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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Welcome to 2013! At last report, the world didn't end on December 21st thus you have more time to enjoy this hobby and your "toys".

As a reminder, 2013 dues are due before February. This is so the secretary can create a current member directory and get it distributed in early February. If you haven't yet paid, please contact Bill Lazenby (602-493-9222 or blcycle@msn.com) as soon as practical to let him know your intentions. A renewal form is elsewhere in this newsletter.

Your officers for 2013 are John Draftz – president, Jack Eaton – vice-president, Bill Lazenby – secretary, and Glenn Saber – treasurer. Wayne Ross is a BoD member but the other two BoD slots had a tie between George Bean, Rod Johnson, and Bill Richardson. As per the by-laws, there will be a vote at the January meeting to break the tie. There are no proxies so please attend. The club policy book (CPB) will be presented at the meeting for review and a vote on approval next month. A copy of the 2013 projected calendar of activities is in this issue. Please review the calendar noting especially what the different themes are each month. Several entries have question marks after them 'cause the dates are not yet confirmed. Mark your calendar appropriately.

The "show 'n tell" portion of a meeting (the theme) is an opportunity for each of us to share knowledge with other members thus increasing our appreciation

for our hobby. The January theme is "What'd ya' get? AKA What did Santa Claus bring?" It doesn't have to be from 2012 and it doesn't have to be rare or exotic – just memorable to you.

Our annual raffle will take on a modified format this year. The first prize is a \$1000 credit for Roy's Train World or \$800 in cash. Second prize is a \$500 credit at Arizona Train Depot or \$400 in cash. Third prize is \$100 in cash. This should make the raffle attractive to other train clubs and even non-train clubs. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. See Glenn to get yours.

The electronic ballot process encountered a few glitches which Paul Boston appears to have resolved. If possible, we'll plan to test the system with our next vote of the overall membership.

Our annual swap meet will be February 23rd with a pre-meet dinner Friday evening at Monti's in Tempe. Glenn, the meet chair, is finalizing arrangements. The dinner is targeted to our meet vendors who may be here before Saturday but is open to members as well. It's a good opportunity to meet vendors and others in the hobby in a somewhat relaxed setting. Contact Glenn (602-956-6695 or thmpr@cox.net) for more details or visit our www.gcmrr.org web site. We'll also need members to help before, during, and after the meet. Please let Glenn know what you can do.

The Christmas party was great. Thanks to the TCA group for inviting us to join them. Our next joint venture will be the picnic in March at the McCormick RR Park in Scottsdale.

Our mobile layout is unique. We can operate seven trains at once incorporating four different gauges. As a result, the layout is popular at places where we display it. The trailer was recently modified so as to allow it to fit in a normal garage. The only problem now is finding a garage. Until that time, we've been allowed to store it outside in the Adobe Mountain complex. Unfortunately the weather can and does take its toll on the layout resulting in re-fixing things that were fixed that last time we used it. The BoD is planning to get a tarp type cover to encase the layout when stored and when in transit to protect the layout from direct sun and from rain. The details are forthcoming and the expense involved will be well worth the savings in labor to keep the layout in good working order. If you have any questions/suggestions, please contact a BoD member with them.

One suggestion presented is for the club to plan outings beyond a toy train meeting that would tend to include significant others. Such outings could be local or out of town or potentially out of state. In simple terms, where would you like to go and/or what would you like to do? Please send me an e-mail (jzdraftz@cox.net) to let me know your thoughts.



Your Board "at work"

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 26 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - kid's module
Theme: What'd ya' get? AKA What did Santa Claus bring? Doesn't have to be 2012. Note: Adobe mobile layout runs (6th & 20th and Feb 3 & 17) – cancelled

February 22 - Pre Swap Meet social dinner. See article this issue.

February 23 - GCMR Public Swap Meet - Phoenix National Guard Armory. See article, flyers in this issue

March 23 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - S-ga modules
Theme: A favorite toy train (non-electric included)
Note: Adobe mobile layout runs (3 & 17) cancelled

OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

January 16 - 19 - Maricopa Live Steamers Winterfest operations meet

January 19 - Valley of the Sun S Gaugers meeting. For information and location, please contact Chuck Eral: e-mail: ceral1@cox.net Phone: 480-332-8120

January 19, 20 - Bostwick Collection Auction - 660 lots of postwar to modern Lionel trains, track accessories. For info, contact Peter Atonna 636-4228 or mjatonna@gmail.com

March 9 - Annual picnic with P&P, TCA - McCormick Railroad Park

March 16 - Sahuaro Central swap meet

March 23 - Falcon Field Open House

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SWAP MEET UPDATES

There is a new club activity planned in conjunction with the Swap Meet, a GCMR pre-swap banquet dinner to be held on Friday, February 22nd at Monti's La Casa Vieja in Tempe. Hopefully, this is the beginning of a new tradition for the GCMR in our attempt to expand the activities in conjunction with the Armory Swap. All train enthusiasts are invited including out-of-towners that arrive prior to the meet. Please see the flier in this newsletter and disseminate as desired to your other area train clubs. We think it will really enhance the fun of this big weekend for our club. Hope all GCMR members can plan to come.

About the swap meet itself. This year we are proposing an End-O-Swap auction at 2:00 PM for the vendors to clear unsold and/or unwanted items. We've done this in the past and have had calls for a return. Peter Atonna will be your "grand auctioneer".

Be sure to get your table reservations in soon as it has been a sell out the past couple of years.

This year's Annual Raffle Grand Prize will be a \$1,000 gift certificate to Roy's Train World or \$800 in cash. Second Prize is a \$500.00 gift certificate to Arizona Train Depot or \$400.00 in cash and third prize is a crisp \$100 bill. This new certificate or cash choice is to entice people at distance or of other scales. This way, they can select the cash option to shop more local to them or at a different gauge store or on line. Tickets will be available at the Swap Meet.

MEETING NOTES

Old Business

+ The Board will convene to work on the Policy Book after the Holidays.

Paul Boston updated the Club on the status of voting by email. We will be able to use this procedure now and the file will be designated "Train Club Voting." So any future election such as Club Officers and Board or any other issue can be done via internet for

those who use it. The remainder will be "mailed in" paper ballots.

+Jack Eaton again reiterated the need to cover our mobile trailer, and we should get that done now.

New Business

+ Cal Stewart Meet Report by Dave Brown, George Bean and Rod Johnson: At the Ontario Convention Center, we were set up in a very nice hall with excellent access for getting the Mobile Unit into the space provided. In fact, we were able to drive the truck right into the spot. The hotel was right across the street with substantial discounts available for the meet participants. This was most convenient. The new tires on the trailer were fine, and it towed very well at 60 mph.

John Draftz indicated that the Cal Stewart Meet is going back to the 3rd Saturday in November so we have to decide next year on what Saturday we will have our regular November Membership Meeting.

There is no doubt that the Cal Stewart folks know we are a benefit to their event, and we have the opportunity to encourage the vendors there to attend our Winter Meet in February. We must get our February Swap Meet flyers in the trailer to pass out at Cal Stewart.

+ George told of our dialogue with the Cal Stewart Club (Southern California) about a potential future regional organization. A discussion for such a move may be an agenda item for the January 2013 Meeting.

Bill Lazenby indicated that if we vote to pursue a regional setup, it could be a valid test of our new electronic voting system.

+Dave Brown mentioned that there is a fantastic parts vendor that is always at Cal Stewart, and maybe we should encourage him to sell at ours.

+TCA Christmas Party: Ralph Treichel said that 50 reservations are in so far, and TCA would like to have 100. The other two Valley major clubs are invited. (P&P, GCMR) Cost is \$25 a head or \$50 a couple, and kids are \$15. Deadline is the Saturday of the Turkey Meet.

+ Sign Ups for Adobe Mountain Holiday Runs: Adobe does a similar thing with Lights, etc. as is done at Railroad Park in Scottsdale. Free train rides, etc. are part of the Holiday time. The Steamers are okay with us putting our trailer under cover.

+ The Paradise Valley Methodist Church run on the 15th of Dec. with S & O Gauge Modules needs to be manned with volunteers hopefully with at least four runners. It is an exposure opportunity to recruit new members.

+ Glenn noted that a flyer for new and reupped members is available. Please pick up a few of these and give out to any interested folks. ABTO operators open houses are coming up the two weekends before Christmas. Sites for public viewing will be on their website. Dennis Sirrine has the second largest layout in the nation as far as we know.

+ On homes for the GCMR, George Bean noted that the old train station in Glendale being available is just a rumor, the City doesn't even own it. Sunnyslope could be a future venue possibility if volunteers take charge for a given Saturday. Others noted that this really is not a good option at this point. Glenn said that the old Trolley station is not good either for a possible GCMR home, and a private deal would not be backed by the City.



Dave's Show and Tell

+ Racks for the Trailer. There is good and bad news on how they will work out. A work day is needed to get more racks done.

+ Bryan Jewell is selling all his trains including a set plus a lot of other items, track & buildings, switches, and "how to books." See Bryan.

+ Glenn brought up the idea of a pre-GCMR Swap meet dinner idea on Friday evening and that we should think it over. The Possibilities could be Rustler's Roost, Holiday Inn, Monte's, etc.

GEORGE'S M10003 PROJECT

by George Bean

When we were at the Cal Stewart meet last October, I happened to notice a M10000 Union Pacific streamliner that had been restored and reworked. It had a gold plated body with black top and nose. The decals had been redone and the Union Pacific logo was different. This train was very striking and made quite an impression on me. Over the last month or so I just could not get that train out of my mind. So, I thought that why couldn't I do something like that.

I have two of the M10000's, one yellow and one silver. Oh, but bear with me. I am not going to destroy my 1936/7 M10000's. So I started to watch the Ebay sales. I found a power unit that did not have a motor and three cars that needed complete restoration. So with these old beat up train parts I thought that I could complete a project like I spotted at Cal Stewart.



As most of you know I have started to collect some standard gauge trains from the prewar era and I've sold most of my post war O gauge trains. My layout is TMCC and I want all of my O gauge trains to run

WINNERS!

Raffles:

Rod Johnson	Frisco Lionel Red Boxcar
Katie Elgar	Lionel Cable Car Gondola
Paul Boston	Lionel Happy Holidays Box Car
Jack Eaton	Lionel Kit Bridge

Mystery Box:

Frank Birney	Flatcar with load for Lionel Tractor Trailer
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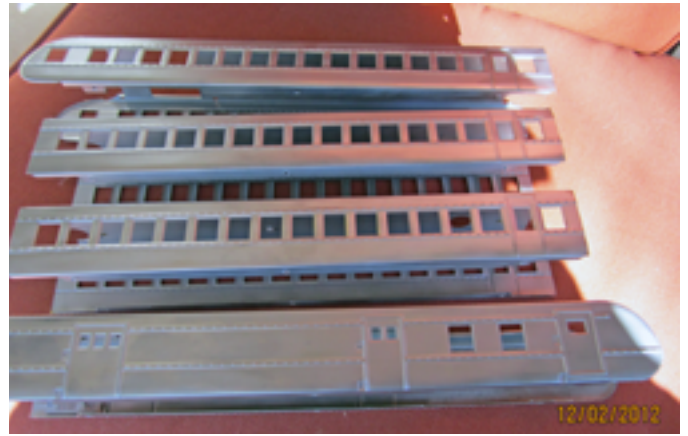
on the TMCC format. So this project had to have more than a different paint scheme, it had to have a complete up grade.

So here is a list of the requirements for this project.

1. The motor in the 1938 M10000, although it runs well enough, it has a “couple” of flaws. It can’t pull over three cars (lack of power) and it has two speeds - fast and very fast. So I would have to install a better motor.
2. It has to have TMCC with sound.
3. It has to have people in the windows.
4. It has to have a means to turn the interior lights on and off.
5. It has to have smoke.
6. It has to have head light and tail lights. (LED)
7. The exterior has to be chrome plate with red top and nose and black belly with all new graphics, car names and numbers.

As you can see by the photo I have my work cut out for me. I will document each of the modifications as I install all of the upgrades. The first is to find a motor that I can use and make sure that I can get the TMCC conversion and fit them into the train. After I fit everything then I will need to send it off to be plated and powder coated.

The second photo is of the striped train. I wanted to have a clean base before I start the modification. Watch for next month Main Line as I’ll be installing the motor and fitting the TMCC.



PARADISE UNITED METHODIST CHRISTMAS TRAIN RUN

by Dave Brown



We had our first run at Paradise United Methodist Church in early December. The guy in the green/blue shirt is Russ Mosser, cleaning the track on the O gauge module while Bill East is working on the S

gauge module. We had a nice group of people enjoying the trains.



Plastruct parts make out the platform, and 3/8 inch dowels with small brads make up the transformers.



DAVE'S NEW LAYOUT

by Dave Brown

I've been working on my new layout. The first picture show how the use of a mirror can make a layout look bigger. I got this idea from an old railroader, Earl Berkies.

The next bunch is a new accessory that I built, a fire in a barrel. It's an "O" scale plastic barrel with a hole drilled into the bottom, a pair of flashing LEDs, amber in color, for the fire, and a smoke unit out of a dead Kline Plymouth switcher. The LED light goes into the smoke, making the fire effect over the top of the barrel.

The last one is a project started a while ago, power transformers on a platform between poles. The poles are Lionel poles with the center one cut.



GCMR 2013 Calendar of Events

January:

- + Regular meeting (26th) – kid's module
Theme: What'd ya' get? AKA What did Santa Claus bring?
Doesn't have to be 2012.
- + Adobe run (6th & 20th) – mobile layout **cancelled**
- [other RR]**
- + TTOM Winter Swap Meet - Tucson bus trip (11-12)
- + Maricopa Live Steamers Winterfest operations meet (16-19)

February:

- + Swap meet (23rd) – dinner at Monti's the 22nd
- + Adobe run (3rd & 17th) – mobile layout **cancelled**

March:

- + Regular meeting (23rd) – S-ga modules
Theme: A favorite toy train (non-electric included)
P&P/GCMR/TCA picnic (9th) – McCormick RR Park
- + Adobe run (3rd & 17th) – mobile layout **cancelled**
- Sahuaro Central swap meet – (16th) mobile layout ???
- + Falcon Field Open House (30th) ???
- [other RR]**
- + Paradise Valley United Methodist Church (30th) – P&P use mobile
- + Cal Stewart Spring Meet (Nor Cal) (9-10)
- + ABTO open house (16-17)
- + Maricopa Live Steamers spring meet (14-17)

April:

- + Regular meeting (27th) – O-ga modules
Theme: Potpourri AKA bring whatever you like
- + Adobe run (7th & 21st) – mobile layout **cancelled**
- [other RR]**
- + Winslow Railroad Days

May:

- + Regular meeting (25th) – S-ga modules
Theme: Memorial Day; Space/Military Trains/Hardware
- + Nat'l Train Day – Williams: mobile (11th); ARM: module(s) (11th)
- + Adobe run (5th & 19th) – mobile layout **cancelled**
- [other RR]**
- + Maricopa Live Steamers runs end

June:

- + Regular meeting (22nd) – O-ga modules
Theme: Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc., item(s) w/flag(s)
- [other RR]**

- + Tucson swap meet (1st) ???

July:

- + Regular meeting (27th) – S-ga modules
Theme: skill at kit bashing, scratch building and repainting
AKA what do you have that's unusual?
- [other RR]**
- + "In the Heat" meet (28th) ???

August:

- + Regular meeting (24th) – O-ga modules
Theme: Tell us about your entry
"Guess the heat meet" - enter w/numbered item. Last 2-3 numbers of the engine or rolling stock = the way to guess the heat at 11am that day (call national weather service).
- [other RR]**
- + "Beat the Heat" meet and bus tour (17th)

September:

- + Regular meeting (28th) – S-ga modules
Theme: pizza meet - beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc)
drag races
- + Adobe run (15th) – mobile layout **cancelled**
- [other RR]**
- + Maricopa Live Steamers runs begin

October:

- + Regular meeting (26th) – O-ga modules
Theme: Halloween /National Convention Cars
- Adobe run (6th & 20th) – mobile layout **cancelled**
- + RailFair: (12-13) – mobile & module(s)
- + Sahuaro Central swap meet (19th) – mobile ???
- [other RR]**
- + Maricopa Live Steamers fall meet (17-20)

November:

- + Regular meeting (23rd) – S-ga modules
Theme: A Favorite Holiday Car (you pick the holiday)
- + Centennial Park Mesa: (2nd) – mobile layout ???
- + Cal Stewart Meet (15-16) – mobile layout ???
- + Turkey Meet (30th) – mobile layout
- + Adobe run (4th & 18th) – mobile layout **cancelled**

December:

- + Adobe evening lights: 6-7, 13-14 & 20-21 – mobile layout
- + GCMR/PnP/TCA party (8th) ???
- + Adobe run (2nd & 16th) – mobile layout **cancelled**
- + Paradise Valley United Methodist Church: (7th) ??? – module(s)

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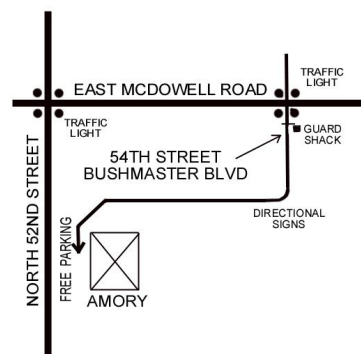
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Have you been to a monthly GCMR meeting recently? Not only are they informative and a great chance to meet and enjoy the company of your fellow members, but lots of folks come home with new goodies. Here is Katie Elgar with her prize from the November meet.