



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

The theme for our June meeting is "Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc., item(s) w/flag(s)". Since our meeting is just before the 4th of July, this is the meeting to bring something to remind everyone of what our independence is all about.

The BoD will continue to provide donuts for the regular meetings. There will be a "free will" donation container available to those who want to help offset the cost. The beverage (coffee, juice, etc) will be on a BYO basis.

As a reminder, we need to hold one or more work parties over the next several months where we can bring the modules to the display level at which we want them to be. Dates have not yet been set so we can adjust to your availability. Please give us your suggestions.

The BoD believes the "pole barn" concept at Adobe is a practical way to reach out to the public and add new members. Before we proceed further, we need to clarify issues such as funding, maintenance, use, etc. To that end, we need you, our members, to give us your input. How can we best proceed? What are your concerns? The goal is to simply take advantage of the public exposure during Sunday afternoons and with it probable new members. The more members we have, the more we can do.

The Beat the Heat meet is coming up. More details later in the newsletter. There will be a sign-up for the bus. Please let Dave Brown know

(480-650-5336 or eaglefour@juno.com) if you are planning to go.

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.

June 22 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Theme: Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc., item(s) w/flag(s)

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.

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 = the way to guess the heat at 11am that day (will call national weather service).

MEETING NOTES

Show & Tell

+ Paul Boston has been restoring an American Flier train set that his Uncle gave him. Paul believes it was new back in his day [1922 or so]. He has done a lot of work on the unit since he first showed it at the April meeting. Looking great Paul.

+ John Draftz showed off a Memorial Day B - Car is very detailed and festive looking for the memorial holiday

Old Business

+ Raffle tickets are being sold. Please check with friends, family and other train clubs to sell the tickets. Prizes this year will appeal to everyone:

First: \$1,000 gift certificate at Roy's Train World or \$800 cash

Second: \$500 gift certificate at An Affair with Trains or \$ 400 cash

Third: \$100 Cash

+ The Mobile Unit cover has been installed and is working well. More info will be given by VP Eaton at next month's meeting.

+ The Mobile unit was just used at Williams for the National Train Day train show and Dave Brown will give a report on that event next month.

+ GCMR Web page All members are asked to contact Webmaster, Paul Boston, to post information on the web page. The web page is a snapshot of our club and we want it to appeal to everyone.

+ Goals are being worked on by the board, which is seen as an ongoing task to improve our train club. Please submit your ideas. thoughts to the Board.

New Business

+ Rod Johnson is working on the refund policy. Once completed it will be voted on by the membership.

+ National Train Day

As stated above the Mobile Unit was at the Williams National Train Day event and reports received stated that everything went well with only one slight issue. Organizers of the event gave our member present free hotel rooms for the night. Dave Brown will provide further info at next month meeting.

The Chandler Train Museum National Train Day exhibit was cancelled due to the fact that there were no volunteers to set up the O & S modules.

+ Adobe Mountain President Draftz gave an update on the Adobe Mountain GCMR location. A possible location is at the end of the driveway when you drive in by the signal bridge. This is an excellent location with high visibility.

We would be running on Sundays from Oct-May. Discussed also was the possibility of building a pole barn building and /or a metal building for around 9,000 dollars. Nothing gets started or any money is going to be spent until Sahuaro Central approves our proposal that has first been approved the GCMR membership. More info to follow on this topic.

+ Work parties Work parties need to be sent up to work on the modules and the trailer racks that hold the modules in place during transport. Please let the board know if you can assist.

+ Dallas Dixon informed the group that the Gadsden-Pacific Train Museum in Tucson is having

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a swap meet on Friday May 31, from 2pm to 7pm
and Saturday June from 9am to 2pm



The April Meeting's Show and Tell

YORK IS A STEAM ENGINE?

How about a brand new beautiful 1860's steam loco? Yes, if you are an attendee at TCA's York train meet, there is a new reason for attending. Here is a story of the new tourist line outside York, PA. - Ed

By Wayne Laepple

NEW FREEDOM, Pa. – A brand-new steam locomotive came to life for the first time this week on its new home road. The locomotive, carrying No. 17 and named *York*, was built in Elgin, Ill., as the star attraction of Steam Into History. The new exhibit is an effort by York County historians to call attention to the role played by the old Northern

NOTICE: Sales tables at the Beat the Heat meet are sold out!

So, it looks like it will be a spectacular show. Make your plans now to get a seat reserved on the bus so you will not miss out on the goodies nor on the layout visits following the meet.



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



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- 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

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Central Railroad (later part of the Pennsylvania Railroad) leading up to and following the climactic Battle of Gettysburg in early July 1863.

The Northern Central was an important link between Baltimore and Harrisburg, and at Hanover Junction, it connected with the Hanover Junction, Hanover & Gettysburg Railroad. Two weeks before the battle at Gettysburg, a sharp skirmish took place at Hanover Jct. between Confederate cavalry scouts and a contingent of Union militia. After the Gettysburg battle, the line was used to evacuate wounded soldiers to hospitals in York, Harrisburg and other northern cities. And in early November 1863 President Abraham Lincoln passed through New Freedom and Hanover Junction on his way to Gettysburg.



Steam Into History intends to give 21st century visitors an opportunity to ride a portion of Lincoln's route behind a replica of an 1850's vintage locomotive much like those used by the Northern Central. They will ride in wooden, open-platform

coaches, also replicas of period rolling stock. Volunteer docents will offer commentary on the trains, as will "living history" re-enactors on the train and at the stations at New Freedom and Hanover Junction.

WINNERS !

Lionel Bay Hopper car **Bill Lazenby**

Lionel Flat car w liquid gas load **Barbara Turner**

Lionel NHL Campbell boxcar **Paul Boston**

Lionel JCL Box car **John Draftz**

Mystery Box:

Lionel 0-4-0 ATSF Steam engine **Frank Birney**

\$25.00 cash **Bill Rodgers**



AT WILLIAMS FOR NATIONAL TRAIN DAY

Here are some photos by Dave Brown and your Editor from this year's festivities at National Train Day. As usual, the GCMR layout was located right next to the information booth and was one of the hits of the show



From any angle, Dave was always working on the layout



The Winslow Harvey Girls loved showing off their collection of Santa Fe china and dining car implements



Kids and toy trains will always go together



Quite a few people took advantage of the Grand Canyon Railway's locomotive shop tour



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National Train Day in Williams brings lots of families, hopefully learning about the great hobby of toy trains and the fellows manning the GCMR's traveling layout were happy to help introduce the hobby.