



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

"The purpose of the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders (GCMR) is to preserve the heritage of toy train model railroading by establishing, operating, exhibiting, and maintaining educational operating facilities for the use and enjoyment by the public using model railroad equipment of various scales, eras, and manufacturers."

Or to say it another way, our goal is to get people and toy trains together.

The adage goes "form follows function." Simply said, how something is done depends on what is being done.

For example, if you set aside space in your house for trains, what you do with the trains determines how the space is used. If you're mainly a collector, the space might contain display shelves around the room along with display cases or the like in the center. On the other hand, if you're an operator, the space will be filled in one way or another with a layout on which you'll run trains. Granted there are "shades of gray" meaning people who are some of each but the concept is presented.

Now ask yourself a simple question especially if you've ever ridden one of the 1/8th sized trains at McCormick or Adobe. Which would make a greater impression on you: riding on a car for a 10-minute ride or sitting on the engineer's seat and running the train for the same 10 minutes? Or to say it in our hobby, which would make a greater impression on you: watching a train go around in a circle for 3-5 minutes or having your hand on the transformer control and running the train for the same 3-5 minutes?

With that said, the challenge to the GCMR is to find more and/or better ways to "get people and toy trains together". At present, you need to be complimented and congratulated. You get them together at four swap meets a year (2 major, 2 mini) and you take trains to them more than ten days a year with the mobile layout. Can we do better and probably increase our membership in the process? Should we have some way to let people (kids in particular) not just run the train in a circle but switch cars around and maybe load/unload them?

What are your thoughts and ideas?

On Saturday, July 14th, starting about 7am at MLS clubhouse patio at Adobe, we'll have a mobile layout work party to get it ready for the start of our display season. The weather at the last session limited what we could get done. It shouldn't take more than 2-3 hours. Come help if you can.

Our Summer Cactus Meet will be held Saturday, July 28th, at the North Phoenix Baptist center (Bethany Home & Central). We'll do initial hall setup the day before (Friday) starting about 4pm. We'll then hold a no-host, pre-meet, buy-your-own gathering that evening at the 35th Av & Bethany Home Denny's starting about 6pm for members and guests who would like to simply get together before the meet.

We already have over 130 of the 150 available tables "sold" for the meet. See our www.gcmrr.org site for details and the table reservation form. We'll need help with security, ticket sales, and at the door. Contact Jack Eaton (623-249-7297 or jeaton@cox.net) who is coordinating the assignments and let him know how you can help even if it's only for part of the day.

See you at the Summer Cactus Meet and the work party.

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 28 - Summer Cactus Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church - see table reservation form this issue.

August 18 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet - Prescott Valley Sales tables are sold out, but be sure to see the bus trip reservation form this issue.

August 25 - GCMR meeting - Theme: "Guess the Heat Meet" Enter with a numbered train item. The last 2-3 numbers of the engine or rolling stock will be your guess of the heat at 11am that day - without going over the actual number (we will call national weather service to determine that number)

September 22 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Fall Mini Meet

MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

Board Of Directors Meeting

In attendance were Vice President Jack Eaton, Treasurer Glenn Saber, Secretary Bill Richardson, Past President Dave Brown, and Board member Janet Mattern.

OLD BUSINESS:

Glenn Saber reported on the mobile layout trailer maintenance day at his house. Electrical push buttons were replaced, a Lionel TMCC was installed, and half of the HO straight track was replaced. Additionally, some junk was removed from the drawers.

NEW BUSINESS:

The reservation for the "Beat The Heat" bus has been made and a sign up flyer is available. We should check to see if it is available on our website.

The Summer Cactus Train Meet table sales stands at 128 so far. We are expecting a sellout. John Draftz stated that we have our new raffle tickets and currently have several of our raffle prizes...a pair of tickets for the Verde Valley RR, the Grand Canyon RR, and the Durango Silverton RR. John will be checking with the Cumbres Toltec RR also. There are also magazine subscriptions to Model Railroader and Classic Toy Trains. There is something from Walthers, and we have some train sets in storage.

This year we are trying a Friday night pre-meet dinner. It will be at Denny's at 35th Ave and Bethany Home at 6:00 PM on Friday July 27. John will send out reminders to the vendors.

John Draftz has looked into a combined storage unit for the trailer and club stuff. It is his opinion that it is not very economical. If the trailers are out in the sun, we will need tire covers for both. Bill Richardson should look into the cost.

Glenn Saber mentioned portable garages as a possibility from Harbor Freight. He will continue to look into this.

Dave Brown wants the club to get started on the new "O" gauge modules.

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Treasurer Glenn Saber is looking into getting GCMR a new bank account with a higher interest rate. Ally Bank says they offer 1.65%.

RailFair 2018 in Scottsdale is scheduled for Oct. 6th and 7th. There is a new liability form to sign. GCMR receives \$100.00 for bringing our mobile layout to exhibit. We will need a table to cover the hitch area.

A second trailer maintenance day is scheduled out at Adobe Mountain RR Park for Saturday July 14 from 7:00-10:00 AM.

General Membership Meeting

President John Draftz. John recognized Roxanna McElwee as our only guest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Glenn Saber gave the treasurer's report noting the amounts available in our accounts. The \$700.00 for the rental of the church meeting hall has been paid through December 2018. Bill Richardson gave the Secretary's report. Reports were received as presented by the membership present.

OLD BUSINESS:

President John Draftz reported that we are now at 130 tables sold for the Summer Cactus Meet. We also have at least three train ride raffle tickets, magazine subscriptions, and a one year membership certificate to GCMR. Vice Preside Jack Eaton is taking signups for members willing to help with Cactus Summer meet jobs. We need help everywhere so please lend a hand. Set-up is Friday July 27, 4:00-6:00 PM. New this year, after set-up, there will be a dinner get together at Denny's at 35th Ave and Bethany Home 6:00 PM. Join us if you can.

On Saturday, June 16th there was a trailer maintenance at Glenn Saber's house. TMCC was installed, half of the HO straight track was replaced, and the electrical buttons were replaced. There is still more work to do. Saturday, July 14th at Adobe Mountain RR Park 7:00-10:00 AM will be the second maintenance day.

The "Beat the Heat" Meet is Saturday, August 18, 2018. If you want to ride the GCMR bus talk to Dave Brown. We do have flyers available.

John Draftz has looked into some combined storage units. It seems a little too expensive, and we are still exploring other options. Glenn is looking into 10x20 portable garages. Nothing decided today, John needs to check with Saguaro Central about setting up a garage,

Motion was made to spend up to \$300.00 for a garage at Adobe. Motion passed.

President Draftz asked all members to keep their eyes open for a permanent location.

NEW BUSINESS:

GCMR will need a nominating committee in August 2018. Bill Lazenby maybe?

Treasurer Glenn Saber is looking into finding a bank which provides a better interest return rate.

Motion made to authorize BOD to move GCMR funds to an FDIC or similar insured accounts paying better interest. Motion passed. Some members question why we would need a special motion to do a normal BOD function?

Motion made to attend Scottsdale's RailFair this year on October 6th and 7th. Motion Passed

SHOW AND TELL:

The theme was Hot Dogs and Apple Pie, Flag Day, Red White and Blue trains, patriotic trains and cars, items with flags, etc.

+ We learned about K Line's "Happy Birthday Ashley" cars from 1991 and 1993.

+ Sam McElwee showed his LCCA Norfolk Boxcar with the flashing tailend or Flashing Rear End Detector (FRED).

+ Terry Haas showed us his big GS4 MTH proto-sound 2 Lima Locomotive.

+ Dallas Dixon showed us his "I Love United States Of America".

+ John Draftz brought in two AF flatcars each with two tanks.

Here is another shot of the work party



WINNERS!

The Monthly Raffle prize winners were:

Dana Price	- Lionel 6-19600 Tank Car
Glenn Saber	- MTH 30-7625 Auto Transport
Dana Price	- Lionel 6-2145 Gateman (what again !)
Terry Hass	- Lionel 6-19705 CP Rail Caboose
John Draftz	- AF 6-48486 1994 NASG

Commemorative Car

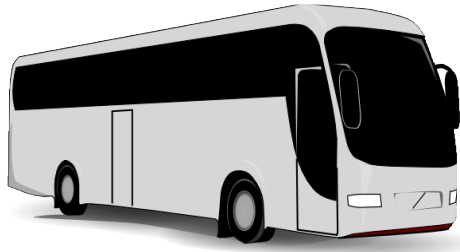
The Mystery Raffle prize winner was:

Dana Price	- KLine Streamline Passenger Cars (what again !)
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The Monthly 1K Raffle prize winner was:

Terry Haas	- Who won 3 more tickets to the annual raffle
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IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE ANNUAL

BEAT THE HEAT

SWAP MEET & LAYOUT BUS TOUR

IN COOL PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018

LET THE GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS DO THE DRIVING
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ON-BOARD TRAIN VIDEOS AND BOTTLED WATER

ON-BOARD STORAGE FOR YOUR SWAP MEET ACQUISITIONS

BUS TOUR INCLUDES A VISIT TO SEVERAL TRAIN LAYOUTS

OPTIONAL BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH BEVERAGE AT SWAP

(swap meet entrance fees are not included)

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Select Your Pickup Location

Arizona Mills at 6:30 AM _____

Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00 AM _____

Metrocenter Mall at 7:30 AM _____

Carefree Highway at 7:45 AM _____

Number of adult GCMR club members: _____ at \$30 each = \$ _____

Number of adult Non-GCMR members: _____ at \$35 each = \$ _____

Number of children under 14: _____ at \$15 each = \$ _____

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

Total: **Make checks payable to "GCMR"** \$ _____

(no refunds after August 11, 2018)

Mail this form and check to:

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Phoenix Az. 85041
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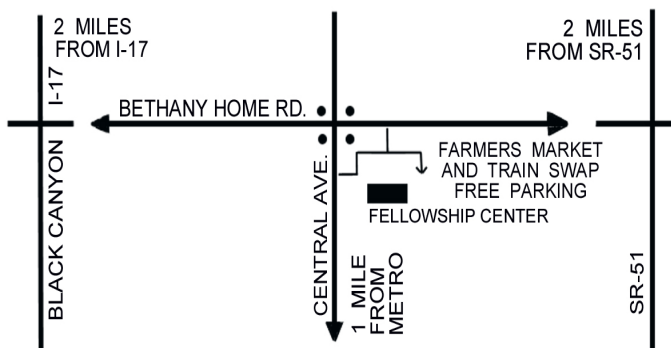
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Reserve your space and required vendor badges

No refunds after July 21, 2018

New Fun Friday pre-meet dinner - info to follow

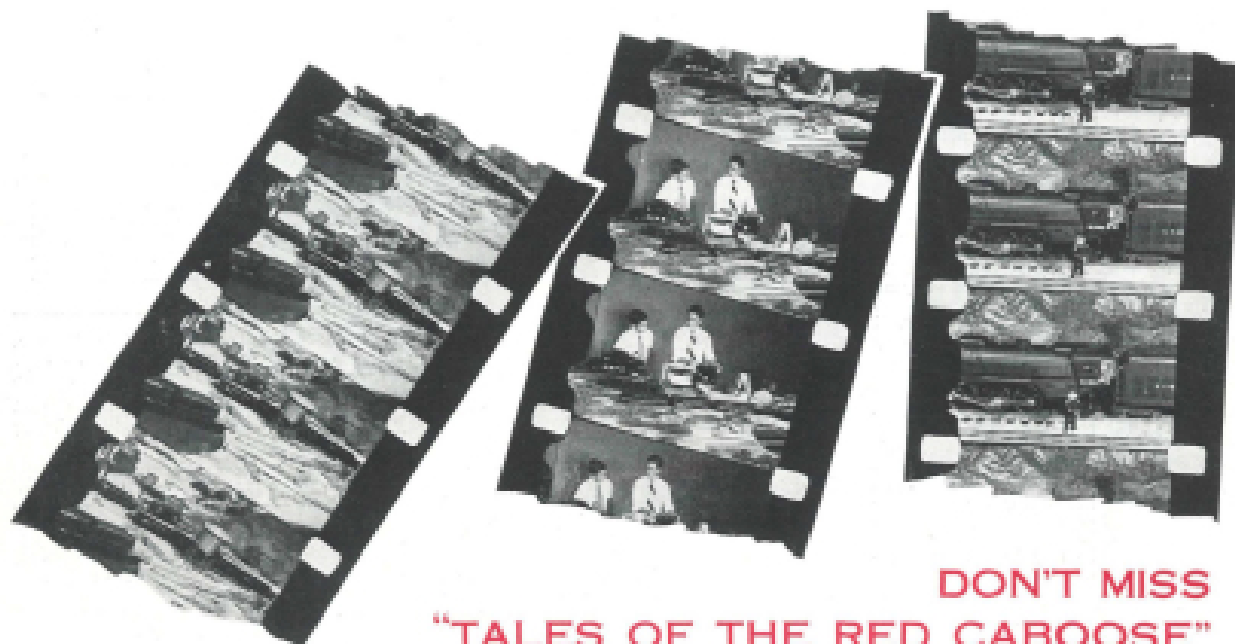
Saturday set-up opens at 6:00 AM. Print form legibly



Name		<p>\$25 per 8' banquet table (with chair - bring a table cover, if desired)</p> <p>How many tables? _____</p> <p>Amount enclosed? \$ _____</p> <p>Requests? _____</p> <p>Will you participate in the auction?</p> <p>Seller? _____ Buyer? _____</p> <p>Cactus Vendor Badges REQUIRED to enter trading hall There will be space on the badges to write your names, if so desired.</p> <p>1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max. 3 or 4 tables = 4 badges max. More than 4 tables = contact us More badges available at \$5.00 each</p>
Address		
City	State Zip	
Phone	Email	
<p>Security: I will abide with vendor badge 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
<p>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 Email: info@gcmrr.org Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457; Glenn Saber 602-956-6695</p>		

Cowen was not one to let new technology pass him by. From innovative electrical gadgets, to new streamliners introduced before the war, Lionel was also an early advocate of using television to get the word out about his trains.

TELEVISION!



**DON'T MISS
"TALES OF THE RED CABOOSE"
EACH FRIDAY OVER WJZ-TV AT 7:30 P. M.**

Yes, LIONEL TRAINS are on television! Every Friday night at 7:30 the exciting railroad story "Tales of the Red Caboose" is televised over American Broadcasting Company stations in New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore.

"Tales of the Red Caboose" features Engineer Dan Magee, a retired railroad man who now owns a vast Lionel pike, and the Lane family. Larry Lane, the son, has a modest-sized Lionel model road which his good-natured but blundering father does his best to upset. Dan Magee, a neighbor who drops in with advice and a caboose full of yarns, usually straightens everything out.

High point of the Lionel show comes when Engineer Dan tells one of his exciting rail-

road stories. These yarns, packed with adventure, excitement and suspense involve events which took place during Dan Magee's railroad career. Typical of the tales Engineer Dan spins are, "The Mystery of the Wrecked Mail Train", "The Runaway Yard Engine", "The Election Day Special" and "The Great Avalanche".

Listeners to "Tales of the Red Caboose" are invited to write to Engineer Dan at Lionel and join the Red Caboose Club. Everyone who writes in receives a red, white and blue Club lapel badge and a free four-color book of trains. Response for membership in the Red Caboose Club has been little short of overwhelming and already hundreds of boys are Lionel badge wearers.

THE LIONEL CORPORATION

THE MAIN LINE

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Our layouts are our window to the world to demonstrate what our “playing with toy trains is all about. But it takes work to make sure our trailer and modular layouts are kept up to date and operating reliably. Here is a work party held at Glenn Saber’s house. These are the fellows that make sure our layout is running and enjoyable for the public.