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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Welcome to 2015! This year will be a milestone year for the GCMR (kilometerstone for those who speak metric). We've made a "giant leap" in public exposure with two major swap meets (Winter Cactus Meet & Summer Cactus Meet), two mini swap meets (April & September), over six public venues (in the Valley and out), and several non-train activities. The good news is that we can pull it all off and have fun while we're doing it.

The January theme is "What'd ya' get? AKA What did Santa Claus bring?" It doesn't have to be from 2014 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, 2015 dues are due this month (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.

Your officers for 2015 are John Draftz - president, George Bean - vice-president, Barbara Turner - secretary, and Glenn Saber - treasurer. Dave Brown, Rod Johnson, and Bill Richardson are your BoD members.

Our annual raffle ("**Annual 1K Raffle**") will be: first prize - \$500 cash, second prize - a K-Line ABA

diesel set, and third prize - \$100 in cash. Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, or 10 for \$50. See Barbara or Glenn to get yours. We'll continue giving three raffle tickets to the winning ticket holder drawn at regular meetings. The winner need not be present to win.

Our Winter Cactus swap meet will be Saturday, February 28th. Visit our www.gcmrr.org web site for more details and to make a table reservation. We'll need members to help before, during, and after the meet. Please let us know what you can do. Unless we can identify a place, the pre-meet dinner Friday evening won't happen. If anyone has thoughts, let a BoD member know. More info at the meeting.

Our spring and fall mini-meets will be on our regular meeting day and follow the format we used last fall. Members only can have a sale table at the church to sell to the public. The meet is free to the public. The 2015 annual spring mini-meet is planned for our April 25th meeting day. We need someone who would be willing to serve as the event coordinator. Any volunteers?

The members voted to expand our activities by hosting a summer swap meet (Summer Cactus Meet) since present indications are that the In The Heat Meet may not be held. We'll use the facility at North Phoenix Baptist. More details 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 11th, at the McCormick RR Park in Scottsdale.

The 2015 projected calendar of activities is elsewhere in this newsletter. Please review the calendar noting especially what the different themes are that month. Several entries have question marks after them 'cause the events are not yet finalized. Mark your calendar appropriately.

Plans are to hold another GCMR potluck/picnic for members and guests in the spring (March ?) but locate it somewhere on the east side. If you have a suggested date, please share it with a BoD member.

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.

See you the 24th. 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 24 - GCMR meeting. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

January 31 - Desert Division 300 lot auction - Phoenix

February 28 - GCMR Armory Swap Meet - Phoenix. See reservation form in this issue.

March 28 - GCMR meeting. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

April 11 - Joint club's Spring Picnic. Scottsdale Railroad Park

June 20 - Train Day, Williams

July 25 - GCMR Swap Meet, North Phoenix Baptist Church

MEETING NOTES: November Meeting

by Barbara Turner
Announcements

- Cal Stewart will be on November 21-23.

- The TCA Desert Division Auction is November 29.

- The TCA Toy Train Show will be held on December 6th.

- The joint Christmas Party will be held on December 7th.

- The dates for Adobe Lights are December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20.

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- The ABTO Open Houses are on December 13, 14, 20, and 21 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The exception is Glenn Saber whose open house will be from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

- Paradise Valley United Methodist Church run date is December 13 from 10-12am.

Show and Tell

- Bill Richardson brought his Mantua (HO) engines with three passenger cars. These date from the mid 1990's.

- Static displays:

+ Glenn Saber brought a Marx 1939 Sears Christmas Set. He has decorated the cars with Christmas decorations.

+ Ralph Treichel brought miscellaneous Christmas cars: a Kline Anhauser Busch car from 1997, a 1987 Lionel, Anhauser Busch season's greetings, and a Lionel 1999 car.

+ John Draftz had a Polar Express hot chocolate car.

Old Business

- Bill Richardson reported on the Rods, Rails, and Steel Wheels event held at Pioneer Park in Mesa

- Barbara Turner said that if anyone is interested in badges or vests to contact her.

- Glenn Saber reported on a possible swap meet at North Phoenix Baptist Church. The church is eager to have us host a meet there and is looking at July 25 in 2015. Advantages of the church are that it would be cheaper

than the armory and it can be booked a year in advance. A farmer's market will be happening at the same time so the chance of people coming in from that event is a plus. George Bean made a motion to have a swap meet at the church in July in lieu of our regular July meeting. The motion was seconded by Rod Johnson. The motion carried.

- 2015 Swap Meet update: John Draftz reported that Jack Eaton is working on raffle prizes for the meet.

- John Draftz is pursuing the possibility of Pioneer Park in Mesa as a possible permanent location. The possibility of a permanent location at Encanto Park in Phoenix was brought up. John will pursue this also.

- A work party made up of Jack Eaton, Bill Richardson, Rod Johnson, Bob Prehara and George Bean worked on the mobile trailer. The S gauge track was taken up, cleaned, and replaced, connections were soldered, the trailer was cleaned and vacuumed, new tires were mounted, and numerous small problems were corrected. George Bean made a motion, with Ralph Treichel seconding, that Bill Richardson be authorized to buy accessories for the trailer up to \$500. The motion carried.

- A work day for the module trailer will be scheduled for some time after the Armory Swap Meet.

New Business

- Dave Brown gave an election update. Deadline for voting is December 5th and



results will be announced at the Christmas Party.

- Jack Eaton passed around signup sheets for volunteers to man upcoming events.

- John Draftz brought up the pre-Armory Meet dinner. There was no volunteer to organize this event and it was decided not to hold one this year.

- The 2015 raffle prizes will be: 1st - \$500; 2nd – an engine; 3rd - \$100. This motion was made by George Bean and seconded by Dave Brown. The motion passed

DUES ARE DUE

Yes, like most clubs, we must ask our members for their 2015 dues after the first of the year. And that is true of the GCMR too! If you are receiving this newsletter by email (bless you!), the dues renewal form will be the last page. Please just print it off and mail it with your check to Barbara. If you are receiving it hard copy, it is included as a separate page.

As always, I REMIND YOU to please update any information on the renewal form - particularly email addresses, cell phone numbers and of course address changes. I will publish the new roster and will mail it to all members. So, to make sure your information is accurate, please make sure you let Barbara know of any updates.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by George Bean

I was working in the train room and thinking about 2014 club activities and how much we accomplished. It was a good year for running the different train layouts and success with the mini swap meet. As always the main swap meet went well. We are in great shape moving forward for this year.

Then, as I was finishing some of the projects on my own trains I was thinking of what we need to do with the club trains and layouts. We need to keep updating our mobile layout. Some examples are getting more of the lights working and making sure we have an operating accessory for each of the switches. I would also like to see a monitor that broadcasts the train movement around the track. On the modules we need to come up with a better way to mount the legs and the track bridge between them. We still have work to be completed on the Module Trailer.

What I would like to see is someone taking on the role of Sergeant of each project or layout, gather a group to help and get them ready for the coming year's run. I would be willing to take the mobile layout myself. We would also need someone to step up and take the lead on the Modules and trailer repairs.

As we move forward with taking on an additional swap meet it becomes important for each member to step up and help wherever they can. With the addition of a July swap meet we move closer to our goal of having the money to build when we find the right location.

Speaking of projects, as most of you know I have been working on collecting some of old Lionel standard gauge trains. I was hoping to have one of each type of engine and the cars from each decade. I like to find the cars or engines that are in bad shape then rebuild them; not to restore but to make them look good and be able to run them whenever I can.

I have been working on the 1910-20 and 1920-30 decades. Starting in the early 1910's Lionel had what was known as the 10 and 100 series of cars. The 10 series was the larger, more expensive size and the 100 smaller and less expensive. (Just like O and O27!) With the 10 series, I am having some trouble finding them in the condition that I like. But I do have a start with the number 13 cattle car. (see photos). I have completed the 100 series except for putting the correct numbers and road names on the cars.

I've also started on some of the engines. I have a number 38 complete and one still waiting on the motor being repaired at Gerry's trains.



From the top left:
 #13 cattle car, #114 boxcar, #112 gondola, #116
 ballast car, #115 tank car
 From the top right:
 #117 caboose, #38 electric, incorrect #400 tender,
 correct #400 tender

I also have a number 42 needing a motor but the body work is just about finished. I also picked up a number 400 Blue Comet, but I found out someone handmade the tender. Workmanship on this handmade tender is great, looks good and took a lot of work. But it is not the correct tender, so I found one that was correct and I am in the process of rebuilding it. The engine also needed some work so I'm working on it well.

Well that is enough of my projects. I am looking forward to seeing what you all are planning and working on this year.

Just as a side note, in the 100 series photos there is an anomaly. See if you can find it. I'll tell you about it at the next meeting. I hope to see all of you there

ATLAS ANNOUNCEMENT

Many Atlas customers have been aware of the product delivery problems for the past many months. In case you have not seen it, here is the recent announcement from Atlas concerning their manufacturing situation - ED

Dear Atlas Customers, In this season of caring, giving and hope, I would like to sincerely thank you all for the past and continued support you have given to Atlas Model Railroad Company during recent turbulent times. As many of you know, Atlas dissolved its relationship with a primary overseas supplier due to their request for excessive, across the board price increases. These increases would have placed Atlas and our dealers and distributors in a no-win competitive position, resulting in more severe business disruption, and potential business failure for Atlas.

We, of course, could not allow this to happen. Following this decision, Atlas needed to transfer thousands of its proprietary molds and tools from multiple factory and warehouse locations to multiple new supplier locations. This was easier said than done. Mold transfers were delayed, incomplete, damaged, etc., which necessitated Atlas to remake needed molds and tools, acquire new machinery, and

in some cases go through a steep manufacturing learning curve. The chosen path, while painful for Atlas and our customers, has eventually allowed Atlas to reconfigure its supplier base and resulted in a stronger and wiser Company. At this point in time, Atlas is close to the healthy production levels reached prior to market disruption. Dealer and distributor fulfillment is currently averaging 70% and many of our products are at much higher levels. 2015 will be better, as our new suppliers work smarter and more productively to deliver needed products. Let me be crystal clear regarding any rumors about the imminent demise of Atlas Model, Atlas O, and our products. Setting aside the wishful thinking of a few competitors, these rumors are baseless and without merit. I will admit that some of the O scale product re-development efforts were more difficult than some of the N & HO.

This was caused by complex and lengthy re-creation of needed molds and tools, as well as the additional opportunity to upgrade all 2 & 3 rail switches. Be assured that the added time to market for any Atlas product is well worth the effort. Atlas has re-established consistency in the production and shipment of HO & N track and accessories, and a 100% effort is now being given to O scale 2 & 3 rail track and accessories. We are totally committed to the complete return of all scales in all categories, including rolling stock, locomotives, track and accessories. The overwhelming majority of all Atlas product categories in every scale have had molds and tools fully restored to equal or better quality. Initial production and reproduction is proceeding on schedule, and an active new product development plan is being carried out.

The resolution of the above situation could not have occurred without the hard work and dedication of all Atlas team members, as well as the understanding and continued loyalty and support of our customers. I sincerely apologize for the effects this disruption may have caused your business and, or hobby pursuits, and I look forward to increased mutual development and growth in this great hobby of model railroading both now and in the immediate future. Happy Holidays to All, Thomas W. Haedrich
Executive Chairman

“ONE OF ARIZONA’S LARGEST”

MODEL RAILROAD

SWAP MEET AND SHOW

THE ARMORY MEET

SATURDAY, FEB. 28th, 2015



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

(\$1.00 off coupon available in public fliers and at www.gcmrr.org)

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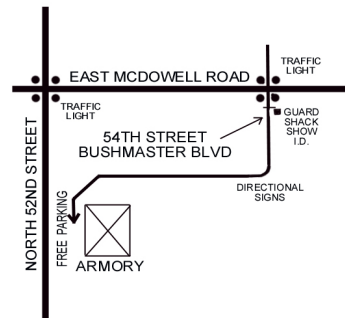
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Name _____	\$25 per 8' banquet table (Bring a table cover, if desired)
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One of the traditions at GCMR meetings is raffle drawings - with some great prizes each month. Here is Bob Prehara with his Mystery Box prize. Just one more reason for joining the folks at monthly meetings.



2015 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.

(PLEASE PRINT!)

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

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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.

<u>ERA</u>	<u>GAUGE</u>	<u>MANUFACTURER</u>	<u>LAYOUT</u>	<u>PERIPHERALS</u>
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		
	K-N	U-K Line		
	L-Z	V-Marklin		
	M-Other	W-Other		

After completion, please bring it to the January meeting or mail it along with your check in the amount of \$35.00 made payable to GCMR to:

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