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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

Welcome to 2017. Starting now, we are going to be very busy. On the 28th of January we have our first business meeting of the year, with the first sales and drawing for our annual raffle. We will get an up date on table sales for our February Cactus Meet and go over plans for train runs coming up, including one at the end of February. We will also look at a possible work party on the first weekend in February to prepare for that run. This is just the start of 2017 with lots still to come.

Speaking of the January meeting, the show and tell theme will be to show what Santa gave you at Christmas (as it relates to trains!).

Other events coming up: April 1 is the date for the three club annual picnic at Railroad Park, followed by our mini meet at the Church. There is also the Williams Train Day run. I am sure there will be other runs that will come up, so be at the January meeting for a full run down on this year's club activities.

I would like to thank all club members that helped at Adobe Mountain Park during the Christmas season with their three weekend train runs. I know it was cold at night, however watching the kids watching the trains and playing with our accessories, to me, made it worth it. Thanks a lot to you all.

Remember, they let us park our trailers out there, so this is a small payback to them for their kindness.

That's all for now. Please don't forget that dues are due at this meeting, so don't forget to come out on the 28th.

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 28 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

February 4, 5 - World's Greatest Hobby Show. Phoenix convention center. Info: <http://wghshow.com/phx2017/>

February 18 - GCMR Winter Cactus Swap Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church

March 25 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

April 1 - All Club Spring Picnic - Scottsdale Railroad Park. More details next issue

MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

BOD Meeting

Announcements:

The GCMR 2016 annual raffle will be later today (November 19) at the General Membership meeting.

The Cactus Winter Meet is between 25% and 50% sold already.

Dave Brown reported that we will not be running our modules at the TCA's swap meet on December 10th.

New Business:

At least one of our TIU's needs repair. Repairing it should be cheaper than buying a new one so John Draftz will send it in for repair.

Jack Eaton and Paul Boston will coordinate the election ballots and results.

Peter Atonna needs reimbursement for newsletter expenses.

John Draftz will provide the sign up sheets for running trains on the mobile layout for six days at the Adobe Mountain Railroad Park during the Christmas and Holiday season. These will be available at the general membership meeting.

TCA has asked the GCMR to help advertise their December swap meet by emailing our swap meet vendors. The board agrees that we can do this. John Draftz will send the email.

John Draftz is checking with the State Fair Grounds about a location, maybe similar to that of the Thunderbird RR club at the fair grounds.

John Draftz has contacted Walthers, Verde Canyon RR, and Grand Canyon RR about prizes for our Cactus Winter Meet. We have received a catalog and a HO train car from Walthers. We have a set of tickets for the

Verde Canyon RR, and we have two sets of tickets for the Grand Canyon RR.

In an effort to provide some organization to our advertising, Glenn Saber will provide two folders to keep our club advertising for the module and the mobile layouts.

General Membership Meeting

Announcements:

Treasurer Glenn Saber gave the Treasurer's report. The report specified the amounts in the checking account and the PayPal account. A reimbursement will be going to Peter Atonna for his newsletter expenses. The report was accepted by the membership present.

Secretary Bill Richardson gave the Secretary's report. Motion was made to accept previous month's Membership Meeting minutes as published. Motion passed.

Get your reservations in by November 30th for the December 4th Christmas Holiday Party.

Dave Brown reported to the membership that we will not be running our modules at the TCA's swap meet in December, and that next year their swap meet will be back to the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Old Business:

The fundraiser event, "Rails, Rods, and Steel Wheels Car Show", at Pioneer Park in Mesa on Saturday November 5th went very well. The GCMR ran our mobile trailer there and

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as usual the model trains were a big hit.
Thanks to all who participated.

New Business:

Jack Eaton and Paul Boston will coordinate the election ballots and results. Ballots can be electronically submitted or through snail mail.

Janet Mattern will put out advertising for the Cactus Winter Meet at the TCA Swap meet on December 10th.

We are participating in the Adobe Mountain Christmas and Holiday event at Adobe Mountain Railroad Park the three weekends before Christmas from 5:30 - 8:00 PM Fridays and Saturdays. Sign up sheets are available at this meeting. This event draws a lot of people so try to make it out there at least once. Show up when you can and bring a train to run.

The GCMR, TCA, P&P annual train club picnic will be held on April 1st, 2017. Special thanks goes to Rich Fortmeyer and Bill Lazenby for standing in line at 6:30 AM to reserve the Stillman Ramada for the 2017 picnic.

Vic Worthington will provide the club with more information and details on the Buckeye Air Fair so we can determine our possible participation.

Show and Tell:

+ Glenn Saber brought in his 1939 Marx 6" tin train from Sears which he decorated,
+ Bill Richardson brought in his On30 Budweiser train
+ John Draftz brought in his K-Line Rail Diesel Car (RDC) and a toy that looks like a steam engine made from cans.

CACTUS MEET UPDATE

by John Draftz

As of this writing we currently have over 120 tables sold thus over 80% sold out.

To make the meet more successful, it's important for everyone to get the word out to the public. The more potential buyers we have, the more potential sales will be made thus more satisfied sellers we'll have. If we can get every public school in the Valley to allow meet information to go home with the students, we should have a great turnout. Please check with schools near you to see what they will allow you to do.

Go to our website, www.gcmrr.org to find details about the meet. Contact Glenn (602-956-6695 or thmpr@cox.net) about flyers, posters, etc. to learn what we have.

Wave been given raffle prizes from:

Classic Toy Trains
Durango & Silverton
Grand Canyon Railway
Model Railroader
Verde Canyon Railroad
Walthers

I Am expecting more from others but need to re-contact them. In addition, there will be train sets and probably dinner theatre tickets.

If you have not sent in your table reservation, the form is in this issue. And if you would like to help at the meet, please contact me.

LOCOMOTIVE CONTROL STAND FINDS NEW LIFE

by William Diven, Benson News-Sun

The hand on the throttle could be yours if you follow Union Pacific's Sunset Corridor through Southern Arizona and stop by Benson's trackside visitors center.

There, an AAR control stand outfitted with EMD components invites would-be Casey Joneses to take a seat and drive a train. But while the locomotive controls and gauges are 1:1 scale, the train is garden size looping on 96 feet of track 8 feet up the interior wall of the center.

In lieu of a seat in the cab of the G scale UP SD70, a nose-mounted video camera sends the view ahead to a screen at the control stand.

City Director of Tourism, Bob Nilson, says he designed the setup and built the control cabinet after the San Pedro & Southwestern Railway gave him access to one of its 55-year-old ex-Santa Fe engines. The short line interchanges with UP near the visitors center.

"I took photos and measurements off their GP30," Nilson says during an interview interrupted by horn blasts from a passing UP freight. Scratch-built linkage and gearing connect the locomotive parts with the G scale controls, he adds.

A \$6,000 grant from the Union Pacific Foundation underwrote the layout and part of the control stand. PowerRail Distribution of Duryea, Pa., donated the throttle and dynamic brake modules while the SA 26 and 26 C brake components were donated by Multi-Service Supply of Leetsdale, Pa.

"The railroad people have been very good to me," Nilson adds. The rest of the gauges and switches were purchased online.

G-scale trains began operating at the visitors center in August 2016, and the control stand was ready in time for Santa trains in December. City staff and museum volunteers worked to create and install the Polar Express-theme display.

Among the visitors were Tim and Mary Winters of Clarksville, Tenn. "My brother worked at the Benson train depot back in the '50s and '60s when it was still an active train station," Tim told a reporter from the Benson News-Sun. "This is a neat activity for people who stop in here. I know the kids love doing this, but I'm sure you get your share adults as well."

Nilson, an HO scale modeler with little time to for his home layout at the moment, says about 16,000 people visited the Benson center in 2016. His best guess is about a third would qualify as rail fans. The center grounds include a patio area with a gazebo and benches suitable for train watching.



WINNERS IN THE ANNUAL RAFFLE DRAWING!

John Draftz - 3rd place - \$100.00
Rod Johnson - 2nd place - \$300.00

Our Grand prize winner was none other than:

Bill East - 1st place - \$600.00

WINNERS - IN THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY DRAWINGS!

Ralph Treichel - Lionel 6-36270 Angela Trotta Thomas boxcar
Jack Eaton - Lionel 6-29919 2004 Toy Fair boxcar
Dana Price - Lionel 6-17304 Wabash Reefer
John Draftz - Lionel 6-16238 New York, New Haven, Hartford boxcar
John Draftz - MTH Rail King #450 signal bridge

The Mystery Raffle prize winner was:
Jack Eaton - K-Line K-42401 smoking caboose yard office.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 18th, 2017

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(\$1.00 off cards and coupons available - next to large Farmers Market!)



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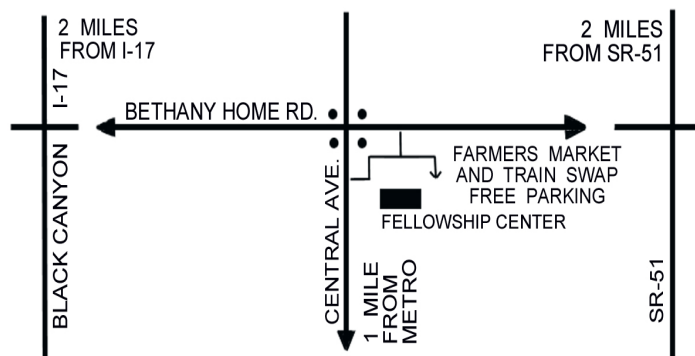
**Aggressive Promotion, All Scales,
Great Location, Train Layouts,
Test Track, Food Available, Raffles
Free Parking, "End-O-Swap" Auction**

Presented by your pal Casey Cactus and the
GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

To reserve your space and required admission name
badges, submit this form by February 11, 2017

No refunds after February 11, 2017.

Set-up opens at 6:00 AM Please print form legibly.



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\$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? _____

Admission Name Badges
1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

3 or more tables = 4 badges max.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

More badges available at \$5.00 each

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OK, this is an early promo to get you thinking of joining the bus group to this summer's Beat the Heat meet in Prescott. Here is a shot of the ongoing downtown construction on your Editor's layout. The vacant lot in the foreground has a construction contract already let, so should be filled by the time the GCMR bus arrives. (Note, our Prescott club has already had table requests! So in the next month's issue, I'll have a table reservation form for you)