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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

To start this month's newsletter, I must give you some sad news. Our friend and member Tony Saulina passed away on May 26th. I met Tony when he joined Paradise and Pacific back in the 90's. He was a hard worker, enjoyed running trains. In later years he joined both TTOS and TCA. Tony will be missed and my thoughts and prayers are with his wife Pat.

This month's meeting is our hot dog and apple pie meeting. The show and tell theme falls under any of two subjects: First are your red, white and blue trains, second will be one of two numbers in the unit number. The first number is 1776, and the second number is 240 for the 240th anniversary of the signing of the declaration of independence. So if you have an engine or car with a number of 1776, or if you have an engine or car with 240 being part of the number, then bring it in and show it off along with your red, white and blue cars.

At the last meeting, John Draftz asked for a want list of trains and other stuff that you would be interested in finding at the summer cactus meet. Please get these wishes to John so that he can do an e-blast to the vendors so that they know what to look for in their boxes of stuff to sell.

The Beat the Heat bus tour form is in this newsletter. For those who have been on this trip, it's a fun one. For those who are new to the club, here how it works. You pick from one of four stops: Arizona Mills Mall, Paradise Valley Mall, Metro Center Mall, or Carefree Highway. Then some time close to the trip the monitor for that stop will call you and let you know where people meet at your stop and what time to be there.

Then the bus comes by and picks you up and takes everyone up to Prescott Valley for the swap meet. You pay to get in, and then look for the bargains on trains. Around 12:00 pm the bus will pick everyone up and we will start the layout tours. There is an optional \$7.00 sack lunch that can be purchased when you sign up for the trip. This is the cost that the Central Arizona Model Railroaders charge us, we make nothing on this and is provided as a service to the riders. If you want to bring your own lunch, that's fine too. After the layout tours, the bus will return to Phoenix and drop everyone off at the end of the day.

I look forward to seeing you all at the June meeting!

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 18 Williams Train Day - Grand Canyon Depot, Williams

June 25 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

July 23 - GCMR Summer Swap Meet, North Phoenix Baptist Church

August 13 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott

August 27 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

September 24 - GCMR fall Mini-Meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

MEETING NOTES

By Bill Richardson

Board Meeting

Old Business

The BOD has tasked Bill Richardson and Glenn Saber with getting the Mobile Layout trailer axle replacement process started during the last week of May. Hopefully, the axle can be done before the Williams Train Day trip.

New Business

The BOD has tasked Jack Eaton with getting a gift card from the train store in Paradise Valley Mall for our July Cactus Summer meet. As of May 21st Table Sales are at approximately 36% or roughly 60 tables.

John Draftz suggested to the BOD that GCMR should try to put together a "want

list" for the July Cactus Summer meet that vendors can access to see specifically what someone is looking for. Idea will be presented to the membership.

Glenn Saber will provide his updated paid membership list to Secretary Bill Richardson and Editor Peter Atonna.

The BOD agreed to continue to offer a discounted membership financial assistance to members on a case by case basis.

The BOD has determined that the month of June membership meeting will be the Hot Dog and Apple Pie meeting. John Draftz will get hot dogs and buns. Bill Richardson will get drinks and ice. Janet Mattern will get condiments. Glenn Saber will get apple pie.

Dave Brown will check with Cal Stewart people about their new location and lack of space for our mobile trailer. We are probably not bringing our trailer there this year. Therefore, we can have a general membership meeting scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in November, the 19th. This issue will be brought to the general membership.

Glenn Saber and Dave Brown will make a form with prices for the Bus Trip to the "Beat the Heat Meet".

BOD is looking into having a Baseball game outing at Chase Field with the Arizona Diamondbacks for GCMR members.

General Membership Meeting

Announcements:

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President Dave Brown announced that next month's June General Membership Meeting will be the Hot Dog and Apple Pie meeting. After the June Membership meeting, stick around for a free lunch! Also, the theme for the June meet will be anything Red, White, and Blue.

Old Business:

Bill Richardson and Glenn Saber will tow the mobile layout trailer to Arizona Axle Products in May to get the new axles installed. We are also looking to get bigger and heavier duty tires for the trailer. Hopefully, the axle and tires can be done before the Williams Train Day trip.

John Draftz reported that as of May 21st Table Sales for the July Cactus Summer meet are at approximately 36% or roughly 60 tables. A broadcast email will go out to all the train clubs along with a "want list". The "want list" will indicate what some people are looking for. Glenn Saber will provide flyers that can be distributed at the June Membership Meeting. It is our goal to have trains running at the July Cactus Summer meet.

New Business:

A motion was made to have all the future May General Membership meeting on the 3rd Saturday in May instead of the 4th Saturday to avoid conflicts with Memorial Day weekend. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Brown announced that our mobile trailer probably won't be going to Cal Stewart this year due to space limitations at their new location. Therefore, a motion was made to have a November GCMR General Membership meeting on the 3rd Saturday in November. Motion passed unanimously.

The GCMR is planning to bring the Mobile Layout Trailer to Williams Train Day. The trailer will leave Phoenix Friday, June 17, and return Saturday evening. Dave Brown and Bill Richardson will tow the trailer up and back. Any GCMR members interested in running trains that day in Williams should

contact Dave Brown. The Grand Canyon Railway will be running the vintage steam locomotive No. 4960. So join your fellow members in Williams, the more the merrier.

The GCMR may be able to get some discount tickets to see an Arizona Diamondbacks game. This is still a work in progress.

Glenn Saber presented an idea about a GCMR club photo contest. The BOD will discuss this further and define the criteria.

A question arose as to whether the GCMR should continue with raffle prizes at our swap meets. Current feeling is as long as we're making some money on raffles then we will continue.

President Dave Brown asked if there were any new members present at which time we were introduced to Lynn McClelland and Richard Fortmeyer.

George Glass informed the membership that there are some really interesting pictures and videos out on the Lionel website (www.lionel.com). If you haven't checked it out lately, he highly recommends you do so.

Show and Tell: The theme was military trains. John Draftz brought his K-Line Desert Storm. Ralph Treichel brought some tinplate American Flyer. Glenn Saber brought his USMC Missile Launching car which goes on Ebay for \$150 to \$275.

IT'S BEAT THE HEAT TIME!

by Peter Atonna

From all reports, last year's new venue for the Beat the Heat swap meet proved a winner. The folks at the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club have heard nothing but good reports from last year's meet. The new hall is at grade level (no ramps or steps!), it is air conditioned and has great loading and unloading areas. In case you were not able to make last year's show, the new location is at the Liberty Traditional Elementary School in

Prescott Valley. It is easily assessable off SR 69.

Sales tables are already sold out, so you will have a great selection of trains. Admission is \$5 with kids under 12 free with an adult. The show starts at 9am and runs to 1pm. If you have a sales table, the dealer setup is 7 - 9am. If you have questions, call Dick Gage at 802-272-1352 or email to: vttoaz@cablone.net. The CAMRC fellows will try to make sure your experience at the meet is a great one.

Don't forget, the meet is a great excuse to spend a weekend in the Prescott areas. Here are some of the weekend's activities around the Prescott area.

Shopping - Downtown Prescott has one of the finest antique and arts districts in the state. The district lines Cortez and Marina Streets.

Museums - Next to the old Activity Center is the Smoki Museum, while downtown is Sharlot Hall Museum and just north of town is the Phippen Art Museum

Train Rides - Both the Grand Canyon Railway and the Verde Canyon Railroad are less than two hours from Prescott for a great Sunday activity.

Outdoor activities - The Prescott area is a jumping off point for camping and fishing in the Bradshaw Mountains, bike riding on many of the area highways and hiking in Thumb Butte, Granite Mountain or the Peavine Rails to Trails. Lynx and Watson Lakes are great picnic locations.

Mortimer's Farm - Mortimer Nursery Farms located at the intersection of SR69 and SR169, will have a crop of corn and other goodies ready for you.

Open Houses - The Prescott area is home to a number of home layouts and we are happy to share some of the best with our visitors. For this year, we have seven CAMRC members who have generously opened their layouts and collections for your enjoyment. Time for visiting starts at 2pm, after the meet. There will be maps available at the meet registration table. Be sure to pick one up on your way in.

Marlin Benson - Three rooms filled with O gauge trains and displays. His high rail layout occupies two rooms. A Large Scale loop lines the walls and a

Christmas themed layout are included in one train room.

Scott Hicks - A garden layout in the large back yard of this historic Victorian era home in downtown Prescott. A high rail layout is also located in his back yard guest house.

Richie Scanapico - An outdoor Large Scale layout surrounding two sides of his house with trains running in a setting with spectacular views. In addition there is a display of large scale military trains in his garage.

Anthony Piscitelli - A new HO gauge layout with an Arizona copper mining theme. The layout is operational and scenery begun.

Paul Janowski: Layout featuring Lionel and American Flyer trains with eight operating simultaneously

Pete Hartman - An around the wall layout with O Scale and G gauge trains running in a unique scenic setting.

Peter Atonna - A large high rail layout in the process of rebuilding to an urban theme. Trains are running and scenery is well underway.

We hope you plan to spend the weekend in Prescott. If you would like a nearby motel for your stay, here are some suggestions (the area code is 928):

If you would like to stay at a nearby motel in Prescott Valley there are:

- + Arizona Inn - 7875 E. Hwy 69 1-877-709-7784
- + Hampton Inn & Suites - 2901 N Glassford Hill Rd 772-1800
- + Comfort Suites, - 2601 N Crownpointe Drive 771-2100

If you would like to stay in downtown Prescott:

- + Hotel St. Michael - 205 W. Gurley 776-1999
- + Hotel Vendome - 230 S. Cortez 776-0900
- + Hassayampa Inn - 122 E. Gurley 778-9434
- + Marriott SpringHill Suits - Depot Square, Sheldon Street and Cortez 776-0998.



We welcomed new member, Lynn McClelland

WINNERS!

Raffle Prize Winners:

Bill Lazenby - Lionel 6-19204 Milwaukee Road Boxcar

Dwane Turner - Lionel "O" scale Automatic Gateman

Roger Bourque - Lionel 6-19956 Toyfair Boxcar

Mystery Raffle prize winner:

Bill East - American Flyer by Lionel Magnetic Crane

The monthly 1K raffle winner was once again Bill East - who won 3 more tickets for the 1K raffle.

FROM THE MAY MEET

photos by Dave Brown





CAL STEWART UPDATE

(As many remember, the folks at Southwest Division TTOS were not able to renew their contract at the Ontario Convention Center, so have contracted for this year's show at the LA County Fairplex at Pomona. Here is an update on the event taken from the Southwestern Limited - Ed)

Cal-Stewart 2016 co-chairmen, Hollis Cotton and Mike Stella, have been hard at work trying to put this event together. People have been asking about the Host Hotel for Cal-Stewart in 2016. The logical host hotel would normally be the Sheraton at Fairplex, which is next door to our venue. Their regular rate is \$180 per night (plus taxes). They will block 40 rooms for a \$109 rate, but there is a 60 day minimum period before the meet when we could cancel without penalty, which is unacceptable.

Hollis and Mike have selected the Park Inn by Raddison in Covina as the Host Hotel. The room rate is \$89, plus tax and includes breakfast for two people. There are four more hotels within one mile of the Raddison.

At this time, it is unlikely that we will have a Friday night Welcoming Party. The going rate at the Fairplex Sheraton is \$45 per person. Ontario gave us a \$30 per person "deal" for the past three years and we charged event registrants \$20. We would have to charge registrants \$35 and I doubt that many would go for this cost.



Another new member, Richard Fortmeyer

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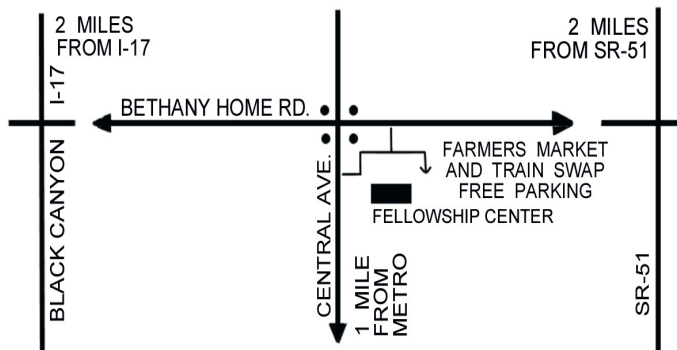
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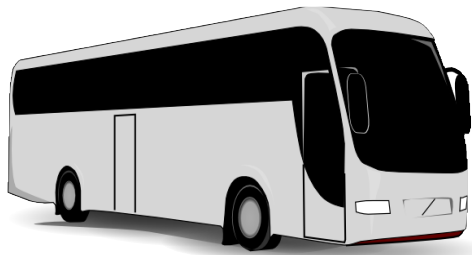
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No refunds after July 16, 2016.

Set-up opens at 6:00 AM Please print form legibly.



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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 13, 2016

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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: _____

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 6, 2016)

Mail this form and check to:

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UPDATE ON THE ATONNA LAYOUT

by Peter Atonna

As many members may remember, two years ago I decided it was time for a major change to my layout. Going with an urban rather than a rural theme, it was redesigned around a major downtown railroad terminal. It also featured a double rather than a single track main line and fully circled the room (you will have to see how on the GCMR bus visit in August!)

Deconstruction began the week following the Beat the Heat open house in 2014 and except for a GCMR bus visit last year to see the progress, it has not been open to the public till this year. I finally feel I have come far enough to hope folks will enjoy seeing where it is going. So, to whet your appetite for this year's bus tour, here is a short photo gallery of the changes.



The station is now open and taking passengers



Buildings to be relocated in their "holding area"



Downtown is filling up



Subway is in as are the tracks to the station



And, yes, there are still to be rural areas

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It will be here before we know it. See the update in this month's issue