



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

## MAIN LINE

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by Dave Brown

Happy New Year! It's off to the races again. Before we start on 2022, there is one thing left over from 2021. I would like to thank all those who helped and ran trains at Adobe Mountain part during those three weekends in December. We ran all three weekends even though Maricopa Live Steamers didn't. The people at AMRS were thankful that we were there. So thank you all that made it work.

Now on to 2022. First off January is our first meeting, so dues are due. For those that can't make the meeting, you can mail it to: John Kendig, 9008 W. El Caminito Dr. Peoria AZ. 85345. The next thing is a change in the annual raffle rules.. Starting this year, you must be present at the monthly meeting to win the three extra tickets given out at that meeting. The purpose of that drawing was encourage people to attend the monthly meeting. This doesn't effect the final drawing in October which is still need not be present to win.

Next is a change to the first year membership rules. Starting this year, if a person joins for the first time, and in the first quarter of the year, the dues will be \$20. This is no change and has been the policy for some time. What will change is if they join in the second quarter of the year, Month, April, May, June, their dues will be \$15, the third quarter will be \$10, in the forth quarter it will back to \$20, with the last quarter free, and the dues covers the following year.

With just one meeting, this is the fairest way to handle our first year offer. We will also need change the application form to reflect this change and get a holder for the table at the mobile layout so that they are easy to get to at during train runs and swap meets.

Another thing I would like to see next to our applications at runs and meets is a copy of our scrap book that has pictures of building of the trailer and pictures of trains running and people enjoying the train, I want this to be a copy and not the original so that if it grows legs and walks away, it will be easy to replace.

With the start of the new year, we already have events coming up. First is the Winter Cactus meet on February 19th. Tables are still available, so get your order in now. If your not going to sell, we could use your help in security, showing people where their tables are, collecting early entry fees just before we open as well as raffle ticket sales. The next weekend is our first train run of the year out at the Arizona Railroad Museum in Chandler. We will need people to help set up, run trains and take down at the end of the day.

A fun event has been added to the March meeting, the first of two drag races this year. The winner of the event will get three Annual raffle ticket. Now we need lots of people for both race so that Bill Richardson doesn't walk off with all those tickets.

April is the mini meet with free tables to GCMR members first, then P&P and TCA. All in all a

very busy winter and spring. Remember this is our club, and you get out of it what you put into it.

One final thing. After last year's meeting I think we've found a replacement for Streets of New York. This is the Zipps sport's bar and grill on 16th Street and Bethany Home. So after the meeting Saturday, lets all met over there for lunch and more fun!

## CALENDAR

GCMR meets are held at 9:00am in the Parish Hall of Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 1212 East 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 22** - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church

**February 19** - Winter Cactus Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church: see President's Message and flyer in this issue

**February 26** - AZ Railroad Museum open house - layout run

**March 26** - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church - Drag Races!

## THE ADOBE MOUNTAIN LAUOUT RUN

photo by Rod Johnson



## ANSWER TO THE QUESTION

by Peter Atonna

Here is a photo from the current journal of the Santa Fe Historical Society. Guess what, the



*This engine, Alco PA #70 frequently pulled the train from Fort Worth to Brownwood. Here the engine sits in Fort Worth between runs. K.B. King photo, July 1965, author's collection.*

silver looks "black". I wonder if the designers at Lionel in 1948, when doing the paint scheme for the new F-3's, relied on photos of the day rather than actually seeing an original. I am sure they received the paint diagrams from the Santa Fe, but were there color photos available?

I wonder?

## GETTING INTO CTT

by Peter Atonna

I been fortunate to have CTT articles about my layouts published for a long time, even starting back in Phoenix. As a result, I have gotten to know Roger Carp at CTT pretty well.

When I do something new, we communicate and eventually an article appears. So, a few years ago, upon pretty much completing my current version of the layout, I sent him a good number of photos. Other than an acknowledgement, I didn't hear anything until last spring.

I received a note from Roger that he was planning an article about the current layout and sent me a draft. We went over it and the

changes he needed on the photos I had sent. We finally wrapped things up last summer.

Typically, it takes a while before the article is published. They don't tell you in advance.

But to my surprise, in last week's CTT email, there I am. But that doesn't mean the article is upcoming right a way. In fact it is not in the upcoming March issue.

CTT has just started a feature on contributors and I guess I am this month's boy. All the text is taken from one of the "background" questionnaires I filled out to go with the article material.

I have to admit, it is quite an ego trip, but, the article itself, who knows when.

## Meet the Modeler: Peter Atonna

By | December 17, 2021

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Great scenery, structures, and trains are hallmarks of Peter Atonna's layouts.

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**My first train set was...**? A Marx wind-up in 1946. I don't know how my parents decided I needed a train set, but my father, although not interested in toy trains, did get a 1946 Lionel catalog and a couple of the 1940's Lionel booklets – which he gave me and I still have! That ignited a train passion in me, so next Christmas I wrote Santa for a Lionel train. [I] got another Marx windup, was told I was "too young" for an electric train. Finally in 1948 a Lionel set no. 1429W5 arrived.



Not only does the layout look great, but the train room does, too. There's ample storage space.

**My trains are**

**primarily from this era (i.e. prewar, postwar, modern, digital)...**? I've been a modeler since that first train, having dabbled in O scale, done two HO and two N gauge layouts. But I came back to three rail O gauge and have been there since. My current layout is all command controlled with scale equipment. But I've recently built a small, around the wall, "retro" layout to enable me to run postwar trains.



Kits from numerous manufacturers with added detail make up a great town scene.

**My biggest modeling success has been...**? A life-long enjoyment of the hobby, its social side, and the ability to build nice layouts.

**My biggest modeling mistake was...**? Mistake, we never admit to making a mistake.... Maybe if I had it to do over again, I would not have sold my original and scratchbuilt train cars – even though they were totally repainted. It still would be great memories to



Recently Peter built a small layout for



The cars, track, buildings, and locomotives are all well detailed on the S&P Line.

**When**

**I'm not enjoying my trains I'm usually (other hobbies or activities)...**? My wife enjoys horse and carriage sports events (not racing). So we have a full competition course here and I am involved in organizing our state carriage club's events.

**Advice I would give a new hobbyist is...**? Buy a set, any set, run the set and you will not want to stop.



Peter Atonna

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the other side is "Metric".

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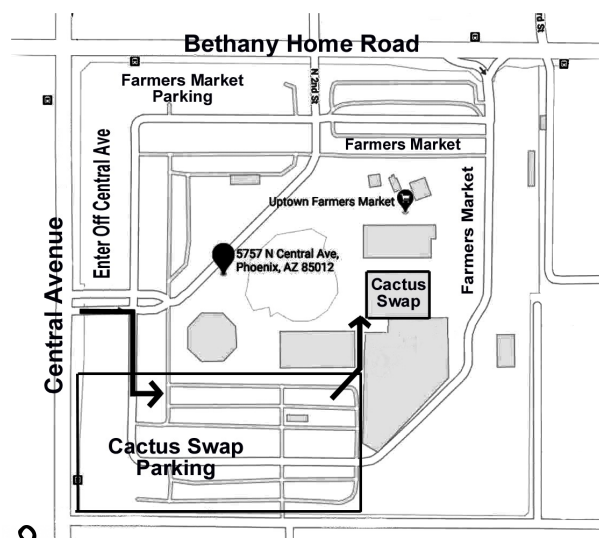
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **"Grand Canyon Model Railroaders"**  
Mail to: John Draftz, 1507 W Willow Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029

or

Credit cards accepted via PayPal - visit [www.gcmrr.org](http://www.gcmrr.org)

Email: [info@gcmrr.org](mailto:info@gcmrr.org)

Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457

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