

# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

## MAIN LINE

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

Hello 2020! A new year of trains has started. We have lots of stuff planned for the new year. We have our four swap meets (two all day events and two mini-meets) and lots of train running planned. The trailer also needs some help this year. There are electrical problems and some water damage that happened during holiday lights. Speaking of Holiday Lights, I would like to thank all that came out and ran trains during the event. I don't have a list but thank you very much.

Usually January is the "What Santa brought you" meet. I'm changing that this year to The January of the Turbines in honor of the year 2020 and the Lionel engine of that same number. So bring your turbines of any manufacture and number and tell us about it.

Next month is an "all hands on deck month" as it is our winter Cactus Meet. Due to a VERY strange calendar this year, this meet is on the <u>fourth</u> Saturday of the month because there are five Saturdays in February due to it being a leap year.

If you would like a table and have not sent in your reservation, the seller's form is included in this issue.

We will need help with the set up on Friday, with security on Saturday, as well as other help needed. We will be going over this during the January meeting.

Dues are due this month so don't forget them as well as our usual fun with raffle tickets. You will see the dues renewal form in this issue. If you have any changes in your address, email or interests, please show them on the form when you mail it in with your check. That way when we publish the new membership listing, you will be up to date.

Hope every one can come to the start of the new year monthly meeting.

Keep those trains running!

#### **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 25 - GCMR meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Theme: Steam Turbines of any age or manufacture

**February 21** - Dinner at Dennys with all Winter Cactus Meet workers invited (3456 W Bethany Home Rd, Phoenix We will meet at 6:00 PM in the private back dining room. (Each is responsible for their own check.)

**February 22** - Winter Cactus Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church

March 28 - GCMR meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church From the Model Railroader, May 1950, introducing the famous PAL layouts made famous in the Lionel <u>Model Railroading</u> book series. John Bahne's 20' x 40' O/ON30 layout is open to all club members for viewing. Please call him at 480-890-9452 prior to arrange a convenient time for your visit.

# Rochester PAL Model Railroad for Kids and Their Dads Will Be First City-Sponsored Layout in United States

#### Police Captain Picks Model Railroading as Ideal Hobby; Pike to Cost \$15,000

The first model railroad pike sponsored by an American city will soon be laid out by the Rochester, N. Y., department of public safety for the benefit of Rochester children and teenagers.

The planned layout, an O gauge tinplate estimated to cost about \$15,000, is the brainchild of Police Captain Henry H. Jensen, director of the Rochester Youth Bureau and the Police Athletic League, units of the department of public safety.

Capt. Jensen's purpose for endorsing the idea is to provide a means of wholesome recreation for youngsters and an interesting project on which they can work and play with their dads.

The pike will be set up by the Rochester department of public works in the Stardust Room of Edgerton park. It is planned to cover an area 24 x 54 ft, and will have light and sound effects.

Each of the four sides of the layout will be fully scenicked and will show not only a different type of terrain but a different season of the year. Each side will be served by a different type of railroad.

The summer section of the layout will represent a lake port industrial city with harbors, docks, general shipping. A subway will run under a cut-away street. Rolling hills in the background will be shadowed by thunderclouds, with light effects to simulate an electrical storm. Steam and diesel locomotives will serve this waterfront locality.

Autumn scenery will surround a small manufacturing town set amid rolling hill country. This section will be served by a steam railroad.

The winter scene will be planned around a mountain village in a setting natural to lumbering and mining operations, with a waterfall for a hydroelectric plant and power lines. This will be a snow diorama with northern lights flickering in the sky. The railroad here will be electric.

Spring will be represented by a typical farm country landscape. A tiny hamlet with milk plant, stock pens, sidings, and a stone quarry will mark this whistle stop. This section of the pike will be all dieselized.

Each of these four railroads will have half a dozen trains and seven or eight operating stations. Thus, youthful model railroaders and their dads, operating the PAL layout in groups of 30 or so at a time, will be able to learn all the various operations of a railroad under varied conditions and over different types of terrain.

Arthur M. Raphael, executive vicepresident of the Lionel Corp., was so enthusiastic about the project when Capt. Jensen first mentioned it to him that he has pledged Lionel to donate all equipment and electric accessories for the PAL RR. Expert model railroaders in Rochester, including Ed Van Leer and Dr. Adrian Buyse, are giving free counsel and assistance.



#### 2020 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 due on January 1 and are delinquent after February 1.

(PLEASE PRINT!) SPOUSE NAME ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_CITY\_\_\_\_ STATE/ZIP\_\_\_\_\_TELEPHONE EMAIL 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: If yours have changed, please update Please circle your areas of interest. You may circle as many in each category as you wish. ERA GAUGE MANUFACTURER LAYOUT PERIPHERALS 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

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

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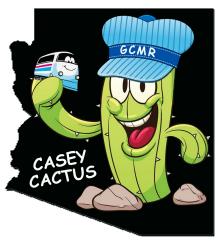
## "ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS"

# CACTUS WINTER TRAIN SWAP

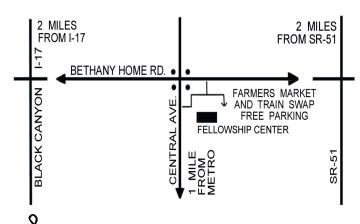
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

FROM 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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### NORTH PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH



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Presented by your pal, Casey Cactus, and the **GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS**Print legibly. No refunds after February 15,2020 **Join Our Fun Friday Pre-meet Denny's Dinner!** 

Saturday set-up opens at 6:00 AM **NOTE:** unclaimed tables will be released at 8:00 AM

Name		\$25 per 8' banquet table (Bring a table cover, if desired)	
Address		How many tables?	
City State	Zip	Amount enclosed? \$	
Phone Email		Request? Will you participate in the auction?	
<b>Security:</b> I will abide with badge identification entrance requirements. <b>Buying, selling, ethics and behavior:</b> In case of dispute, the Meet Chairperson and/or impartial referee appointed by the Meet		Seller? Buyer?	
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.			
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