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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Welcome to 2018! The January theme is "What'd ya' get? AKA What did Santa bring?" It doesn't have to be from 2017 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, 2018 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 Bill Richardson (623-203-0329 or willielumplump@cox.net) as soon as practical to let him know your intentions.

Your officers for 2018 are John Draftz - president, Jack Eaton - vice-president, Bill Richardson - secretary, and Glenn Saber - treasurer. George Bean, Dave Brown, and Janet Mattern are your BoD members.

Our annual raffle ("Annual 1K Raffle") will be: first prize - \$600 cash, second prize - \$300 cash, and third prize - \$100 in cash. Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, or 10 for \$50. See Bill R 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 17th. Visit our www.gcmrr.org web site for

more details and to make a table reservation. Last year we had a sellout. As of this writing we have almost 80% of the tables "sold" with another sellout projected. We'll need members to help before, during, and after the meet. Jack is coordinating assignments. Please let him know how you can help. We've talked about a pre-meet dinner the Friday evening before the meet. 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've used before. Initially GCMR members only can have a free sale table at the church to sell to the public. Any tables still available at the first of the month before the meet will be made available to members of other railroad clubs. The meet is free to the public. The 2018 annual spring mini-meet is planned for our April 28th meeting day. Janet has been willing to serve as the event coordinator. Let her know if you want a table. Our challenge is to get the word out to the public. Any ideas?

The summer swap meet (Summer Cactus Meet) held at the facility at North Phoenix Baptist has been well received. At present, the summer meet is somewhat smaller than the winter meet, but it appears to be growing.

The Christmas party was great as usual. Thanks to the TCA group for inviting us to join them. Our next joint venture will be the picnic on Saturday, April 7th, at the McCormick RR Park in Scottsdale. More details later.

The 2018 projected calendar of activities is elsewhere in this newsletter. Please review the

calendar noting especially what the different themes are and when. Several entries have question marks after them 'cause the details are not yet finalized. Mark your calendar appropriately. Also, let me know of changes and/or other entries to add.

We've held a GCMR potluck/picnic for members and guests in the fall and it seemed to be welcomed. Since we don't usually have a November meeting, it was a way to get together. If possible, we had trains running. Is there interest in a fall GCMR potluck/picnic and, if so, what day/time would work well? A central location would make it easier for members to attend. Let a BoD member know your thoughts.

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 27th. 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 27 - GCMR Meeting - Out Saviour's Lutheran Church - bring a layout to operate

Theme: What'd ya' get? AKA What did Santa bring? Doesn't have to be in 2017

February 17 - Cactus Winter Swap Meet, North Phoenix Baptist Church - see registration form this issue

March 24 - GCMR Meeting - Out Saviour's Lutheran Church

2018 GCMR EVENTS

January:

Regular meeting (27th) – individual layouts

Theme: What'd ya' get? AKA What did Santa bring? Doesn't have to be 2017

[other events]

TTOM Winter Swap Meet - Tucson bus trip (13-14th)

Maricopa Live Steamers Winterfest Operations Meet (17-20th)

February:

Winter Cactus swap meet (17th) – (dinner at ??? on the 16th @ 6pm)

[other events]

AZ Railway Day, Chandler – ARM: mobile (24th) 9-4pm

March:

Regular meeting (24th) – individual layouts

Theme: A Favorite Holiday Car (you pick the holiday)

[other events]

Falcon Field Open House, Mesa – module(s) (3rd) 9-2pm

Cal Stewart Spring Meet (Nor Cal)

Maricopa Live Steamers spring meet (12-18th)

Sahuaro Central swap meet – (17th)

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ABTO open house (28-29th)
Paradise Valley United Methodist Church (31st) –
Easter Saturday: P&P uses the mobile 7-2pm

April:

P&P/GCMR/TCA picnic (7th) – McCormick RR
Park – Aste Ramada 11-1pm
Spring mini swap meet & regular meeting (28th) –
kid's layout (?) & test track
[other events]: Winslow Railroad Days

May:

Regular meeting (19th) **Note:** 3rd Sat – individual
layouts
Theme: Memorial Day; Space/Military Trains/
Hardware; Drag races stock & custom

June:

Regular meeting (23rd) – individual layouts
Theme: Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day; Red,
White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars,
etc.; item(s) w/flag(s)
[other events]
Williams train day, Williams (has been cancelled)
TTOM Tucson swap meet (4th) ???

July:

Summer Cactus swap meet (28th) – (dinner at ???
the 27th 6pm)

August:

Regular meeting (25th) – individual layouts
Theme: “Guess the heat meet” Tell us about your
entry. Enter w/numbered item. Last 2-3 numbers of
the engine or rolling stock = the way to guess the
heat at 11am that day w/o going over (call national
weather service 602-275-0073 opt 4 opt 1)
[other events]
“Beat the Heat” meet and bus tour (18th)

September:

Fall mini swap meet & regular meeting (24th) – kid's
layout (?) & test track

October:

Regular meeting (27th) – individual layouts – annual
raffle drawing. Theme: pizza meet - beverage cars
(beer, wine, soda pop, etc)
RailFair: (8-9th) – mobile & module(s)
[other events]
Maricopa Live Steamers fall meet (22-28th)

Sahuaro Central swap meet (27th)

November:

No regular meeting - Fall picnic-potluck (18th) –
location ??? 5:30-8pm.
Pioneer Park, Mesa: (3rd) – mobile layout (Rails,
Rods & Steel Wheels)
Cal Stewart Meet (17-18th) – mobile layout ???
[other events]
TTOM swap meet (17-18th) ???
TCA Swap Meet (17th) – module(s) ???
TCA auction (24th) ???

December:

No regular meeting – election results
Adobe evening lights: (N30-D1, 7-8th, 14-15th) –
mobile layout – 5:30-8
GCMR/PnP/TCA party (2nd)
Paradise Valley United Methodist Church: (8th) 6 - 8
– module(s) ???

EVENT VENUES

February

– 3rd Sat (17th) 9-1pm – NPBC, Phoenix: Winter
Cactus swap meet: mobile layout w/o
module(s) ???
– 4th Sat (24th) 9-4pm – ARM, Chandler: AZ
Railway Day: mobile layout

March

– 1st Sat (3rd) 9-2pm – Falcon Field, Mesa: open
house: module(s)

July

– 4th Sat (28th) 9-1pm – NPBC, Phoenix: Summer
Cactus swap meet: module(s)

October

– 2nd Sat (8th) 10-5pm – MRRP, Scottsdale:
RailFair: mobile & module(s)
– 2nd Sun (9th) 10-5pm – MRRP, Scottsdale:
RailFair: mobile & module(s)

November

– 1st Sat (3rd) 10-3pm – Pioneer Park, Mesa: Rails,
Rods & Steel Wheels: mobile layout
– 3rd Sat (17th) 9-4pm – Anaheim: Cal Stewart
Meet: mobile layout
– 3rd Sat (1st) 9-4pm – TCA, Glendale: swap meet:
module(s) ???
– 5th Fri (30th) 5:30-8pm – Adobe, Phoenix: evening
lights: mobile layout

December

- 1st Sat (1st) 5:30-8pm – Adobe, Phoenix: evening lights: mobile layout
- 1st Fri (7th) 5:30-8pm – Adobe, Phoenix: evening lights: mobile layout
- 2nd Sat (8th) 6-8pm – PVUMC, Paradise Valley: xmas party: module(s)
- 2nd Sat (8th) 5:30-8pm – Adobe, Phoenix: evening lights: mobile layout
- 2nd Fri (14th) 5:30-8pm – Adobe, Phoenix: evening lights: mobile layout
- 3rd Sat (15th) 5:30-8pm – Adobe, Phoenix: evening lights: mobile layout

THE WHITE LIONEL NW-2

by Peter Atonna

Many of us have followed with fascination the speculation resulting from a photo of the famous Lionel 1948 showroom layout with a new NW-2 diesel switcher painted white. This first came out in early 1949, the year Lionel's first introduced their NW-2. It was clearly a late introduction in the catalog as it was shown with New York Central lettering, which never was produced. As we know, until the 1950's, the loco came only in an ATSF roadname.

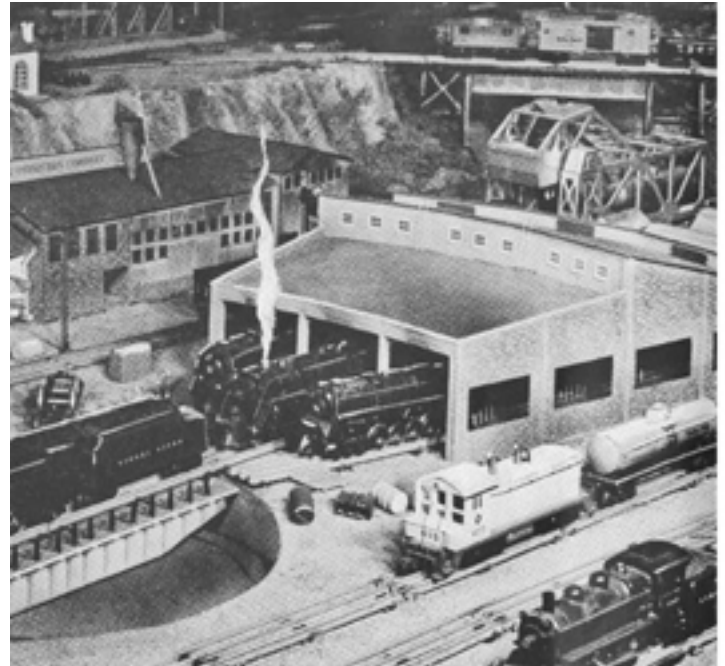
So, why was there a white painted model on the layout early that year? The "experts" have never located any documentation as to the origin of that color or loco.

But for me, it was never a mystery. It was simply a switcher made by another company which was probably used for comparison when designing the Lionel version.

Why am I sure? Simply because the General Models Corporation was heavily advertising their just introduced version of the NW-2 in the Model Railroader magazine at that time. And, their models were available in both two and three rail versions.

So, if Lionel was rushing to get their version into production during 1949, it is not unsurprising that they would have to photograph their "sample" model from the other manufacturer as they did not have their own ready to place on the showroom layout.

So, here is my "evidence". If you look closely, they have added a Lionel logo to the cab side and the upcoming Lionel number. 623, to the end of the cab.



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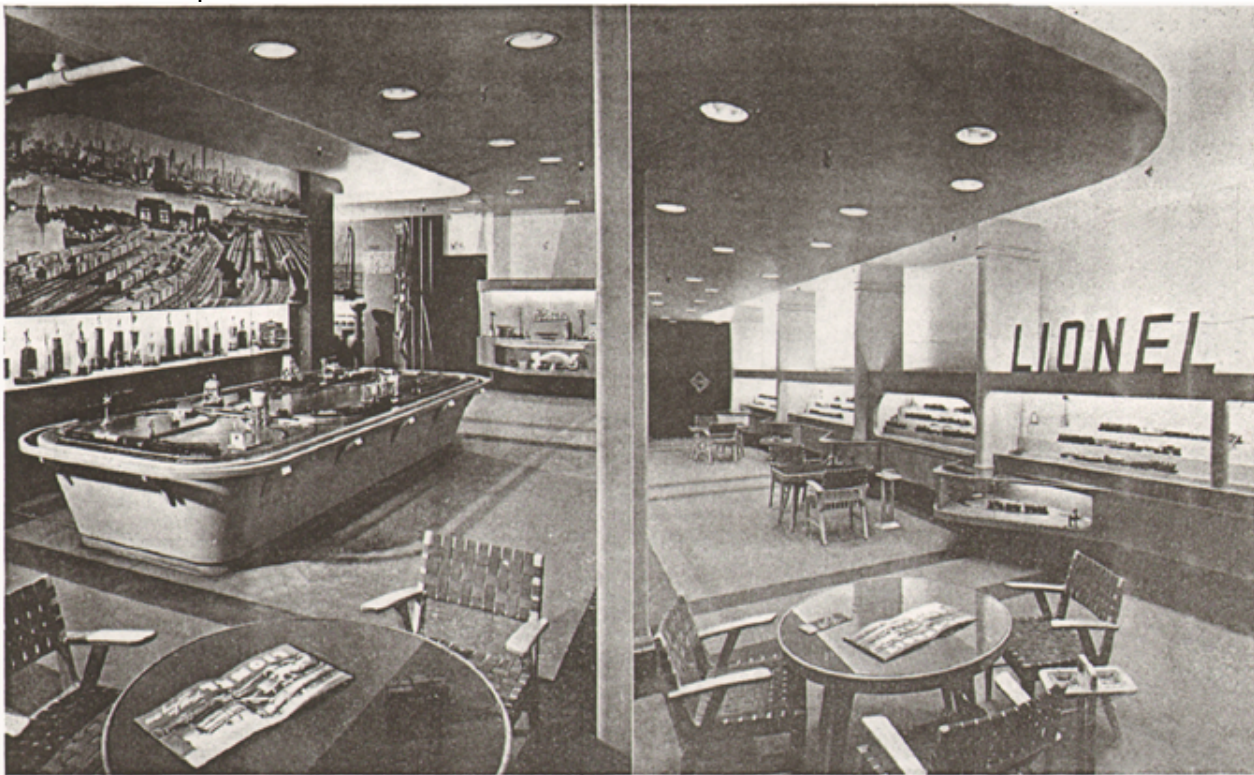
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Keeping with our Lionel showroom theme, here is a shot of the showroom layout in from the November 1946 issue of Lionel's All Aboard magazines. Note, however, this is not the showroom and layout shown in the NW2 article, but is the predecessor layout which was torn down to construct the famous 1948 version. You can see just a corner of the main layout in the lower left photo.



Busiest season is during the Toy Fair in March, when these buyers have a preview of the newest Lionel trains, place orders that total millions of dollars.

On a raised, four-track center layout in the middle of the showroom trains run almost continuously. Watched by scores of children and parents, freight and passenger sets highball around the tiny replica of country and urban scenes.

The layout which draws the most on-lookers, however, is the table on which the electronic and remote control outfits

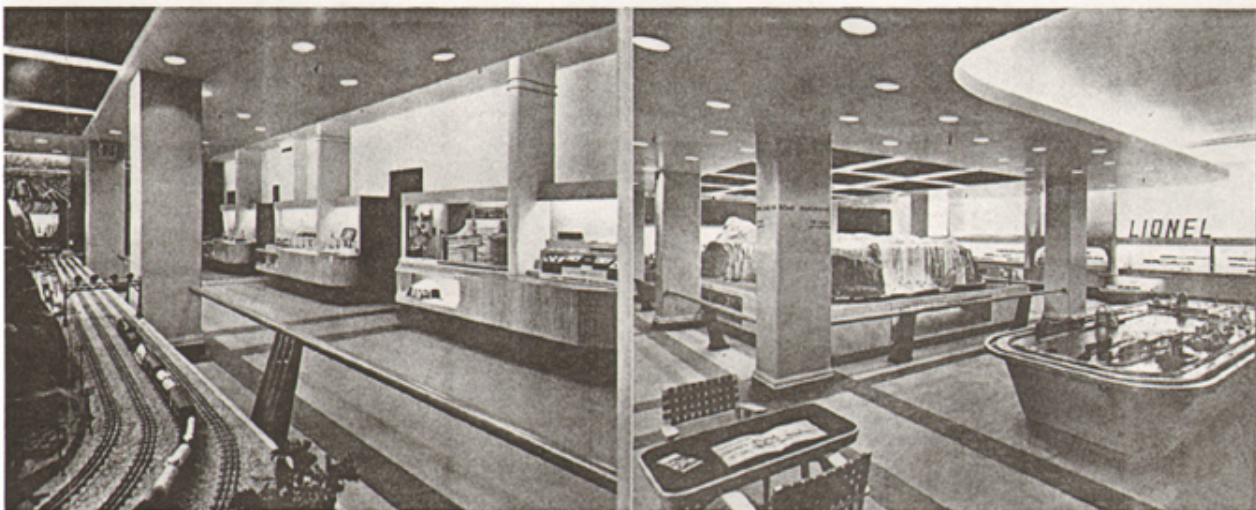
operate (see photograph, lower right.) Here members of the Sales Department demonstrate electronic uncoupling, directional control, smoke and the two-toned whistle.

On the same table is a remote control layout which includes the basecule bridge, log loader, coal elevator and electromagnetic crane.

Other eye-catchers are the model Pennsylvania steam turbine locomotive at the showroom entrance (see photo, page 4); a display of navigation equip-

ment made by Lionel during World War II, a showcase showing the evolution of Lionel trains from 1900 to 1946, Chem-Lab sets, the new Stock-Watch and a display of trophies which Lionel plant teams have captured in almost every major sport.

After viewing the trains and accessories, the buyers, who represent almost every major store in the country, discuss quantities and shipping details with Lionel salesmen.



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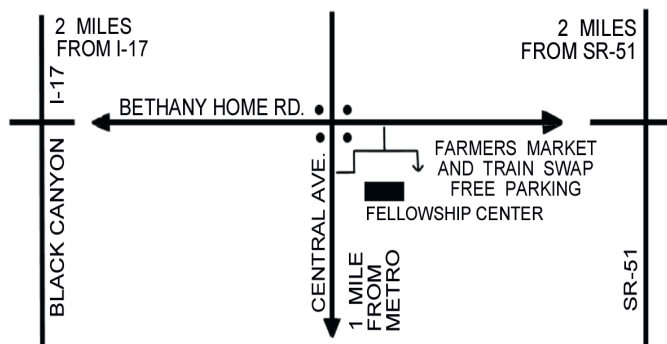
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2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

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 _____

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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.

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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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