn't have enough tickets for everyone.**

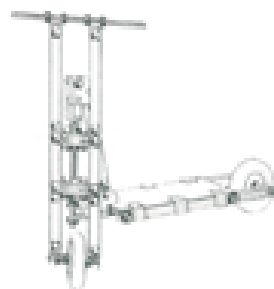




ILLUSTRATING  
THE COVER  
of one of the NEW

# LIONEL CONSTRUCTION SETS

*THE WORLD'S NEWEST  
AND FINEST IN  
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From Lionel's All Aboard in 1947. In the postwar days, Lionel was already trying to expand its line beyond trains. This year they tried to counter the very popular Erector line by Gilbert with their own version. Their "selling point" was that rather than having to screw pieces together, they used rubber connectors on pins. Needless to say, the competition didn't make a dent in Erector sales and these stayed in the catalog for a couple of years. Next up, the Airex line of fishing equipment!

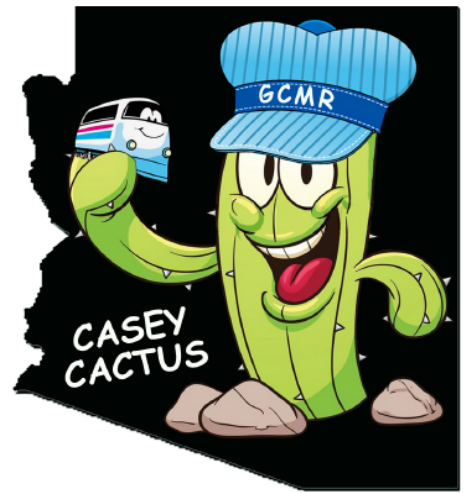


**“ONE OF ARIZONA’S LARGEST  
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS”**  
**THE CACTUS  
WINTER MEET**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 17TH, 2018**

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

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Presented by your pal Casey Cactus and the

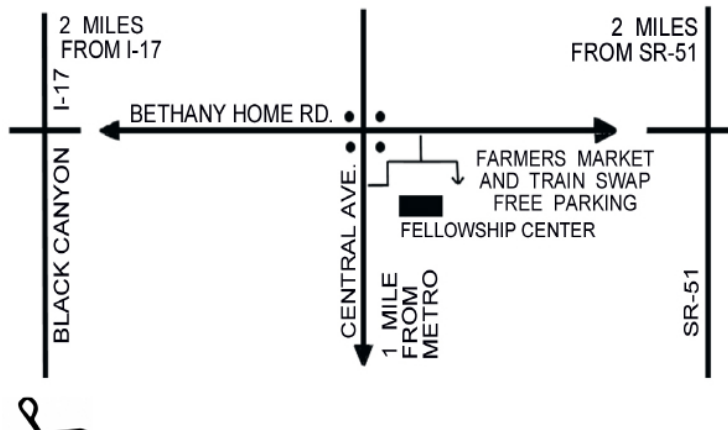
**GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS**

To reserve your space and required admission name

badges, submit this form by February 10, 2018

No refunds after February 10, 2018

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



**TABLES ARE SOLD OUT!**

**So be sure to come to look for a hall full of goodies**



Katie and Glenn enjoying Glenn's Marx set



John Kendig won a billboard



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

It's that time of year to renew your \$35.00 annual Club membership  
(Please Print)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in holding a layout or collection open house? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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.

### ERA

A - Prewar  
B - Postwar  
C - Modern

### GAUGE

D - O/O27  
E - Scale  
F - Std  
G - G or #1  
H - S, Flyer  
I - HO  
J - OO  
K - N  
L - Z  
M - Other

### MANUFACTURER

N - American Flyer  
O - Lionel  
P - Marx  
Q - Atlas  
R - Dorfman  
S - MTH  
T - Williams  
U - K Line  
V - Marklin  
W - Other

### LAYOUT

Y - Yes  
N - NO

### PERIPHERALS

1-Figures  
2-Toys  
3-Paper, Books  
4-Buildings  
5- Railroading  
6-Other

After completion, please bring this form and \$35.00 to a monthly meeting  
**OR**

Renew on-line with your PavPal account at:

## THE MAIN LINE

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Even though it is still a couple of months away, the build up for this spring's York Train Meet is already under way. For me, living here, this is the one chance you have to see and visit with, in addition to all the major manufacturers, the incredible creations many of the custom builders are making.

Even if you are not a TCA member, you should attend this show at least once - you can attend as a guest twice! Who knows, it may even entice you to join (yes, that is a commercial!)