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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by George Bean

Last week end the GCMR had the opportunity to run trains at two different locations. We sent one team with the trailer to Williams, and the other to Gilbert. The "S" gaugers will provide a different report on their day of operation. In Williams the wind blew the flies off, but it also blew the skirt of the trailer onto the trains. Saturday we had a fair turn out but Sunday was slow. We were allowed to leave somewhat early which was OK with me it allowed us to be home by 7:00 PM.

The Tin Plate Trackers were there and several others with layouts. I always learn something new at each meet. As we run the trains on the trailer it was clear that we need to update it. We are planning a date to have a pot luck lunch and trailer rework. This should happen sometime in September, stay tuned. We will be looking for the following volunteers: Two members to hook up the accessories, two members to replace some of the track, two to rework the power supply to add MTH Proto. We have three to move the HO. It should be a good day of work and fun.

Remember that June 4 is the date to work out the problems with the "O" gauge modules at Adobe Mountain Rail Road Park and also coming up is the "Beat the Heat" bus trip

The meeting theme for May is big locomotives. Bring your biggest steam locomotive. The vests should be ready so also bring your money!

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.

May 28- GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

June 25 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

July 23 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

June 4 - Gadsden Pacific swap meet - Tucson - Grant Road and I-10

July 3 - Nor Cal Meet - for those of you who plan to attend the spring Nor Cal Meet, for this year it is moved to Sacramento and will be held the Sunday following the TCA convention there.

July 23 - In the Heat swap meet, Phoenix. North Phoenix Baptist Church

August 20 - Beat the Heat meet, Prescott. Dave Brown is again coordinating the bus trip. It's not too early to contact him to get on the list.

MEETING NOTES

+ Treasurer Prehara noted all Bills from the February Swap Meet have been paid. He also stated that Chase Bank is our bank and has been for awhile. Bob indicated that there was reluctance to explore other institutions due to the problems in the industry the past few years.

Old Business

+ Update on Red Vests (From March meeting)
Bob Prehara: We are waiting to finalize order from the Manufacturer. The cost will be \$23 to \$28 for vests depending on size plus \$9 for the logo patch. We are still considering buttons or patches for vests to recognize participation in major events during any given year. John Draftz through Live Steamers has volunteered to do the recognition buttons if that is the way we want to go.

Setup for patches is rather expensive and can we afford it over the long haul. Discussion about keeping the same design patches and adding years below. The possibility was discussed of recognizing premier events like Railfair, Turkey Meet, Williams, etc. by using just a rectangular patch with the year and lettering rather than an artistic type patch---i.e. just a rectangular patch with lettering. Stitching is the major cost. President Bean asked the club members in attendance today for an opinion on buttons versus patches. Club is leaning to buttons. Motion for buttons only from the floor. Approved

The button Art Work will be done by Glenn Saber with John Draftz and Bill Rodgers to help. John will get buttons done through Live Steamers. He suggested a design for each button that would stay the same with only the year to change.

+ O gauge modules: Work on the O modules is coming up. Adjustment will be made by adding a turning bolt on each leg for height adjustments. The corner modules are okay. We are short one straight O gauge module. There should be eight straights overall. Jim Bergero may have two straights. The Module Committee has decided to work on June 4th at Adobe Mountain location in live Steamer club house 8am to noon.

+ P&P did vote to transfer ownership of their trailer to GCMR. This will be our module trailer. We need to paint and get our logo on this trailer. Security of items in trailer is not of much concern because rolling stock will not be stored in there. It was noted that there is a lock on the tongue. A possible option for the trailer storage location may be at Adobe Mountain (Live Steamers - John Draftz). A thank you letter is to be drafted which will be sent to the president of P&P by Secretary Johnson after review by President George. What about the paint color? We will resolve that later. Glenn Saber will get dimensions (inside) for module racks. There is a need to protect modules while in transit as well as loading and unloading. We can't get all the O modules and S modules in our new acquired trailer so we may need to pare down how many we can have at venues. S gauge corners are owned by the Club. O gaugers need 6 straights and 4 corners due to a basic track configuration. The S gaugers may end up with the same depending upon room in the trailer.

+ Williams Railroad Days: Layout operators are to arrive the 6th of May. The HO gauge modifications will be made after Railroad Days and done sometime during the summer. Volunteers are needed on HO and O modifications, etc. The Modification Committee will try to get this done before the end of May due to heat considerations. Dates and folks are yet to be determined.

New Business:

+ John Pryor has agreed to head up the Mid Winter Swap Meet for 2012. A Swap Meet Committee will be set up for assisting John. Thanks again, John for taking this on.

+ By Laws Committee: A committee will be formed consisting of Ken Barnes, Bob Prehara, Glenn Saber, Bill Richardson, and George Bean for review and alteration if necessary of the existing By Laws.

+ Secretary Johnson will send out a form letter to all members this summer in tri-fold style to gain information on longevity in the club, past service as officer or board member, and other relevant information for the purpose of recognizing those that have contributed over the years. Those are to be

returned via the tri-fold as soon as possible once received.

John Draftz noted that since 2012 is the 100th Anniversary of Arizona, we need to consider that in the coming months for whatever we may want to do in this regard.

Show & Tell: (Special Service Locomotives & Rolling Stock)

+ Bill Richardson - American Flyer hand car, pulling tippie cars, also a nifty track maintenance car.

+ George Bean - Several motorized maintenance cars: Rio Grande 4 wheel drivers, U.S. Army Navy Yard, etc. Fire Fighting Car, Track Cleaning car. All Lionel. Very nice.

A NOTE FROM JOHN HORVATH

The new membership list has an old email address, please update it to g.john.horvath@q.com.

He also notes that the colors of that repainted car in Globe pictured in the last newsletter are Illinois Central colors. A lot of Iowa Pacific tourist passenger equipment is being repainted in that classic scheme - Mt Hood RR, Rio Grande Scenic RR, Arizona Eastern

EXCITING VIEWING

A CN track crew caught a wash out as it occurred, pretty dramatic!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQAiTBoJf3Y>

GETTING READY FOR A VALLEY SUMMER

Rod Johnson sent these shots of the Cumbers and Tolec. The shot of Engine 497 building up steam on a cold day might give you a cool feeling which is much needed this time of year. The other picture is a Fall scene at what is called "Windy Point" on the run out of Chama, NM. Since the Cumbres & Toltec are

one of our major raffle prize donors he thought it would be good to highlight them a little in our publication. He notes that he didn't take these pictures, he happens to have them on a screen saver.



MORE GOOD VIEWING

You editor discovered a web TV production done by a fellow in Canada focusing on real and model trains. Take a look:

TrainTalk TV: All Things Railroad! Get your train fix here! <http://www.TrainTalk.TV> Twitter @TrainTalkTV

REPORT ON THE CHANDLER NATIONAL TRAIN DAY EXHIBIT

John Draftz sent a report on the National Train Day exhibit at Chandler. The GCMR was represented by

the S-gauge modules with the trailer set up at Williams. Staffing it was John Draftz, Bill East, Bill Richardson and John Goodwyn (friend of Bill R).

The modules were popular and often created questions in the minds of visitors. For example, it doesn't have a third rail so it can't be Brand L and it's too big for HO, so what is it?

The temperature was near 100 but fortunately an ARM member loaned us a canopy that provided shade for both operators and equipment. Trains were running continuously during the 9-4 operating time with very few problems. The rock surface made for a challenge in leveling the modules, but the two Bills and two Johns rose to the task to make it work.

Here are some of John's photos from Chandler.



NATIONAL TRAIN DAY IN WILLIAMS

The GCMR had a presence at National Train Day events all over Arizona! Well, maybe not all over, but not only in the Phoenix metro area but also in Williams in Northern Arizona.

Here are some shots by George Bean of the GCMR's trailer as they were setting up on the porch of the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel





And here are some of your editor's shots of some of the other many activities at the Williams event. What a way to celebrate America's passenger railroad's 40th Anniversary!





Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Museum

Seeks Vendors for its

Train Show & Meet

SATURDAY

JUNE 4, 2011

9:00AM TO 3:00PM

LAS CAZUELITAS EVENTS CENTER

GRANT RD & I-10

**TAKE GRANT RD EXIT WEST
TURN IMMEDIATELY SOUTH INTO
PARKING LOT NEXT TO GRANT INN**

EARLY REGISTRATION: 8 FT. TABLES ARE \$25.00 EACH

TABLES RESERVED AFTER MAY 22ND WILL BE \$30.00 EACH

TABLE RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID. SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO GPD TTOM

TO: **BUD STEWART 13325 E. PLA. EL ALGODON TUCSON, AZ 85749**

Questions? Contact BUD STEWART at (520) 749-0228 (leave Message)
OR EMAIL bud@at.tuccoxmail.com

Vendor Badges must be worn for free entrance into the hall. Vendors will receive two badges for the first table and one per additional table up to four badges total. Set up will be 7:00 am Saturday. A snack bar/lunch counter is available in the hall. Vendors still set up at 3:00 pm will be participants in a raffle. First prize: GPD Ore Car / Second Prize: GPD Box Car

Public is welcome. There is a \$5.00 admission at the door for adults. Children under 16 are admitted free.

To register please cut bottom portion, fill out completely and return with payment to Bud Stewart at the address above.



June 4th 2011 Meet Registration Form

Name

Address

Phone

Number of Tables Requested

Number of helpers

Total Enclosed



BEAT THE HEAT MEET BUS TOUR

It's that time again, time to "beat the heat" and go up to Prescott August 20 for the "Beat the Heat" meet. We will be leaving from four convenient locations around the valley in a 44 passenger bus with it own bathroom on board. We will get to the beat to the meet around 9:30 AM. Those who don't want to go to the meet will have use of the bus till about 12:30 PM to go antiquing around the Prescott area. An optional \$7.00 lunch can be purchased form the people that put on the meet. After that time we will be doing layout tours in the area including Peter Atonna's great "O" gauge layout as well as many of the others that can be fit in.

The first pickup point will be at Arizona Mills at 6:30 AM, followed by a pickup at Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00 Am, followed by a pickup at Metro Center Mall at 7:30 AM. The last pickup point will be at the Carefree Highway and I 17 area about 7:45 AM.

Please fill in the form below. We need your phone number because the person of pickup point you choose will contact you with instructions on where to meet for the pickup. If you have any questions, call Dave Brown at 480-650-5336. I'm looking forward to seeing you on the bus on August 20, 2011

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Pickup Location:

< > Arizona Mills at 6:30 AM

< > Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00 AM

< > Metro Center at 7:30 AM

< > Carefree highway at 7:45 AM

Number of Adult riders _____ at \$30 each \$ _____

Number of children under 14 _____ at \$12 each \$ _____

Number of lunches (OPTIONAL) _____ at \$7 each \$ _____

Total. Make checks payable to "GCMR". \$ _____

Mail this form and check to:

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2625 W. Lynne Ln.
Phoenix Az. 85041

WINNERS!

Katie Elgar

Ken Barnes

Ken Barnes

Bill East

Olivia Prehara

Glenn Saber

Bill East

Sam McElwee

Mystery:

\$25 Cash Drawing:

Steel Caboose MTH

Lionel Boat Car

Lionel UP Flat Car

Rail King Silver Box Car

Lionel Blue Gondola

Amtrak Bunker Car

Chessie Lionel Short Hopper

Cumbres Toltec Railroad Calendar

Ralph Triechel K Line Construction Scene

John Draftz

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There is no age too young to enjoy a train ride. She is ready for her trip on the
Cataract Creek Rambler at the Williams National Train Day