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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Draftz

Welcome to 2019! The January meeting theme is "What'd ya' get? AKA What did Santa bring?" It doesn't have to be from 2018 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, your 2019 dues are due by the end of 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 2019 are: John Draftz - president, Rod Johnson - vice-president, Bill Richardson - secretary, and Glenn Saber - treasurer. Dave Brown, Janet Mattern, and John Zaval are your BoD members.

Our annual raffle prizes this year will be: First prize - \$300 cash, Second prize - \$200 cash, and Third prize - \$100 in cash. Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, or 10 for \$50. See Bill Richardson or Glenn Saber 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 upcoming Winter Cactus swap meet will be Saturday, February 16th. 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 60% of the tables "sold" with another sellout projected. We'll need members to help before, during, and after the meet. Rod is coordinating assignments. Please let him know how you can help (602-625-4168 or crodjohanson@hotmail.com).

We're planning a pre-meet dinner the Friday evening before the meet. Contact Glenn for more details and if you plan to attend.

I've already received train ride tickets for another railroad. Thus we will now have five such raffle prizes at the Cactus meet. I anticipate getting more.

The 2019 annual spring mini-meet is planned for our April 27th meeting day. Janet has been willing to serve as the event coordinator. Let her know if you want a table (602-569-0568 or tjmattern@cox.net). Our challenge is to get the word out to the public. Any ideas?

We will follow the format we've used before. Initially only GCMR members can have one free sale table at the church to sell to the public. Any tables still available at the first of the month before the meet (April 1st) will be made available to members of other railroad clubs.

The meet is free to the public.

Thanks to the TCA Desert Division for inviting us to join them for the Christmas party. (For one more year, your Editor did not win the annual Hudson raffle drawing, but our own Bill Richardson did! Congratulations Bill.)

Our next joint venture will be the picnic on Saturday, April 6th, at the McCormick RR Park in Scottsdale. More details later.

The 2019 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 that you know of.

See you on the 26th. 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 26 - GCMR meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

February 9 - Sun City Model Railroad Club Swap Meet - Fairway Recreation Center 10600 W Peoria Ave, Sun City

February 15 - Pre Meet Dinner at Denny's 3456 W Bethany Home Rd, Phoenix (602) 973-7716. We will meet at 6:00 PM in the private back dining room. Each is responsible for their own check.

February 16 - GCMR Winter Cactus Meet (flyer this issue)

March 16 - Phoenix - Adobe Mountain Model Train Show All gauges. Adobe Mountain Railroad Park 22822 N. 43rd Ave

March 23 - GCMR meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

CAL STEWART MEET UPDATE

For many years the GCMR brought our trailer layout to run for the folks attending the annual Cal Stewart Meet. Unfortunately, following declining attendance and three meet locations in the last five years, the Board of the Southwest Division has decided to make some major changes in the meet in order to keep it continuing.

For this year, 2019, the meet will be a one day only event, held on Sunday November 3rd. Also, the location will be moved to the hall where the Division holds their monthly meets, the Arcadia Masonic Hall in Arcadia, CA.

We will post more information as we get closer to the event.

2019 CALENDAR

January:

Jan 26 - Regular meeting – individual layouts
Theme: What'd ya' get? AKA What did Santa bring? Doesn't have to be 2018

Jan 12-13 - TTOM Winter Swap Meet - Tucson - bus trip ???

Jan 16-19 - Maricopa Live Steamers Winterfest operations meet

February:

Feb 16 - Winter Cactus swap meet – Dinner at Denny's the 15th 6pm

Feb 23 - AZ Railway Day, Chandler – ARM: mobile layout

Board of Directors

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March:

Mar 23 - Regular meeting – individual layouts – note: 5 Sats. Theme: A Favorite Holiday Car (you pick the holiday)

March 3 - Cal Stewart Spring Meet (Nor Cal)

March 11-17 - Maricopa Live Steamers spring meet

Mar 16 - Sahuaro Central swap meet

Mar 30 - Falcon Field Open House, Mesa – mobile 9-2 ???

Mar 30-31 - ABTO open house (30-31) ???

April:

April 6 - P&P/GCMR/TCA picnic – McCormick RR Park – Aste 11-1 ???

April 27 - Spring mini swap meet & regular meeting – kid's layout (?) & test track

April 27 - Rails, Rods & Steel Wheels Car Show, Pioneer Park, Mesa – mobile layout 10-2 ???

April 20 - Paradise Valley United Methodist Church– Easter Saturday, P&P use mobile 7-2

May:

May 18 - Regular meeting 3rd Sat – individual layouts Theme: Memorial Day; Space/Military Trains/Hardware - Drag races stock & custom ???
MLS public runs end

June

June 22 - Regular meeting – individual layouts – note: 5 Sats - Theme: Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc.; item(s) - w/flag(s)
June 1 - Tucson swap meet ???

July

July 27 - Summer Cactus swap meet – Dinner at Denny's the 26th 6pm

August

Aug 24 - Regular meeting – 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 about 11:10 602-275-0073 opt 1).
Aug 17 - "Beat the Heat" meet and bus tour ???

September

Sept 28 - Fall mini swap meet (???) & regular meeting – kid's layout (?) & test track

MLS public runs start

October

Oct 26 - Regular meeting – individual layouts – annual raffle drawing. Theme: pizza meet - beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc) ???

Oct 12, 13 - RailFair – mobile layout

Oct 28 - Nov 3 - Maricopa Live Steamers fall meet

November

No regular meeting -

Nov 17 - Fall picnic-potluck ??? – location ???
5:30-8

Nov 2 - Pioneer Park, Mesa – mobile layout (Rails, Rods & Steel Wheels) ???

Nov 3 - Cal Stewart Meet – mobile layout ???

Nov 2 - Sahuaro Central swap meet

Nov 16, 17 - TTOM swap meet???

Nov 23 - TCA auction ???

Nov 30 - TCA Turkey Meet ???

December

No regular meeting – election results

Dec 7 - 8, 14 -15, 21 - 22 Adobe evening lights: – mobile layout – 6-9

Dec 8 - TCA/GCMR/PnP Christmas party ???

Dec 7 - Paradise Valley United Methodist Church: 6 - 8 – module ???





most remember, the Big Boy was transported from Los Angeles to Union Pacific's shops in Cheyenne for work to return it to steam operation. So, in addition to the National Park Services anniversary events, perhaps overshadowing all will be seeing not only UP #844 in steam, but the return to steam of a Big Boy.

So, when it was announced that the Union Pacific Railroad and the Chinese Heritage Association were sponsoring a float in the Rose Parade, many of us got up early on New Years to watch for the float.

Never made it, or at least we did not get to see it! Of all the floats, it broke down and had to be towed before reaching the reviewing stand. But the Hallmark network cut off the parade at the end of its allotted time slot. Here is an article from the **LA Times** about the event:

A float malfunction caused a traffic jam at the Rose Parade on Tuesday morning.

The Chinese American Heritage Foundation's train float was disabled by a small fire and was towed for the rest of the Rose Parade route, according to Cheryl Moody, a commander for the Pasadena Police Department.

The float, which depicted the moment when two locomotives met face to face upon completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, was wreathed in smoke near where the parade began on Orange Grove Boulevard. Those onboard were able to extinguish the fire quickly before evacuating the float, said Pamela Knapp, chair of the parade's float entries committee.

A tow truck tried, and failed, to pull the 95-foot float onto a side street. Several floats and bands were backed up behind the disabled float. Spectators, believing the parade to be over, began spilling onto the parade route. A band tried navigating around the stranded float and ran into the crowd milling about the route.

"Worst impasse I've ever seen at the Rose Parade," said Los Angeles Times photographer Mark Boster, who witnessed the jam.



THE GOLDEN SPIKE MADE THE NEWS AT THE ROSE PARADE

Well not in the best way. The 150th anniversary of the Golden Spike ceremony comes this May. Huge celebrations are planned, highlighted by the first operation of Union Pacific's #4014 Big Boy. As

Eventually, organizers were able to clear the route “like Moses parting the Red Sea,” Boster said. The floats and bands backed up behind the Chinese American Heritage Foundation float were able to finish the parade. As of 10:45 a.m., a tow truck and a semi tractor were attempting to transport the disabled float down the rest of the route.

Descendants of the Chinese, Irish, German, African and Mexican laborers who built the railway were aboard the float, called “Harmony Through Union.” “Everything we do is built by humans,” said Knapp, the float committee chair. “You plan and you plan, but sometimes things go wrong.”

Editor’s Note: Fortunately both halves of the float did not suffer damage and were on display following the parade. The last two photos show how beautiful they were and probably would have been the hit of the parade - had they been in it!

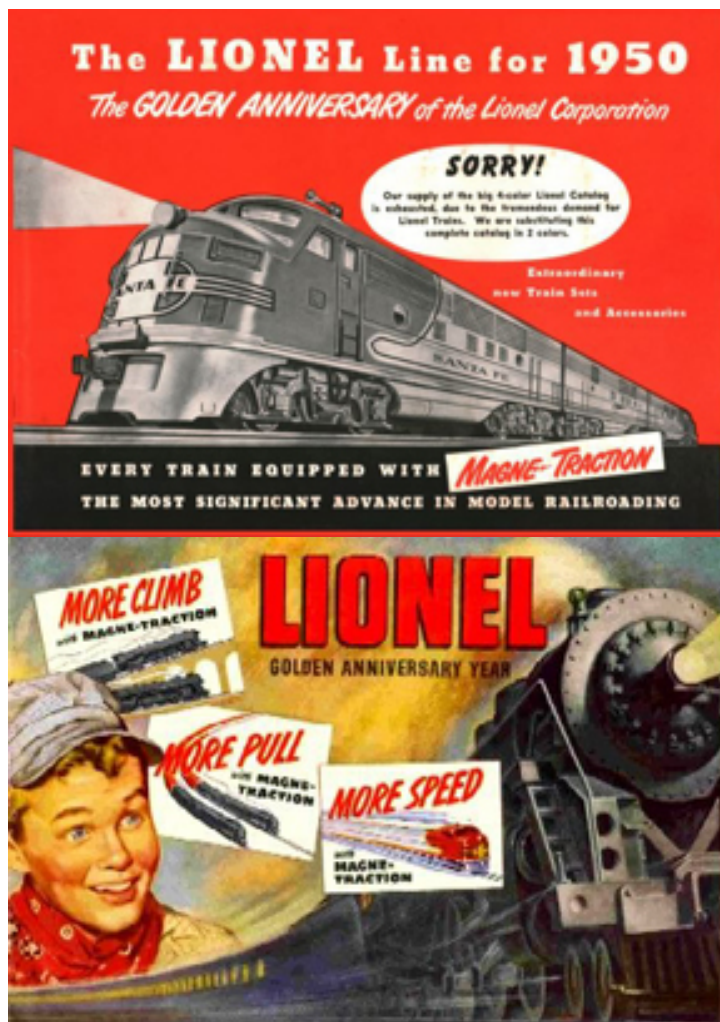
LIONEL HISTORY PAGE

by Peter Atonna

As observant readers of the Main Line have noticed, I have been publishing pages from the Lionel in-house employee magazine, All Aboard. I enjoy getting an insight as to what life was like at the Lionel factory and some of the unique things relating to their product were described.

Well, I’ve decided to take a break from that and share another fascination I have with Lionel history, its paper products. I have collected any items Lionel published for many years. One of the fun pleasures of that is, along with other “paper collectors” is seeing how new products are described and in particular how newly designed items are not always shown as they actually were made. In this case, we often compare the advance catalog, published for the trade, with the consumer catalog.

But in this case, I am going to compare two consumer catalogs - the 1950 Golden Anniversary catalog with the “Sorry” catalog. You may remember that demand for the regular catalog was so great, Lionel ran out and published a later catalog titled “Sorry”. It was of a completely different format - all black and white, using photos, and not



containing much of the early pages of promo items, and of a totally different page layout.

But, what makes it interesting is that, since it was published after the consumer catalog came out, theoretically the depictions of pieces newly introduced would be more accurate. Not necessarily so.

So, what I have done is to compile a list of what differences and errors I have found in each catalog. They could be in either or both. And what I would like you to do, if you have these catalogs, is to do the same and see if you can find more than I have.

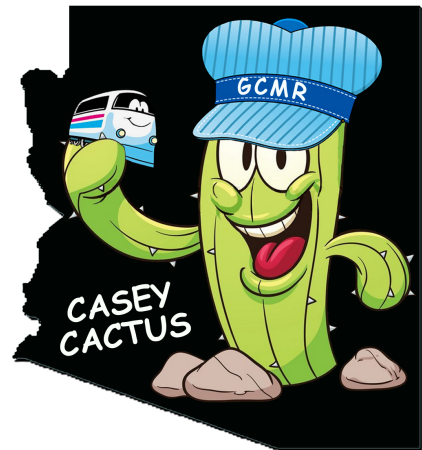
Here is the challenge - I have found nine errors/differences and have written them down. Now, if you also have these catalogs, do the same. Write what each is and email your list to me before the end of January. Let’s see who can find the most.

**"ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS"**
**CACTUS WINTER
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Aggressive Promotion * All Scales

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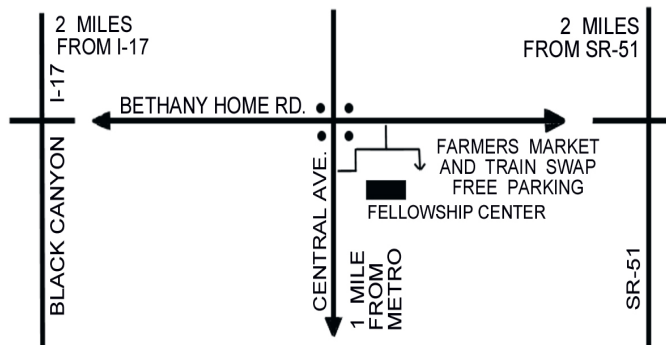
Presented by your pal Casey Cactus and the

GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

To reserve your space and required admission name
badges, submit this form by February 9, 2019

No refunds after February 9, 2019

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



Name _____		<p>\$25 per 8' banquet table (Bring a table cover, if desired)</p> <p>How many tables? _____</p> <p>Amount enclosed? \$ _____</p> <p>Request? _____</p> <p>Will you participate in the auction?</p> <p>Seller? _____ Buyer? _____</p> <p>Admission Name Badges 1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max. <small>First and last name please</small></p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p>Badge Name _____ 3 or more tables = 4 badges max.</p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p>More badges available at \$5.00 each Name Badges REQUIRED for your security</p>
Address _____		
City _____	State _____ Zip _____	
Phone _____	Email _____	
<p>Security: I will abide with badge identification entrance requirements. 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 1:00 PM. Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.</p>		
Signature _____ Date _____		
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Prescott Area
BEAT THE HEAT
Model Trains & Old Boys' Toys

SWAP MEET

Saturday, August 17, 2019, 9 AM – 1 PM

Again at the Liberty Traditional School
3300 N. Lake Valley Rd, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314
Presented By:

The Central Arizona Model RR Club

Adults \$5.00 – Children 12 and under Free
Contact: Dick Gage © 802-272-1352 or Doug Gilliatt 480-390-0320

Table Reservations \$30.00 per table in advance

**** 1 Free Admission with Each Table purchased ****

Dealer Setup Time 7-9 AM – No Early Public Admission

The CAMRRC is Not Responsible for Lost or Stolen Items

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____
of Tables _____ (Limit 4 per seller) @ 30.00 each _____
Helper Name _____ @ 4.00 ** _____
Helper Name _____ @ 4.00 ** _____
Lunch Reservations (sandwich, chips, soda) _____ @ 7.00 each _____
Special Requests _____ Total _____

**Make Checks payable to: CAMRRC and mail to
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I will publish what I have found and the winner(s)
who have found even more in next month's issue.

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**Yes, this is the Rose Parade in Pasadena on New Year's morning and trains were the most talked about item in it.
Read about it inside!**