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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Draftz

Welcome to 2014! The January theme is "What'd ya' get? AKA What did Santa Claus bring?" It doesn't have to be from 2013 and it doesn't have to be rare or exotic – just memorable to you. A goal of this activity is to give members an opportunity to share the hobby with other members thus increasing our appreciation for our hobby.

As a reminder, 2014 dues are due before February. This is so the secretary can create a current member directory and get it distributed in February. A renewal form is elsewhere in this newsletter. If you haven't yet paid, please contact Barbara Turner (602-430-6306 or anubat@aol.com) as soon as practical to let her know your intentions.



The electronic ballot process seemed to go well. Thanks to Paul and Peter for their efforts in handling the voting.

Your officers for 2014 are John Draftz - president, Jack Eaton - vice-president, Barbara Turner - secretary, and Glenn Saber - treasurer. George Bean, Dave Brown, and Bill Richardson are your BoD members. The 2014 projected calendar of activities is elsewhere in this newsletter. Please review the calendar noting especially what the different themes are each month. Several entries have question marks after them 'cause the events are not yet finalized. Mark your calendar appropriately.



Our annual raffle will be: first prize - a \$1000 credit for Roy's Train World, second prize - a \$500 credit at An Affair with Trains, and third prize - \$100 in cash. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. See Glenn to get yours. We're considering giving three or more raffle tickets in lieu of the \$25. It's on the agenda for the meeting.

Our annual swap meet will be Saturday, February 15th. The date had to be changed due to a last minute conflict with the hall availability. The pre-meet dinner Friday evening was cancelled since it would now have been Valentine's Day and restaurants are busy. Contact Glenn (602-956-6695 or

thmpr@cox.net) for more details or visit our www.gcmrr.org web site. We'll need members to help before, during, and after the meet. Please let Glenn know what you can do. More info at the meeting.

The Christmas party was great. Thanks to the TCA group for inviting us to join them. Our next joint venture will be the picnic on Saturday, April 5th, at the McCormick RR Park in Scottsdale.

One suggestion presented to the club is 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.

We're planning to hold a couple of mini swap meets (probably April & September) on our regular meeting day where members only can have a sale table at the church to sell to the public. The meet would be free to the public. Details are still being resolved but the thinking is that we would have the meet early that Saturday followed by a brief club meeting. We'll plan to have an update for you at the meeting.

See you the 25th. Plan to bring a favorite "present" to show everyone.

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 10 - 11 Gadsden Pacific Winter Swap Meet, Tucson. Go to <http://www.gpdtoytrainmuseum.com/trainmeets.htm> for more information

January 25 - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, theme: What'd ya' get? AKA What did Santa Claus bring? Doesn't have to be 2013. kid's module

February 15 (NEW DATE) - GCMR Armory Swap Meet, see registration form this issue.

March 1 - Arizona Railway Day, Arizona Railway Museum, Chandler. See flyer this issue.

March 13-16 Maricopa Live Steamers spring meet, Adobe Mountain Park

March 15 - Sahuaro Central spring swap meet, Adobe Mountain Park

March 22 - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, theme: Theme: A favorite toy train (non-electric included)

March 29 - Falcon Field Boy's Toys open house

April 5 - Rails Along the Verde swap meet and open houses. See flyer this issue.

MEETING NOTES

Announcements

+ Jack Eaton had various sign up sheets for members to sign up to participate and run trains at various locations.

+ Our next event is on November 2nd at Pioneer Park in Mesa. John Draftz reported there is a train Swap meet at Adobe Mountain Park on the same day

+ The Cal-Stewart swap meet is on November 23 in Ontario, California. Dave Brown /George Bean and company will transport the mobile unit there

+ Adobe Lights Members needed to run trains on Dec 6,7,13&14 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

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+ Art Triant discussed the upcoming TCA Arizona Toy Train Show set for December 7th. The swap meet will be a Christmas theme show. Volunteers are needed

+ ABTO –G-Gauge group will be having various open houses at members home on Dec 7, 8, 14 & 15th Contact Glen Saber for further information

+ TCA Desert Division Christmas party is on Dec 8th. All clubs members are welcomed

+ ParadiseValleyUnitedMethodist Church on Dec 14. Both S & O gauge modules will be there

+ Dave Brown will have an open house today to see his layout following the meeting.

+ November meeting's theme will be Christmas/Holiday Cars

Show & Tell: Holiday theme or convention car

+ Bill Richardson brought in an orange S-gauge caboose and boxcar. It was from a Speed Queen set. You bought a washer and dryer and you got an American Flyer train set
+ Dave Brown had a die cast trolley car that he brought, as he wanted to win the drag race today. (That did not happen)

+ Bill Rodgers showed his prize collection of three Weaver Shamrock Tank Cars

+ John Draftz showed his Plastic Model S-gauge Derrick car

+ Paul Boston brought in his G-Gauge Convention cars, an orange boxcar and silver tank car. Paul has attended several G-Gauge conventions thought out the USA

Old Business

+ Next month's meeting will be November 23 but will start at 11am so members can attend the swap meet at the North Phoenix Baptist Church that same day.

+ John Draftz reported that there is no new information on our permanent location at Adobe Mountain Park

+ Glen Saber reported on the up-coming GCMR Swap meet on February 22nd. Members are be asked to drop off fliers to hobby shops, etc near their homes

+ Glen also discussed the annual raffle ticket sales that are still in the red. The drawing will be at the next meeting November 23. Will we break even?

New Business

+ The trailer is in need of two tires prior to the California trip. George Bean is to get it done.

+ The racks for the modular units need to be re-adjusted

+ Election Results for 2014 Officers were announced: President: John Draftz; Vice President: Jack Eaton; Secretary: Barbara Turner; Treasurer: Glen Saber; Board of Directors: Dave Brown, George Bean, Bill Richardson

+ Paul Boston explained the Electronic Balloting process. If you receive THE MAIN LINE via e-mail then you will receive a ballot. Paul and Peter Atonna will send out snail mail ballots to members who do not have e-mail or wish to receive a written ballot

+ John Draftz then discussed various ways the GCMR can get more members and also how to get current members to be more involved.

CHURCH RUNNING

John Draftz, Bill Lazenby, Dave Brown and Bill East ran trains on our modules last December 14th at the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church. Looks like we had a nice turnout this year.



membership. The renewal notice is with this newsletter and for those receiving by email, I've also included it as a separate attachment to make it easier to print. Please fill it out and get it sent in as soon as you can.

You can mail it or bring it to the January meeting. A request, however. Please make out at least your name, address, phone and email address and turn the form in. In that way, we can make sure your information is up to date when we publish the 2014 Membership list in March.



WINNERS !

Milwaukee Rd Tractor Trailer---Ken Barnes

Central Georgia Boxcar---Jack Eaton

Maintenance Kit---Bill Lazenby

Mystery Price—State of Maine boxcar—Bill Lazenby

ANNUAL RAFFLE DRAWINGS!

1st - \$1000 or gift certificate to Roy's Train World: Dallas Dixon

2nd - \$500 or gift certificate to an Affair with Trains: Bill East

3rd - \$100 cash: Peter Atonna



DUES ARE DUE

Tis the first of the year and time to renew your Grand Canyon Model Railroaders



Looks like Jack is ready to draw a lot of winners

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Arizona Railway Museum on Arizona Railway Day



ARM at Armstrong
Park circa 1988

1984 — 2014

ARM at Tumbleweed
Park July 2011



Tour vintage railcars rarely open to the public. Blow the horn on a diesel locomotive. Fun for all ages. Remember the way we used to travel. See model railroad clubs and other railroad displays.

Come see our special exhibitor, Amtrak's Exhibit Train.

First time EVER in the Phoenix area. Exhibitors subject to change.

March 1, 2014 9AM—4PM

330 E. Ryan Rd. Chandler, AZ

Arizona Ave 1 mile south of San Tan loop 202

(480) 821-1108 www.azrymuseum.org

Clarkdale, AZ “Rails along the Verde” Model Trains & Etc. Swap Meet

Saturday April 5, 2014 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium – 19 North Ninth Street, Clarkdale

Sponsored by the Verde River Valley Nature Organization this new event showcases the Verde Valley Railroad History both past and present. Tours of exciting model railroad layouts including the largest layout in Arizona will be featured in the afternoon along with the opportunity to take a ride in a special event coach car on the Verde Canyon Railroad. The coach car will feature food, a presentation of the history and nature along the rails.

Admission: Adults \$5 (Free w/pre-purchase of Verde Canyon Railroad Excursion ticket from VRVNO – see below). Children 12 and under free.

Vendor Tables: \$25.00 per table in advance. (\$20 w/pre-purchase of Verde Canyon Railroad Excursion ticket from VRVNO – see below) One free admission to swap meet with each table. Table sales subject to availability. Dealer setup time 7:00 am to 9:00 am.

For more information, to reserve a table or to pre-purchase Excursion tickets with free admission ticket call Bruce Maurer 307-259-0765 or email at ionicb@hotmail.com.

VERDE CANYON RAILROAD EXCURSION – Offered exclusively through this event:

First-class tickets on a 24 seat luxury seat car. The trip on the Verde Canyon Railroad will leave at 1:00 pm from the railroad station which is a short distance away from the Swap Meet Auditorium location. The train returns at approximately 5:30 pm. Admission Customers and Vendors will be able to leave purchases and wares in a locked and supervised storage area for no charge, while they are traveling on the train. The railcar will feature exclusive presentations not available to the general traveling public. In addition all riders will be furnished a “brunch” basket of food items in addition to the snacks normally provided by the railroad. These extras along with discounts on admission or vendor fees (see above) to the swap meet will be available at the regular first class rate of \$79.95 plus tax. **Tickets and admissions must be purchased through VRVNO (above).**

EXTRA EVENTS: Special opportunities for vendors and customers to take Verde River canoe trips and Nature Hiking trips at special prices are being negotiated. Call for more information 307-259-0765.

“ONE OF ARIZONA’S LARGEST”

MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEET AND SHOW THE ARMORY MEET

NEW DATE: SATURDAY, FEB. 15th, 2014



9 AM - 1 PM \$6/PERSON \$11/FAMILY

(\$1.00 off coupon available in fliers and newspaper advertisements)

AZ ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

East McDowell Road and

North 54th Street/Bushmaster Blvd.

(Proceed south on 54th Street through gate and guard shack)

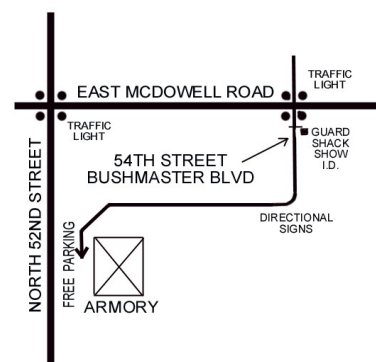
**Aggressive Promotion, All Scales, Great Location,
Trains Layouts, Food Services, Raffles, Free Parking**

High-Noon Engine Races and Engine Demolition,

“Buck-A-Bark” Table Advertising, End-O-Swap Auction

To reserve your space and required admission name badges, submit this form by February 8, 2014

No refunds after February 8, 2014. Security is scheduled to unlock the hall at 6:00 AM,
however, their prompt arrival cannot be guaranteed. Please print form legibly.



Name	\$25 per 8' banquet table (Bring a table cover, if desired) How many tables? _____ Amount enclosed? \$ _____ Request? _____ Will you participate in the auction? Seller? _____ Buyer? _____
Address	
City State Zip	
Phone Email	
Buying, selling, ethics and behavior: In case of dispute, the Meet Chairperson and/or impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairperson shall arbitrate the dispute and render a timely decision and I hereby agree to be bound by such decision. I will not pack until 2:00 PM. Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.	
Signature	Date
Armory Swap - February 15, 2014 Make check payable to: “Grand Canyon Model Railroaders” Mail to: Glenn Saber, 3415 E Pasadena Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85018 Info: Glenn Saber 602-956-6695 Credit cards accepted via PayPal - Visit www.gcmrr.org Email: info@gcmrr.org	
Admission Name Badges 1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max. Badge #1 _____ Badge #2 _____ 3 tables or more = 4 badges max. Badge #3 _____ Badge #4 _____ More badges available at \$5.00 each	

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The Holiday Season for 2013 is over and our trees and Christmas trains are probably long put away. But to keep the memories alive, here are some of my favorite shots from the season as posted on the OGR chat line