



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

Welcome to the old normal - hot dogs and apple pies for lunch at our June meeting. There were table sales and soda pop to kick off the return to normal. It's about time! Speaking about table sales, don't forget that next month is our July Cactus meet. Our first full swap meet in over a year. Like all our Cactus meets, this is an all hands on deck to get this done. These meets are our big money makers for the year. We missed the winter Cactus meet, so let's make this one count!

Some things have changed, the entrance has been moved, so we will need people to help guide vendors and buyers to that new entrance. The best way to get to the meet will be the parking lot entrance off of Central Avenue.

So I hope to see you all there. In other events happening for the rest of the year, don't forget the Beat the Heat meet show and the layout tour in August. This is a fun event where we leave the driving to some one else. We watch train videos on the way up and back. There is an optional sack lunch and the reward will be a \$25 prize raffled off when we get to the meet.

Also returning this year is Railfair during the first week of October. This is thanks to our friend Jim Bruner and others that got the park people moving to the return to normal. With that event back on, the third Saturday in September has been designated a work day on the trailer. It's

been almost a year and a half since we have operated the trailer, so track cleaning and other repairs are in order.

Our October meeting will feature our big annual raffle, pizza and drag races. And we will end the year with the three club Christmas party. Keep all these events in mind throughout the rest of the year.

Hope to see you at the July Cactus Meet and keep playing with those trains!

CALENDAR

GCMR meets are held at 9:00am in the Parish Hall of Our Saviour's 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.

July 24 - Cactus Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church. See the flyer this issue

August 21 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet - Prescott. Bus tour to the Meet. See the flyers this issue

August 28 - GCMR meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

September 25 - GCMR meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

October 23 - GCMR meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Annual raffle drawing, pizza, drag races

MEETING NOTES

by John Draftz

June Board Meeting

The fall Railfair is set to go for Oct 2 & 3rd with layout emplacements on Friday Oct 1, about 4pm.

The ARM in Chandler will have a fall open house on November 13. We take the mobile layout to it. There is a Tucson swap meet that day.

Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek may still be a venue but nothing is known at this time.

The mobile layout will need maintenance before use. Saturday, September 18, at Adobe Mountain, will be the date. John Draftz will check with the MLS to see if we can again use their patio. The wiring and sliding drawers need attention. Some snaps are "broken".

John Draftz has the secretary's history files. The BoD gave him the OK to purge the files as appropriate.

A cover for the mobile layout and probably the module trailer is needed. The option of a Ramada type cover (AKA pole barn) with some sides to keep direct sun and rain off may work. Glenn Saber has researched places like Lowe's and Home Depot to determine what's available for a 20x20 cover for the trailers at Adobe. He will send the BoD members options. The estimated cost is \$2000-3000. An option to be considered is creating a hard surface, e.g.,

asphalt, to park the trailers on. John D has made contact with Sahuaro Central who asked him to have the GCMR present a proposal with details to them at its meeting July 10.

It was noted that Glenn Saber is the meet chairperson and John Draftz is the registration coordinator.

Glenn Saber gave a brief report on the Summer Cactus. We are about 65% sold out at this point with more coming in. We have tickets for four railroads plus other raffle prizes at this point. Glenn Saber sent out broadcast e-mails to past attendees alerting them to the fact that the Summer Cactus meet will happen.

It was noted that Peter will probably NOT be at the meet thus another auctioneer will be needed.

GCMR Regular June Meeting

Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter was approved.

Treasurer's report presented and received.

Glenn Saber gave a Summer Cactus meet update noting that we do Friday set up starting about 4 pm. Members able to help were encouraged to attend. Members selling may bring their items at that time if desired. Anyone able to help should contact Glenn, the meet chair.

The pre-meet dinner at Denny's was discussed. It may not be held due to low attendance. Bill Richardson has been dealing with digestive issues thus limiting his energy thus unable to attend the meeting. Members are encouraged to send cards but to not call.

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Scottsdale's Railfair is scheduled for Sat-Sun October 2 & 3 with layout emplacement Friday, the 1st, about 4 pm. We'll need members available to operate trains.

The ARM in Chandler will have a fall open house November 13. We take the mobile layout to it and will need members available to operate trains. There is a Tucson swap meet that day. The AMRS will probably have their open house the first three Fridays and Saturdays in December. If so, we'll have the mobile layout present and will need members available to operate trains.

A mobile layout work party will be Saturday morning, September 18, at Adobe Mountain to repair drawers, etc.

Dave gave the August Prescott meet bus trip update. The format will follow last year's, e.g., a \$25 raffle, movies, etc.

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The pizza meeting will be in October. To give more visiting time between meetings, the BoD meeting will start at 8:30 with the regular meeting starting about 10 or thereafter. A location for the August after meeting lunch gathering is being identified.

The joint Christmas party is set for Sunday, December 12th.

TCA is planning a swap meet in October.

Red, White and Blue show-n-tell:
Gordon Wilson had two boxcars;
Glenn Saber had three freight cars of different gauges,
John Draftz had a caboose;

Dave Brown had three different colored boxcars.

Meeting adjourned followed by hot dogs, chips, apple pie, & beverages.

SCENIC RAILWAYS IN THE U.S.

Lin Sinclair

Did you ever hear of the Boone Railroad Historical Society??? (Boone, Iowa, according to Wikipedia, in 2010 had approximately 26,000 people.)

Somehow in 1983 this town managed to get together \$50,000.00 to buy 11.3 mile of track, land, bridges--and probably some leftover rolling stock--from the soon-to-be-abandoned railway holdings of Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern, Chicago & North Western Railway which evidently got its start [likely with a lot fewer place names in its title] in 1893.

The price of playing with really big trains picked up considerably along the way, because in 1989 the "Iowa Railroad Historical Society" (of which the Boone Railroad Historical Society is a division) purchased the world's last commercially produced steam locomotive (constructed in Datong, China), JS8419, for \$350,000!

And...somehow these historical societies also managed to put together the money to buy a GMD FP9A diesel locomotive, with complimentary rolling stock, to feature high-end dining car events as well as lunch events (the regular passenger cars being for routine ride-along excursions).

All of the related cars/loco are painted the nicest, friendliest hot-dog mustard color. (But not Grey Poupon mustard color...) This group has also added dessert and picnic trains, plus special event trains such as Thomas The Tank Engine™, the Easter Bunny Express, the Pumpkin Express, and the Santa Express™, as well as Weekend Getaways and Barbeque Dinners! What's not to like???

This group has a restored “motorcar” which is actually a teeny-tiny solo operating car that gives passengers a chance to see what it was like to inspect the rails way back when. And, yes, it really does run across a VERY high trestle bridge on demo rides! (3D commercially available trucks equipped with x-ray, sonar and the like are now used as rolling stock across the U.S. to inspect train tracks--sigh...)

Some of this railway’s electrified service got messed up along the way by a flood, so diesel engines took over handling their freight business. No matter! This industrious group decided to just “shake it off” and handily put together a working electric trolley line that goes from the line’s “depot” to downtown Boone. Just like that!

One of their trollies (CCW Car Number 50) was built by the McGuire-Cummings Company of Paris, Illinois in 1915 and is an example of a combo passenger/luggage/mail car that was an “interurban” car servicing densely populated towns/cities. (This is a deliciously restored car!) Other trolley cars in their collection are former Chicago, South Shore & South Bend cars built in 1927. On a more modern note, Boone’s trolley collection even includes Metra Bi-Level Cars “Highliner” cars!

Their 2-8-2 steam locomotive (#8419) is currently down for inspection/repairs. When they take this loco out for a run, they report it consumes about 1,500 gallons of water and something less than one (1) T-O-N of coal.

The Iowa Railroad Historical Society has bought supporting equipment along the way for this railway, as well as rolling stock and buildings for this bustling train metropolis, which they restore as funding becomes available. Unbelievably, all of the work on their tracks, grounds, buildings, locomotives and cars is done by volunteers. They even have had folks move to Boone from other countries just to be able to work with this small-town/mega-thinking train project. Their website now refers to this train conglomerate as the “Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad.”

All in all, this is the little town that could... With its very own life-sized, realistic theme park train!

Would I ever think of moving to Boone, Iowa to help work on this line? Having once turned down a job offer in Bloomington, Illinois (not that far from South Dakota winters, ya know?), I don’t think so. And I actually once visited Davenport, Iowa--on PURPOSE. ... (What was I thinking?!!?) Now I’m just trying to figure out how I can justify a visit to Boone, Iowa to see/ride on all their neat real-life trains! :-)

WINNERS!

K-Line truck – Chris Allen
Flyer boxcar – John Draftz
Lionel boxcar – Bill Lazenby
Lionel dump car – Glenn Saber
Lionel boxcar & caboose
(mystery) – John Kenig
3 annual raffle tickets – Dave Brown





Glenn Saber



Bill Lazenby



John Kendig



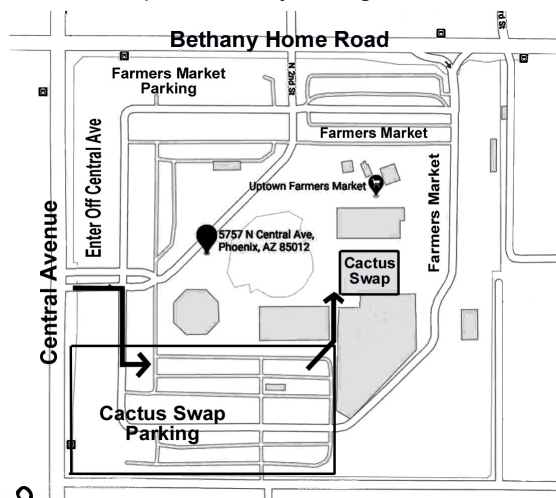
Gordon Wilson

“ONE OF ARIZONA’S LARGEST
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS”
**CACTUS SUMMER
TRAIN SWAP**

SATURDAY, JULY 24TH, 2021

SWAP FROM 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Masks required - may change based on then current restrictions



**NORTH PHOENIX
BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP CENTER**

5757 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

Due to Saturday Farmers Market restrictions:

Friday vendor unloading East-side 4 – 6 PM

Saturday vendor unloading West-side 6 – 9 AM

Presented by your pal, Casey Cactus, and the
GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILRODERS

Print legibly. No refunds after July 17, 2021

Join Our Fun Friday Pre-meet Denny's Dinner !

NOTE: unclaimed tables will be released at 8:00 AM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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.

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

Email: info@gcmrr.org

Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457; Glenn Saber 602-956-6695

\$25 per 8' banquet table

(Bring a table cover, if desired)

How many tables? _____

Amount enclosed? \$ _____

Request? _____

Will you participate in the auction?

Seller? _____ Buyer? _____

Admission Name Badges

1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.

First and last name please

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

3 or 4 tables = 4 badges max.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

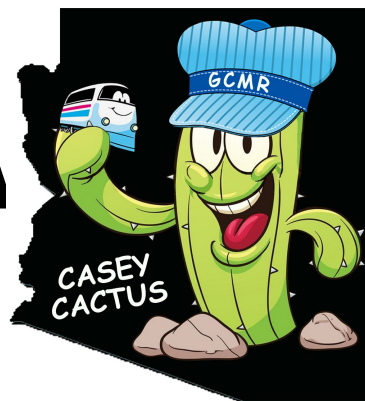
More badges available at \$5.00 each

Name Badges REQUIRED for your security

MORE THAN 4 TABLES - CALL

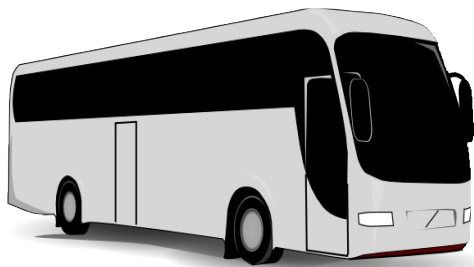
IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE FANTASTIC
BEAT THE HEAT
SWAP MEET BUS
WITH MULTIPLE LAYOUT TOUR
IN COOL PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ

(Swap meet presented by Central Arizona Model Railroad Club)



SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

CASEY SAYS; "IF YOU LIKE MY CACTUS SWAPS, YOU'LL *LOVE* MY BUS TOUR"
LET CASEY DO THE DRIVING!



COMFORTABLE DELUXE MOTORCOACH
SAVE ON GAS AND STRESSFUL DRIVING
ON-BOARD VIDEOS AND BOTTLED WATER
ON-BOARD RESTROOM AND STORAGE
PRIORITY ENTRANCE INTO THE SWAP MEET
MULTIPLE LAYOUT TOUR INCLUDED
OPTIONAL BAG LUNCH WITH BEVERAGE
LUCKY RIDER WINS A DOOR PRIZE

SWAP MEET ENTRANCE FEE INCLUDED!

Of Course I'm Going: _____ Wouldn't Miss It!

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

Select Your Pickup Location:

Arizona Mills leave at 6:00 AM _____ **Paradise Valley Mall at leave 6:30 AM** _____

Metrocenter Mall leave at 7:00 AM _____ **Carefree Highway McDonald's leave at 7:15 AM** _____

Number of adult GCMR club members: _____ at \$35 each = \$ _____ Bus Trip Presented By:

Number of adult Non-GCMR members: _____ at \$40 each = \$ _____

Number of children under 12: _____ at \$15 each = \$ _____

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

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

Mail this form and check to:

Make your reservation early!

Limited Seats Available

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All payments required prior to August 14, 2021

No refunds after August 14, 2021

**Sales Tables are Sold Out - So, hop on the GCMR Bus and
come enjoy the swap meet and layout visits!**



Prescott Area BEAT THE HEAT

SWAP MEET

Model Trains, Accessories & Toys

Liberty Traditional School

3300 N. Lake Valley Rd, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Saturday, August 21, 2021 9am - 1pm

Presented By:

The Central Arizona Model RR Club

Adults \$5.00 – Children 12 and under Free

Masks will be required for attendees

Info, contact: Dick Gage © 802-272-1352 or Doug Gilliatt 480-390-0320

