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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Draftz (filling in for Dave)

The June meeting theme was "red, white & blue" to go along with our hot dogs and apple pies. A special thanks to those who brought in items.

Our Cactus meets are a major source of club income. The 2022 Summer Cactus is Saturday, July 23rd with hall set up Friday afternoon at 4pm. Note: July has five Saturdays and the 23rd is the fourth one. We need all available members (and their friends) to help get the hall ready Friday afternoon. Sellers have been told they can bring stuff from 4:30-6 thus we need all the aisles and tables identified by then. We also need help during the meet with various tasks.

Even if you can't be there the whole time, please plan to be there and help as you can. Note: the meet hours are now 9-noon with the table top auction starting after that.

In case you have not heard, the bus trip to the Beat the Heat Meet has been cancelled due to an unexpected price increase to rent the bus. See the flyer for details on the meet.

August will be the "Guess The Heat" meeting. Enter with a numbered item. The last 2-3 digits of the engine or rolling stock is the way to guess the heat at 11am that day without going over (we call national weather service 602-275-0073 opt 1). It's first come, first served on the entry, i.e. if there are duplicate numbers entered, whoever entered first gets the number. We'd

also like you to tell us a little about your entry. If you can, bring a train and run it.

The **Annual 3-2-1 Raffle** drawing (\$300 first, \$200 second, \$100 third) is still ongoing along with the red and blue ticket raffles. Tickets are available at the meetings with the annual raffle drawing made at our October meeting.

We're still planning on a September mini-meet subject to change depending on what the world is like at that point. Let's think positive and assume it'll be held and plan to bring "stuff" to sell. In the meantime, take care and stay healthy.

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.

July 23 - Cactus Summer Swap Meet, see flyer this issue

August 6 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott, see flyer this issue

August 27 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church - Guess the Heat meet

September 24 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

CACTUS MEET UPDATE

by John Draftz

Our Summer Cactus swap meet is fast approaching. At this point, we have over 100 tables sold with more reservations due in leaving 15-20 tables still available on a first come, first served basis. Anyone wanting a tables should contact me as soon as practical (jdraftz@cox.net or 602-942-3457).

We are planning on having the hall available Friday afternoon from 4:30-6 for those sellers wanting to unload early. After that, the hall will be open Saturday morning from 6-9 for unloading and set up.

Unloading on Friday and Saturday will be by the NE door as done in the past. On Saturday morning, an unloading zone will be marked off from 6-9 with the understanding that once unloaded, the vehicle will be moved to the SW parking lot. This is to allow others to unload and to free the space for farmer's market people after 9.

Raffle prizes include five train rides and other items still to be identified.

We will be setting up the hall starting Friday afternoon about 4pm and could use help in placing table signs, marking off doors, setting up the PA system, etc. Please help as you are able.

John D, Registration Coordinator

TERRY'S BASEMENT TRAIN EMPIRE UPATE

by Terry Gibbs

My goal is to have all my trains unpacked and either on layouts or shelves by the time I am 60 years old. I have almost a year left and am on track.

The Marklin layout I wrote about last time has been moving along in fits and starts as I source bits of catenary for it. It does run and it's mostly landscaped, but the catenary presents a problem. . . Once the wires go up on the front of

the layout, you can't work on the back without breaking poles.

So while waiting for the bits of Marklin wire, I started on the American Flyer S Gauge layout. This goes in the eastern end of the basement and is 10 by 6.3 feet. It's on the floor like the O gauge layout, and an OO layout will go over it. You can walk all the way around the layout.

About ten years ago I bought a whole bunch of really nice American Flyer trains. In the deal were a 346 0-8-0 switcher and the 326 Hudson with three red heavyweight cars. I always liked the way the little 0-8-0 locos looked, so kept those sets. Since then I've added more. I only have S trains made between 1953 and 1958, and accessories that look good with them.

I started with some track on the floor so I could position the legs for the OO layout. Then I built some of the deck and checked the legs.

I decided to paint the whole layout with a texture like a deck or a tennis court. Walmart sells little bottles of paint cheap, so I had a gallon of paint made to match their dark green and added aggregate. I'll use the Walmart paint to make roads and a little lake by the bridges.

Right now I have the accessories on the layout so I can see where the roads and rivers go. I'll run the trains for a while and then set everything aside and paint more. There are no holes in the board because I don't want paint on the carpet underneath. I'll wire everything later.

I had the NP set cruising around the track as I put out the accessories and it ran without a problem for two hours. Then I put an accessory with wires too close to the track and caused a crash!

Here's pictures of the progress. The last ones show the 326 Hudson and the 0-8-0 sets on the layout. All the pictures with the green base were taken on Sunday 7-10 as I unpacked the accessories and set them out.

I've been posting videos of the trains running on YouTube. You can see them at:

https://youtu.be/p6APU_VZFco



JOHN'S PHOTOS FROM LAST MONTH





**"ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS"**
**CACTUS SUMMER
TRAIN SWAP**

SATURDAY, JULY 23rd, 2022

SWAP FROM 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

with table top auction at 12:00 noon



**NORTH PHOENIX
BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP CENTER**

5757 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

**Due to Large Farmers Market restrictions:
Saturday unloading instructions
will be sent prior to the meet**

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

Print legibly. No refunds after July 16, 2022

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 12:00 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

\$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



Beat the Heat Model Train Show 2022 & Extravaganza

*Bigger & Better in our new location
Embry Riddle Aeronautical Univ.*

3700 Willow Creek Road Prescott, AZ 86301

Raffle Prizes MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
Grand prize \$500.00, 2nd prize \$300.00, 3rd prize \$200.00
& other door prizes

Saturday, August 6, 2022 9am - 1pm

***Model Trains, Toys, Accessories
& Display Layouts***

Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 & under Free

Contact: Fred Williams (928)830-5913 or Dick Gage (802)272-1352

Table Reservations, Std. 6' long \$30.00 for the 1st table,
\$20.00 for extra tables paid in advanced

Dealer setup time 7-9 AM NO Early Public Admission

The CAMRRC is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items.

Please Note: face masks recommended, NOT required

Please visit our web site for more info.

www.CAMRRC.com

