



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

As a reminder, 2023 dues were due by the end of January so the secretary can create a current member directory and get it distributed. A renewal form is elsewhere in this newsletter. If you haven't yet paid, please contact Rod Johnson (602-625-4168 or crodjohanson@hotmail.com) as soon as practical to let him know your intentions.

Our upcoming Winter Cactus swap meet will be Saturday, February 18th. Visit our www.gcmrr.org web site for more details. We have a sellout and have people on the waiting list. We'll need members to help before, during, and after the meet. Dave is coordinating assignments. Please contact him as soon as practical for more details and to let him know how you can help (480-650-5336 or eaglefour@juno.com) even if it's just for a few hours. We plan to open the hall the Friday afternoon before the meet about 4 to get tables labeled and otherwise get the hall ready. Sellers wanting to set up early will be allowed in at 4:30.

I've already received train ride tickets and I anticipate getting more in addition to getting non-ride donations.

The 2023 annual spring mini-meet will be on our regular meeting day, April 22nd, from 9-11 and follow the format we've used before. Initially only GCMR members can have a free sale table

at the church to sell "stuff" to the public. Any tables still available at the first of the month before the meet (April 1st) will be made available to members of other railroad clubs. The meet is free to the public. Janet has been willing to serve as the event coordinator. Please let her know if you want a table (602-569-0568 or tjmattern@cox.net). Our challenge is to get the word out to the public and thus potential buyers. Any ideas?

With November getting congested with train related events, the member's decided to make our July 22nd meeting a mini-meet and cancel the November meeting. Since the mini-meet is inside, the summer temperatures shouldn't be a problem.

The other member decision was to stop reserving a bus for the August Beat the Heat meet in Prescott. We've had trouble getting enough people to ride it and last year the cost was prohibitive. What we'll do is encourage those wanting to go to carpool and we'll try to coordinate that.

See you the 18th.

CALENDAR

GCMR meets are held at 9:00am in the Parish Hall of Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 1212 East 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 18 - Cactus Winter Swap meet, see flyer this issue

February 25 - AZ Railway Day, Chandler – ARM - mobile layout 9-4

March 13-19 - Maricopa Live Steamers spring meet

March 18 - Adobe Mountain Swap Meet - see table reservation form this issue

March 25 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Theme: A Favorite Holiday Car (you pick the holiday)

April 1 - Tri Club picnic - Asti Ramada, Scottsdale Railroad Park

April 22 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran / Church - Spring mini swap meet. See table reservation form this issue

MINUTES

by Rod Johnson

BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present: John Draftz, Janet Mattern, Glen Saber, John Zaval, Terry Haas

John Zaval indicated that the trailer cover update and repair has not been done yet. The canvas is basically okay but the snaps are not good. It was suggested that twist snaps might be a better option. The button on the Flying Saucer is now okay. Take the trailer to the upcoming Cactus Meet and then go from there to the Railroad Museum for Railroad Day to save some mileage. It was decided to forgo the Desert Division's fall swap meet due to the high cost charged for being there.

The Beat the Heat Meet in Prescott, the transportation setup via a rented bus is not going to work anymore. When the time comes, we'll do a car pool arrangement.

We need to get more buyers to the Cactus swap meet. Get the word out to other organizations. Setup Friday at 4pm to mark tables and prepare the hall.

We need more club members. Other clubs like Saguaro Central have done well in recent years gaining membership. A discussion was held regarding a permanent location whereby the three clubs could use the same venue. Something like somewhere in a strip mall or the Trolley Museum.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Dues are due - \$35 per member. A discussion regarding the date of our mini-meet could be at our regular July meeting. More on this later.

Treasurer's Report was made

Trailer to run at the Arizona Railroad Museum in February.

Show & Tell:

Chris Allen had a number of items to show for sale including a 4-8-4 Lionel engine.

John Draftz: Flyer wide metal sand car with polarized couplers.

Ralph Treichel : Train set from 1940 sold through Sears Roebuck.

Terry Haas: GT locomotive & dummy from Lionel.

4th Saturday in July will be our mini-meet----as well as nothing scheduled in November.

RV TRAIN

by Glenn Saber

I finally completed my grueling 5 year Zombie apocalypse, earth trekker RV build and made one more final addition ... an HO train layout. I noticed how naked the underside of my pedestal dining table was and thought it would be a perfect place to tack down some HO flex track and bring along my childhood train I received when 6 years old.

This 1960, bright yellow Tyco train has earned the right to travel the nation with me. It was my daily companion and kick-started my lifelong obsession with colorful, fun toy trains. And

since HO runs on DC power, all that was needed was a speed control plugged into a 12 volt battery socket.

A colorful, fiber optic Christmas tree fits nicely into the pedestal leg socket with a waterfall and additional trees placed into pre-drilled holes. 16 Smurfs populate Smurf Forest. This layout fits inside or outside the RV and is a real hit at car shows and camp sites.



A LIFT UP BRIDGE IDEA

by Rod Johnson

A lift up bridge is sort of tricky. You have to bring the wiring from the two tracks (in this case a double track main line) from the bridge track sections to a panel which in turn is connected to the power supply. These wires have to come through holes in the bridge material, down to the panel. So, when the engine comes to the

bridge, it still has power to continue. Not a hard project, but one you must think through.



PHOTOS FROM JANUARY





!!!FREE!!!

MODEL RAILROAD MINI-SWAP



SAT. APRIL 22, 2023

9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

OUR SAVIOUR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

PARISH HALL

1212 East Glendale Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85020



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email: info@gcmrr.org

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AT 602-569-0568 OR tjmattern@cox.net. LIMITED TABLES AVAILABLE.
PRIORITY GIVEN TO GRAND CANYON MRR CLUB MEMBERS.

Model Railroad Swap Meet

Arizona Railroad



**May 13th & November 11th, 2023
09:00AM-1:00PM
Glendale Christian Church
9661 N 59th Ave.
Glendale, AZ. 85302**

Historical Society

Everything Trains—Food —Fun

Vendor Tables \$25.00ea.
To Sign Up Send Check to:
ARHS
PO Box 5816
Glendale, AZ. 85302-5816

Admission \$5.00 At the door.

**Coffee and Donuts will be available for
purchase, so come hungry!!**

**BE SURE TO VISIT OUR LAYOUT AT THE
ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM
17TH AVE AND WASHINGTON
MON-FRI 9:00AM-4:00PM**

For More Info: Craig Faris 623-340-3529 Dewayne Koltin 623-308-1574

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2023 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 due on January 1 and are delinquent after February 1.

(PLEASE PRINT!)

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE/ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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: If yours have changed, please update

Please circle your areas of interest. You may circle as many in each category as you wish.

ERA GAUGE MANUFACTURER LAYOUT PERIPHERALS

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 mail it now along with your check in the amount of \$35.00 made payable to GCMR to

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