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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bill East

At the November meeting, the big event was the yearly drawing. The grand prizewinner was Dave Brown who got the \$1200 gift certificate. Bill Richardson won the \$400 gift certificate, and Wayne Ross won the William's engine. Thanks to all that helped make this year's raffle fun. The trolley race was won this year by Olivia Prehara.

At our November meeting, we decided to drive to Cal Stewart, with Rod Johnson and Glenn Sabor doing the honors. There were two "S" gauge people, and three "O" gauge people that represented us there. Rod Johnson carried most of the trains, and Glenn Sabor pulled the trailer. Dave Brown rode with Rod Johnson, and Bill Richardson and myself rode with Glenn Sabor. Everything went fine in Pasadena, and we were able to get many prizes for this year's raffles.

The following weekend, we were in Mesa for the TCA Turkey Meet. It was a two-day event this year, and all went well. Thanks to all who helped with the run.

The following Saturday was our one-day train run for the Church. We met and ran for the public at this free event. It was received well by all that came. Thanks to all that ran and or brought modules.

After New Years, Jack Eaton, Ken Barns Bob Prehara, Dave Brown, John Draftz and myself started working on the trailer. This redesign will include replacing the Standard Gauge track with the Gargraves 5 rail track, rewiring the whole layout, and modifying it to make it so it can fit into any garage. There will be a new outer skin put on the foldout tables, and a new club sign will be put on in the middle.

The theme for the January meeting is "What train

things did you get for Christmas." The "S" gauge module will set up for the January meeting, and BOTH modules will be set up for the February swap meet. We will also be going over what is needed for the February swap meet. Remember this IS our biggest moneymaker for the year, so all the help that you give will be needed.

The year is starting, and there is a lot to do! So let's make this a GREAT year. Get involved and help make this club great!

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 23 - GCMR Meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

February 27 - GCMR Open Swap Meet, all members and public welcome!

March 27 - GCMR Meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

February 13-14 - Long Beach, CA Worlds Greatest Hobby trade show with manufacturers booths, display layouts, clinics. Sponsored by Kalmbach and several major manufacturers. Long Beach Convention Center. info: wghshow.com

April 17 - 18 EagleWings Ironworks Garden Railroad Open Houses - Phoenix area (tentative date) for latest information see:

www.eaglewingsironcraft.com

April 24 - 25 Winslow Railroad Days and ATSF Historical Society mini meet. For information go to:



All packed and ready to hit the road to Pasadena

home.comcast.net/~tucsonntrak/ASWMRR/ASWMRR_Info_Overflow.html

May 8 - Williams - Amtrak National Train day event hosted by the Grand Canyon Chapter of the NRHS and the Grand Canyon Railroad.

June 3 - 6 The Big Train Show - Ontario, CA for info: www.bigtrainshow.com

June 30-July 3, 2010 O Scale National Convention - Santa Clara, CA Open to all. Swap meet and layout tours. Info: www.2010oscalenational.com/index.shtml

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES

+ Cal Stewart Meet plans: Rod Johnson will be driving to Cal Stewart and can take three others. Dave Brown will be going with John Pryor

+ Turkey Meet plans: GCMR trains will be run on Saturday and Sunday in Mesa. The modules will be delivered on Wednesday

+ Lutheran Church open house: The GCMR will again hold a Christmas Run at our host Church on December 5. Setup will begin at 8:00, and the display will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM. Module removal and tear down will be from 2 -3 PM. John Draftz is chairman.

+ Dave Brown has been contacted by the Grand Canyon RR regarding a special run sometime in May. They would like to have someone to run trains for the event. This would be a two-day event. (Editors note: This event will be in conjunction with Amtrak's National Train Day. The Grand Canyon Chapter of the NRHS is sponsoring a local event and is inviting clubs with operating modules to come to Williams for the weekend to participate in the event. More information as plans crystalize)

+ John Draftz related that the Adobe Mt group would be having a special run to support Toys for Tots.

+ The blue trailer will be moved for repairs at Sands Chevrolet Service Center. The move will be after the first of the year and work is anticipated to take a few days.

+ Sam McElwee brought up that both of the modules could be set up each month. Paul Boston indicated



Working hard to get all operating



The O gauge gang asks, "is this work?"

that the P&P trailer is where the O Gauge modules are in the P&P trailer and must be picked up by someone for each event. John Draftz comment that the club is responsible for the module corners and straights are member owned. He felt that it is the GCMR club's responsibility to transport and store the modules.

+ The TCA has taken on the whole cost of the Christmas Party and they have invited the GCMR and P&P to participate. Starts at 11AM, meal at noon. Location is the Marriott on Centennial in Mesa. Costs for Adults \$42 couple \$74, children \$15.



Olive reaches deep for an annual raffle winner



And first place goes to - Dave Brown

DUES ARE DUE

Yes, it is time for all GCMR members to come to the

aid of their club. Keep the activities, raffles, goodies modules coming by joining us again in 2010. All it takes is to get your dues in to Paul. Included in this issue is your dues statement - please fill it out and get your check in now, while you are thinking of it.

THE MID WINTER SWAP MEET IS ALMOST HERE

The annual Mid Winter Meet is rapidly approaching, so make plans to give a hand and help make this event the best yet!

We will need people to set up tables on Friday February 26 and assist in the tear down on Saturday February 27 after the meet. Setup will be in the afternoon and early evening on Friday and will entail unstacking, unfolding, and placing the tables and chairs. It's not real heavy work but the more hands we get the quicker it will go. In the previous couple of years, six to eight guys set the room up in about two hours, so bring some gloves (if you have tender hands like The Stick) and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow GCMR members. Additionally both the O and S gauge modular layouts will be set up on Friday afternoon/evening.

On Saturday the doors will open as soon as our security officer arrives to open the building. Plan on 6:30 to 7:00am. On Saturday there will be a need for help getting the vendors to their assigned tables, so if you don't have a specific task, such as setting up the sound system, preparing the kitchen, or getting the modules running, please give a hand at wherever it is needed.

During the meet we will need members to man the entrance, sell raffle tickets, assist vendors, meet and greet our guests, and general assistance tasks, so please make time for GCMR. Our guests will begin entering the hall at 9:00 and assistance will be needed at the front door.

At 3:00 we will begin the tear down and stacking of the tables. This usually is easier than the setup but we still need willing hands for a couple of hours.

The hall is rented and paid for, O gauge Railroading magazine, Classic Toy Trains, Kalmbach Publishing, and the Arizona Department of Tourism have been notified, The web site has both public and vendor information and forms in pdf format.

Flyers have been distributed at train meets since early August and have been distributed to train stores, P&P clubhouse, the Railroad Park.

Information that you may need is on our web site www.gcmrr.org. It includes the show flier and the vendor table reservation form, so if you know of someone who has not reserved a table just point them that direction, or give them as assist by printing the form for them. If you have not sent in your personal sales table reservation, we have a form in this issue for your convenience.

Thanks for all your help, and SEE YOU THERE!



Several GCMR members enjoyed the Christmas party hosted by the Desert Division. But for some, unknown reason, most of the raffle prizes seemed to end up at one table. Seated are Pat Boston, Dave Brown, Wayne Ross, Wayne's two grand daughters, and Evelyn Ross. Paul got in on the goodies too.

NOTES ON THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OPEN HOUSE

by John Draftz

The December 2009 edition of the Toy Train Open House went well. There seemed to be a somewhat consistent flow of visitors during most of the 10-2 time window with no real crunch of people at any one time. A variety of operating and static displays to include both the O and S-gauge modules gave our visitors a good idea as to what the tin plate side of model railroading is like.

Members participating included:

Glenn Saber - Standard Gauge Tinplate trains and carnival rides operating layout.
Paul Boston - Operating trolley loop.
Bill Rodgers - Operating trolley loop.

Dave Brown - Operating layout.
Larry Melvin - Cross buck display.
Wayne Ross - Operating layout.
Ken Barnes - Display of Marx box cars.
John Draftz - Action packed plastic train set
William Richardson - HO layout.

Although our space is limited, there is still enough room for more members to display and/or operate their "toys". Please give some thought to participating in this year's open house to be held the first Saturday of December.

REMEMBERING FRANK KOENIG

The GCMR, but also all tinplaters in the state, lost a great friend last year when Frank Koenig passed away. Here are a couple of remembrances of a friend:

From Dale Downey: In Memorandum

It is with a heavy heart to inform you that Frank Koenig passed away Monday, December 21, 2009. Throughout this year, he had faced many problems. It started in January 2009 when he fell at home and broke his femur. In September 2009, his mother passed away. In mid-October, he was not feeling well and was admitted to the hospital. The diagnosis was pneumonia and COPD. His health then gradually declined. He developed a mass on his right lung which the mass was removed. From that, his heart became affected and subsequently had a pacemaker inserted. Both procedures were successful.

His condition would go up and down. Even though the procedures he had were serious, we didn't get alarmed. There was no indication that he would not survive. He did not want to worry anyone and nothing was said due to his wishes.

In December 2009, he improved to the point that he was discharged to Specialty Select for physical therapy. The goal was to get him home finally. Although the doctors don't know why, he stopped breathing two days later.

Frank and I were together a total of 27 years and married for 16 of them. Although I will miss him, I am picturing he is now with some of his friends such as Bill Schulte and Cole Gibbs. They are all sitting around a train layout spinning their tales over their toys.

There was no funeral service for him as he would want you to simply remember him as the independent person he was.

From Dave Brown:

I can't remember the first time I met Frank, it was probably during the days of the old A T & NM division of TTOS. When I first joined by in 1987, the clubs big project was the building of "Old Big Blue", the trailer layout that was before our current trailer. Frank did the woodwork, and I did the wiring. We started to kid around, and he ended up with the nickname "Wood Butcher", a name my dad had given himself for his woodwork. But make no mistake; Frank was an excellent wood worker. In time, Frank made his layout, and I wired it. He told me at that time if I ever needed table work for my layout, he would do that for me in exchange for all the help I gave him on his layout.

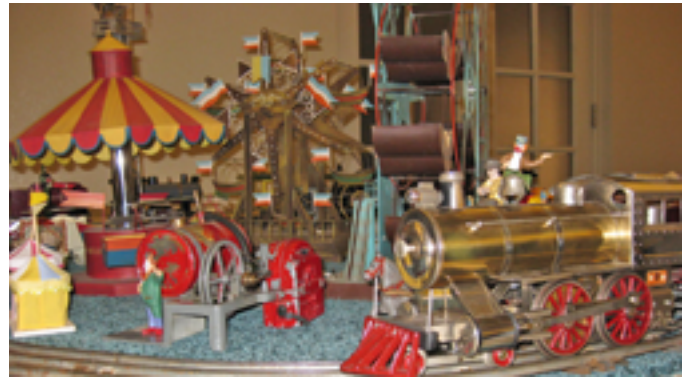
We also shared train club parities together. For a long time Frank and Dale, Bob and Nancy Dennison, myself and a few others would always sit together at the joint Christmas party. We were known as the "Cheap" table because when it came time to auction off the center peace of the table, we never went high, and someone else would buy if off the table. Peter Atonna would always leave us toward the end of the auction because of this. One year during the dinner, we practiced the auction. When poor Peter got to our table, he didn't know what hit him. The bidding was fast and furious and went around the table twice and the bid when done was only \$2. Peter was sunned.

Frank also shared his love of trains with everyone. Many time in the '80s and '90s he would have open houses for both clubs. During conventions, he would have open houses for all of those from out of town.

Over the past few years however, we were seeing less of Frank at the meetings. The times that he did show were always a great treat. Just before Christmas, I was told of Frank's passing, and for all of us who knew him, this came as a great shock. I will miss Frank, and all my prayers are with him.



A hall full of displays at the GCMR December open house



November Winners!

K-Line Timken boxcar	Katie Elgar
K-Line tank Car	Rod Johnson
K-Line flat car w/logs	Jack Eaton
Lionel 85th Anniv box car	Bob Prehara (Olivia)
Lionel Chatahooche box car	Glen Saber

Annual Raffle

First: Dave Brown - \$1200 gift
certificate to An Affair With Trains
Second: Bill Richardson - Lionel Legacy
System or MTH DCS
Third: Wayne Ross - Williams Berkshire
Engine & Tender

Mystery Raffle

Lionel Swing Set	Bill Richardson
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THE MID-WINTER MODEL RAILROADING MEET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010
9 AM to 3 PM

at the

52nd Street Armory

1335 N 52nd. Street, Phoenix, AZ (Next to Papago Park)

A Family Affair for young and old alike, this event will feature a sales hall for vendors of all model railroad scales. There will be continuous How-To demonstrations that address modeling from the ground up. Modular layouts in several scales will be running.

Hall is scheduled to be available to vendors at 6:00 AM 2/27/2010. (The prompt arrival of the security guard to open the building is scheduled, but his timely arrival can't be guaranteed!)

Live How-To Demonstrations

Visit us on the web: www.gcmrr.org

Rates 1-3 tables \$23.00 each
4+ tables \$18.00 each
Day of the event \$25.00/ table

To reserve your space complete and mail this form by Feb 1, 2010

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

Fees:
Tables ____ x@ \$23 = _____
Tables ____ x@ \$18 = _____

(one free admission with each table)

TOTAL Enclosed _____

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules governing the GCMR Mid-Winter Meet in regards to buying, selling, ethics, and behavior. I further agree that in case of a dispute, the Meet Chairman, or and impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairman shall arbitrate the matter and render a binding decision. I shall, upon the direction of the Meet Chairman, in the case of a disputed sale, refund the buyers money.

Signed _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to "Grand Canyon Model Railroaders"
Mail registration to : Art Triant 13189 Crocus Dr., Surprise, AZ 85379
For additional information call Art Triant 623-451-4604 /
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Reg # _____ Date Received _____

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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 delinquent after the last day of February.

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE/ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Would you be interested in receiving monthly newsletter by email ? Yes___ No___

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

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

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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		
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	L-Z	V-Marklin		
	M-Other	W-Other		

After completion, please mail this renewal form along with your check in the amount of \$35.00 made payable to GCMR to:

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We lost a friend when Frank Koenig passed away in December.
See the remembrances in this issue