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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by George Bean

It has been over five years since I last wrote a president's message. So if I ramble please forgive me. First let me start by thanking everyone that has been on the board over the last five years for keeping the club active. I know the club has gone through some trying times during that period. I would also like to give special thanks to Bill East and last year's board for a job well done.

Christmas is over and it is a new year with new beginnings. When Dave Brown, Bill Richardson, Glenn Saber, and I were at Cal-Stewart in October, we discussed some of the things that we may want to do with the club in the coming year. Several ideas were batted about and we will be talking about them at the next meeting. Glenn has been looking into what would be needed to start by including the Boy Scouts with the club. We talked about making additional changes to the trailer to increase the HO and move it to the lower platform. We also discussed how we could get the trailer out to more venues and include more members in the set up and running. In addition, Glenn and I have discussed that the club needs a mission statement and a motto. Glenn likes the idea that we (the club) are the "Ambassadors of Toy Trains." I like this idea and believe that we can build around that theme. Again, more at the meeting.

With that said, I believe our main energies for this month should be directed to making the swap meet the best we can. At this time I am still waiting to meet with the new board so I do not have much to report on the progress. We have sent out the flyers and Art tells me we have received several responses back. Wayne sent me a message that Tim Tennant from Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad has donated and Wayne provided him a table for the meet. Wayne also tells me we have received donations from the Verde Canyon Railroad. I will be meeting with the committee the week of January 3rd. On another note,

if we are going to have a kid's area at the swap meet, we will need a volunteer. Beth Stange has worked that area in the past and we thank her for it, but this year she will have tables to man and cannot help. If you like working with the kids and have any ideas let me know.

For our January meet we would like to know what Santa gave you. So bring it to the meet. If Santa missed you this year (like he did me) then tell us what your train plans are for the coming year - such as adding a new line or accessory to the current layout, or maybe it is repainting some old stock. If you have pictures we would like to see them (and please send a copy to your editor!!!). Tell us what you are going to do this year with your trains. Also, I would like you to bring to the board any problem you may be having with your trains or wiring or whatever it might be. From time to time we will put our best experts on the problem and see if we can help in any way. If you are having a problem I'm sure that others are also. So tell us your problem.

As a reminder, 2011 dues are now due.



Our new pres and vice pres

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.

January 22 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

February 19 - GCMR Mid Winter Open Meet

March 26 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

January 15 - Tucson, Gadsden Pacific Museum swap meet. See the flyer this issue.

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.

MEETING NOTES

+ The Mid Winter Meet will be held on February 19, 2011. Reservations have been made with the Armory and insurance company.

+ Sign in sheets for upcoming events were presented at the meeting

+ Sam McElwee passed a sympathy card around for George Glas on the passing of his mother.

+ On Dec 4 the GCMR will set up a train fair for the Church. Setup begins at 8:00 am. The opening is 9:00 and will run through 2:00 pm. Contact John Drafts for detail. John needs help getting the work out. He has printed fliers that he would like the members to distribute. He suggests the local schools could be contacted as well as local business and hobby shops.

+ We need someone to pick up the trailer from 51 Ave and Union Hills vicinity for the upcoming shows:

We will be going to Cal Stewart with the trailer. Five members will be going.

We will be at Adobe mountain then display the trailer at An Affair With Trains

+ John Draftz has prepared a slate of officers for 2011. No one has been nominated for the Secretary position. Ballots will sent to the members and ballots will be returned before the Christmas Party. Nominations from the floor were accepted.

+ Dallas Dixon shared his "patio" loop of O gauge track at this meeting

+ Area G scale layouts are open for two weekends in December. See the EagleWingsIronCraft.com web site for details

Show and Tell:

Trolleys are the theme of this meeting with trolley races as the highlight.

+ Dave Brown showed his venerable winner which was a kit he constructed. He also shared his Rules from the Erie Railroad book.



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- + Glen Saber showed a 1949 Marx Trolley and a 1999 trophy from the TCA. In addition Glen showed several trolleys from his collection.
- + George Bean showed a "Stupid Little Engine" that he bought for a buck that turned out to be a DC Lionel engine. He will convert it for running.
- + Wayne Ross showed his Peter Witt Williams trolley.

Trolley Race Winner: Glen Saber with the "Golden Flash" He beat the perennial favorite, Dave Brown's kit built twin motor special.

THE GREAT TROLLEY RACES OF 2010



bottom side up?



And the winner is: Glenn Saber

CAL STEWART REPRISE

Quite a contingent of GCMR members attended this last November's Cal Stewart meet in Pasadena. Here is a report from Larry Pearson in the Southwest Division Newsletter: This year's Cal Stewart meet had the largest table sales in many years. Preliminary totals for table sales were 435, up 40 from 2009. There were approximately 700 registrants, again up about 100 from last year. He notes that all tables were sold and additional ones freed up from sellers who didn't need all the tables reserved. There were six operating layouts, several small layouts and the train races



The Goodie Table

GCMR ACTIVITIES

The club was very busy during the final couple of months of 2010 and the fellows were great in taking photos and sending them to your editor (Thanks! - ED) So, we thought we would wrap up this issue with a photo album of them.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OPEN HOUSE

photos by Paul Boston

This year's display featured a hall full of wonderful layouts and a variety of displays. Sadly, again the public was not much in evidence.



WINNERS!

Lionel CN Caboose	George Bean
Lionel Flat car W Cable	Ralph Treichel
Lionel Conrail	
Searchlight	Art Triant
Lionel Wabash Reefer	Dave Brown
Lionel Campbell	
Conference Boxcar	Olivia Prehara
Lionel Tinplate	
Tank car	Olivia Prehara

Mystery raffle Ralph Treichel

Annual Raffle:

First Place	Bill East
Second Place	Bill East
Third Place	Wayne Ross





THE TURKEY MEET

Photos by Bill Rodgers

Toy trains are for kids!



ADOBE MOUNTAIN SWAP MEET

Photos by George Bean





. WINTER TOY TRAIN SHOW

TO BENEFIT GADSDEN- PACIFIC TOY TRAIN MUSEUM

MUSEUM ADDRESS 3975 N. MILLER AVENUE TUCSON (NOT ADDRESS OF TRAIN SHOW)
MUSEUM PHONE: 520-888-2222 MUSEUM'S WEBSITE: <http://www.gpdToyTrainMuseum.com>

OPERATING LAYOUTS

ALL GAUGES
*
RAILROADIANA
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SNACK BAR



BUY
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SELL
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TRADE

SATURDAY JANUARY 15, 2011 9:00AM TO 3:00PM

(Seller Table Setup: 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM)

Train Show Location

LAS CAZUELITAS EVENTS CENTER

(Behind GRANT ROAD INN Exit WEST off I-10 at GRANT)

W. GRANT RD. & I-10

TUCSON, AZ

Vendor or Helper Badges must be worn for free admission. All others must pay public admission.
Vendor's spouse enters free. Vendors may have 1 free helper per 2 additional tables up to 2 free helpers.

ATTENTION SELLERS

8 FT. TABLES ARE \$25.00 EACH

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

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

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

The General Public Is Welcome

THIS IS TUCSON'S BEST TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET

PUBLIC ADMISSION \$5.00 AT THE DOOR

FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13 ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

DOORS OPEN 9:00 AM UNTIL 3:00 PM

SPECIAL SELLERS ONLY RAFFLE

SELLERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REMAIN SET UP UNTIL 3:00 PM

Sellers fully set up at 3:00 pm may win (tables will be inspected to determine eligibility)

1ST PRIZE: \$30 CASH 2ND PRIZE LIONEL GPD ORE CAR 3RD PRIZE: WEAVER GPD BOXCAR

THE MAIN LINE

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During this last holiday season, GCMR members were very busy displaying our hobby to the public. Here is a wonderful shot by Bill Rodgers at the Turkey Meet illustrating the ageless attraction of toy trains.