



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

MAIN LINE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Draftz

The theme for our July meeting is "Skill at kit bashing, scratch building and repainting - AKA what do you have that's unusual?" This can include accessories as well as trains.

Wednesday morning, July 10th, a work party was held starting about 6am to finish constructing the module racks. When the party was over, the job was done. Look for photos and a story later in this newsletter. The next phase is to rework the inside of the module trailer to put the modules on the racks. To that end, the trailer will be at our next meeting, July 27th, where we can attach Velcro straps to the modules in lieu of running the S-gauge. We need to be able to keep the modules in place on the rack during transport. The straps will allow us to fasten the module to the cross piece. Since the modules represent the whole club, everyone is encouraged to show up about 8:30am to help with the project. No experience necessary. We'll still need other work on the trailer itself but that can be at a later date.

During the meeting, time will be made to allow for a question/answer session on the "pole barn" concept at Adobe. We need to clarify issues such as funding, maintenance, use, etc.

The Beat the Heat meet is coming up August 17th. More details later in the newsletter. There will be a sign-up for the bus. Contact Dave Brown at (480-650-5336 or eaglefour@juno.com) for more

information and let him know if you're planning to go.



Bill Lazenby's grandson helps draw winners at the June meet

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.

July 27 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church S-ga modules Theme: skill at kit bashing, scratch building and repainting AKA what do you have that's unusual?

July 27 - In the Heat swap meet, Phoenix. Info: choochoophx@gmail.com

August 17 - Beat the Heat swap meet, Prescott
GCMR annual bus trip to the meet. Note: sales tables are Sold Out.

August 24 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church – O-ga modules Theme: Tell us about your entry “Guess the heat meet” - enter w/ numbered item. Last 2-3 numbers of the engine or rolling stock will be the way to guess the heat at 11am that day (will call national weather service).

September 28 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - S-ga modules Theme: pizza meet - beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc) drag races

November 22 - 24 - Cal Stewart meet - Ontario, CA

MEETING NOTES



Show and Tell

+ Bill Richardson showed off his Spirit of America – On30 train made by Hawthorne Village.

+ Jack Eaton brought in his 2009 TCA National Convention Lionel Box car

+ Dave Brown explained the history of Engine #59 he has had for several years and is worth approximately \$500 today

+ John Draftz showed his HO BiCentennial train. John explained the long and short stripe on the boxcars

+ Dallas Dixon brought in a copy of an article showing the mergers of railroads throughout the years: UP, CSX, NS, BNSF

Old Business

+ Glen Saber and Dave Brown gave a report on the National Train activities in Williams. They had a great time showing off the mobile unit and running trains. This is a very positive event and a lot of train discussions/tales are told. Two of the snaps on the new cover have come loose. Jack Eaton will take a look.

+ Jack Eaton discussed the new cover on the mobile unit that was just installed. This cover will definitely help in preserving the unit

+ Treasurer Glen Saber reported that tickets are being sold for the Annual Raffle but we need more sales. President Draftz asked the membership to ask other train clubs and other organizations to purchase tickets. He noted that this is your club and please do your best to promote this activity.

+ George Bean will check on airbrushing the GCMR Logo on the mobile unit and trailer

+ President Draftz gave an update to the membership an a permanent location at the Adobe Mountain Railroad Park. The Board will come up with a cost estimate and present to membership at a later date.

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+ The membership was asked to come up with ideas and goals that they want their club to pursue.

+ The Arizona Train Museum in Chandler will be changing their dates for National Train Day due to the heat here in May. They will let us know. Also the Williams National Train day will be changing their dates. Once we receive the new dates the membership will be notified.

+ Dave Brown reported the Beat the Heat Bus Trip to Prescott on August 17 is filling up so get your reservations in NOW.

+ Discussed club member's work on building more racks for the modular layouts. Glen Saber is ordering parts. There is a possible work party at Angelo Tedeschi home. Once we receive the parts needed, an e-mail will be sent to all members so they can participate on the date and time.

+ A continued discussion concerning removing the folding legs on the modulares and installing screw in legs was held. More discussion is needed.



John and Bill chatting



Bill Richardson displayed his On30 Spirit of America set made by Hawthorne Village



John Draftz with the meeting's display items

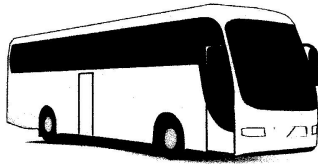


Jack Eaton talks about his 2009 TCA convention car with a 4th of July theme

DON'T MISS THE BUS!!!!

It's that time of year again. You live either in the pool or somewhere that's air conditioned. Well for a nice trip up to cool Prescott in August, set aside August 17th and catch the bus from one of four great locations. We'll go to the "Beat The Heat" meet, and then we will visit some great layouts. The cost is just \$30 for adults and \$12 for kids. There is also an optional \$7 bag lunch. There will also be videos on the up and back. Fill out the form that is in this newsletter, and get it to Dave Brown. If you have any questions, call Dave at 480-650-5336

Angelo
Tedeschi is
a winner!



"BEAT THE HEAT" SWAP MEET & LAYOUT TOUR TO COOL PRESCOTT, AZ

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013



Dwayne
Turner wins
cash!
When Paul
Boston gets
happy, he
gets really
happy!

- LET THE GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS DO THE DRIVING
- DELUXE MOTORCOACH WITH ON BOARD FACILITIES
- SAVE ON GAS, PARKING AND STRESSFUL DRIVING
- ON-BOARD TRAIN VIDEOS AND BOTTLED WATER
- ON-BOARD STORAGE FOR YOUR SWAP MEET ACQUISITIONS
- VISIT SEVERAL TRAIN LAYOUTS AFTER THE SWAP MEET
- A FAMILY EVENT – ANTIQUES, SHOPS, DINING ALL NEAR BY

PICK-UP SCHEDULE:

6:30 AM – ARIZONA MILLS MALL
7:00 AM – PARADISE VALLEY MALL
7:30 AM – METROCENTER MALL
8:00 AM – McDONALD'S AT CAREFREE HIGHWAY & I-17

CALL DAVE BROWN

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FOR RESERVATIONS



**RESERVE EARLY BEFORE THIS POPULAR ANNUAL BUS TOUR SELLS OUT
\$30.00 PER SEAT + \$7.00 PER BROWN BAG LUNCH, IF DESIRED**

CHILDREN UNDER 14 ARE ONLY \$12.00

NOTE: THE \$5.00 SHOW ADMISSION FEE IS NOT INCLUDED

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Check your pickup Location:

< > Arizona Mills at 6:30 AM

< > Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00 AM

< > Metro Center at 7:30 AM

< > Carefree highway at 7:45 AM

Number of Adult riders _____ at \$30 each \$ _____

Number of children under 14 _____ at \$12 each \$ _____

Number of lunches (OPTIONAL) _____ at \$7 each \$ _____

Total. Make checks payable to "GCMR". \$ _____

Mail this form and check to:

David Brown
3534 W. St. Charles Av.
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BUILDING OF THE MODULE RACKS



THE 6 GCMR MEMBERS STARTED BUILDING THE MODULE RACKS ABOARD THE ROYAL CARIBBEAN "OASIS OF THE SEAS" EN ROUTE TO TAHITI. CNN WAS IMPRESSED WITH EACH MEMBER'S TENACITY TO WORK NO MATTER THE CONDITIONS OR DISTRACTIONS.



ONCE IN TAHITI, WORK BEGAN IN EARNEST RETRIEVING THE 16 CASTERS NEEDED FROM HARBOR FREIGHT DOLLIES FOR THE RACKS. CAN YOU SAY "MOWWHEETOWW"?



AFTER THE TAHITI CRUISE, WORK CONTINUED AT EPCOT CENTER IN FLORIDA. WE WERE CONGRATULATED BY MANY WHO SAW US ON CNN FOR THE DEVOTION TO OUR CLUB. WE EXPLAINED THAT MOST OTHER CLUB MEMBERS ARE UNAWARE OF THE SPECIAL PERKS THAT COME WITH HELPING ON CLUB PROJECTS.



AFTER CNN, EVERYONE WANTED TO JOIN IN OUR GCMR FUN! NO PROBLEM! EVEN AIR FORCE ONE TOOK US TO WASHINGTON DC SO PRESIDENT OBAMA COULD HELP WITH THE FINAL ASSEMBLY.



NOW THAT THE RACKS COST GCMR \$27,956.73 IN TRAVEL, LODGING, MEALS AND MOHITOS, THEY NEED TO BE GUARDED BY THE BEST. A BIG THANK YOU TO JOHN DRAFTZ, JACK EATON, GLENN SABER, GEORGE BEAN, ANGELO TEDESCHI AND LARRY MESSING.



More of the O gauge modular layout

In the low water time of year, the two Canoeists struggling to avoid the rocks in Coyote Creek ignore the Westbound Empire Builder and a coal drag pulling into the yard. A scene on Rod Johnson's layout.

Dave Brown was visiting your editor the other day and said he has some photos he would like to share. One was a spectacular piece of graffiti. I said "I don't like graffiti", but he said, "Wait till you see this one". He was right. The others are shots around the Ex-Southern Pacific Phoenix yards.



WINNERS!

Lionel Chevron tank car	Angelo Tedeschi
K-Line flatcar	Dave Brown
RR Large T-Shirts	John Draftz
Lionel Chicago boxcar	Paul Boston

Mystery box: boxcar	Lionel Vermont [Rail sounds] Paul Boston
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\$25.00 cash	Dwane Turner
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Dwane Turner get the cash



Angelo Tedeschi is a winner!



When Paul gets happy, he really gets happy!

Your Editor recently had the chance to take his first ride on the new Sky Harbor Sky Train which runs from the 44th St. stop on the Light Rail into Terminal 4. It was almost like a Disneyland ride! Note also the great artwork throughout the facility.



THE MAIN LINE

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Rod Lorenz, in Prescott Valley has a delightful layout featuring the industry and agriculture themes of his native Montana. He also has a spectacular collection of John Deere tractors