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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

Summer is here. That means that this June's meeting is the "Hot dog and apple pie" meeting. The theme for show and tell is "Red, White and Blue". However you choose to interpret that. The business meeting starts at around 10:00 AM with the raffle followed by lunch.

I have heard that some people came to the May meeting and left because the board meeting ran long. DON'T!! As always, board meetings are open to all members, and there were other members there, so go over and talk to them. The reasons the board meeting ran long were:

- + We had gone two months without one
- + I was unable to be at the last meeting due to family matters,
- + and we had a subject, the "O" gauge modules, that was taking some time.

Stick around, we're all here to have fun and fellowship. July is our summer Cactus Swap Meet. According to John Drafts, we are 50% sold out. So if you haven't got your tables yet, they're going fast. We will also need help on morning security and showing people where their tables are. So, any and all help would be appreciated.

August has two events, First is the Beat the Heat bus tour. There is a flier in this newsletter for the bus to the meet. The price this year is the same

as last year. \$30 for members, \$35 for non members and \$7 for the optional lunch. I've made arrangements to have the lunch be delivered at 11:30 at the meet. This will give you time to eat, then get on the bus for the afternoon layout tours. We will get back to the valley between 5:30 and 7:00.

August is also our Guess the Heat meeting. Like last year, bring a car with your guess of what the temperature will be at 11:00. The closest without going over the correct temperature will win! If all guesses are to high, the closest one wins. What's the prize? Six monthly raffle tickets! So get there early to secure your guess first. Another thing, if you haven't had enough fellowship at the meeting, afterwards, we go to "The Streets of New York" on 12th street and Northern for lunch. Note that when we have lunch at the church, this gets passed for that meeting (like this month). Whats next? The start of the 2017, 2018 train season, which means Railfair is just around the corner!

Happy Training!

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 24 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Theme: Hot dogs and Apple Pie (see the President's message)

July 22 - GCMR Cactus Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church

August 12 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet - Prescott Valley

August 26 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

GCMR General Membership Meeting Minutes
(These notes were not available for the May Main Line):

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Dave Brown was absent due to family matters, so Vice President Jack Eaton filled in for him. Today's meeting was very short due to the upcoming Mini-Meet.

Treasurer Glenn Saber gave the Treasurer's report. The report specified the amounts of money in the checking account and the PayPal account. Report accepted by the membership present. Secretaries report was specified as published in the April newsletter.

One quick reminder to all GCMR Members is that the May General Membership meeting will be held on the 3rd Saturday in May (5/20/17). This is to prevent conflict with the Memorial Day weekend.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Draftz is working on the term update to the by-laws. This will be voted on by the membership when complete.

The multi-club picnic occurred on April 1st with about 120 people attending. The weather was beautiful. Lots of good food and lots of raffle prizes. Katherine Richardson (Bill Richardson's daughter) turns out is even luckier than he is, her name was drawn three times.

The June 24th meeting is scheduled to be GCMR's hot dog and apple pie meeting. Plan on attending. Hot dogs, apple pie, soda, and water provided after the general membership meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Any new business will be postponed until May meeting because it's Mini-meet time.

Club Member Dana Price won the \$75.00 Hobby Lobby gift card at the Mini-Meet.
Congratulations Dana.

GCMR Board Of Directors (BOD) May 20th Meeting Minutes:

by John Draftz filling in for Secretary Bill Richardson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Glenn gave a Treasurer's report noting the amounts available. He also noted that we made a small amount on the spring mini-meet.

John Draftz reported that over 60 tables of the possible 150 (with more yet to come) have been sold to date for the July 22nd Cactus Summer Meet . Glenn is the overall meet coordinator with John handling registrations.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Prizes for the July Summer Cactus meet include: a CTT subscription, two tickets on the Grand Canyon, a boxed (used) Lionel freight set, the Magma Arizona set plus extra ore car, and a musical trains Christmas tree. John will contact other donors in June.

The format of the post-meet auction was discussed noting that a seller may need to be limited to not more than a certain number of consecutive lots, e.g., 5. No decision was made at this time.

The June 24th meeting will be the annual Hot Dog & Apple Pie meeting. Dave will bring the grill/propane, hot dogs & buns. Glenn will bring the apple pies. Janet will bring chips. John will bring ice cream. Bill Richardson is to bring the beverages.

The status of the modules was discussed. The S-gauge are in overall OK shape but will need some maintenance. The O-gauge need to have a better support system that will allow for ease in assembly and leveling. The configuration of the track on the modules was discussed. Options were: 2 O & 1 S, 2 O & 1 std/#1, and all O. Also discussed were: how to scenic them, switches for operations with industries versus a simple oval for just running, and having a single source construct the modules probably at a cost. No decision was made.

GCMR May 20 General Membership Meeting Minutes:
by John Draftz filling in for Secretary Bill Richardson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Treasurer Glenn Saber gave the Treasurer's report.

The report specified the amounts in the checking account and the PayPal account. Glenn reported GCMR made \$56 on the mini-meet. The report was accepted by the membership present.

Motion was made to approve Secretary's minutes as printed in the Mainline. The motion passed.

Reminder that the June 24th meeting will be the annual Hot Dog & Apple Pie meeting.

Reminder that the July 22nd Cactus Summer Meet is just around the corner.

The Beat-the-Heat bus trip and tour will be August 12th 2017. We will have the bus again: \$30 GCMR members, \$35 others. Bag lunch is extra.

OLD BUSINESS:

The number of "Beat the Heat" Bus riders is often less than the break-even number. The bus is open to non-GCMR members. Getting just a few more riders can be the break-even point. Glenn will send a notice to the other train clubs in the Valley.

John indicated the Summer Cactus is over 40% sold out. It was noted that the NPBC location with them renting tables, chairs and the PA system makes holding the meet much easier.

The S-gauge modules are in overall good shape but need maintenance. No further action on them was planned. The O-gauge modules will need significant attention. The committee members have presented different concerns as to how best to proceed. Bill Lazenby noted that the LCCA modules were easy to set up. Members were encouraged to review them on the LCCA web site. The first step is to identify what the table (the support system) would be. The good news is that almost all of our projected venues can be met with the mobile layout. The only two possible venues for the modules are October RailFair and the PVUMC at Christmas. In both situations, the S-gauge modules could suffice.

NEW BUSINESS:

The more potential buyers at a meet/mini-meet, the more successful the meet will probably be.

The question of how to increase attendance thru advertising was discussed. It was noted the World's Greatest show had exceptional turnout on Super Bowl Sunday. It was also noted that they had significant TV ads. No decision was made at this time.

SHOW AND TELL:

The theme was military trains:

- + Glenn Saber displayed a Kalamazoo G-gauge Civil War train.
- + Janet Mattern displayed a 9/11 first responders car.
- + John Draftz displayed an Ameritrains flat car with airplane and AHM HO Army cars.



Show and Tell items on display

If you are looking to buy certain items, feel free to e-mail me with details. I anticipate sending out another e-mail around July 10th to everyone and can let sellers know what you're looking for.

The Swap Meet is over 45% sold out as of this writing. Raffle prizes are being lined up. The complete list will be announced at the June Hot Dogs & Apple Pie meeting. The GCMR goal is to get as many prospective buyers into the hall as we can. The more potential buyers, the more potential sales thus more satisfied sellers.

As you are able, spread the word to schools and other places where people gather. If a food store has a public bulletin board, consider posting info about the meet. Details are available on our www.gcmrr.org web site.

CACTUS MEET UPDATE

by John Draftz

This is simply a reminder that the annual Summer Cactus swap meet is coming up and will be held again at the North Phoenix Baptist Church located on the SE corner of Central and Bethany Home on Saturday, July 22nd.

If you are a seller, and some of you have already registered, the time line is:

- 6-9am - seller set up
- 9am - swap meet opens and runs to 1pm
- 1-2pm - post-meet auction

As per usual, coffee and donuts will be available from 6-9am.

We ask that ALL sellers check in via the south central hallway doors where we can issue name badges. The NE corner door will be open to sellers from 6-9am, but you will need your badge to use it. This is a security measure to protect your "toys" from unauthorized people. Please cooperate with us in this matter.

If you have specific requests, e.g., electricity, please note that on your registration form. Also, ensure both first and last names are on the form so the badges can be correctly prepared.

NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T?

by Peter Atonna

When designing my original layout there was an area in back of the town of Rock Creek, along the far wall, where I felt I could not get access if needed without an access hatch. There was an area between the boards containing the track I left open in case I needed to pop up there if a problem occurred.

After the track was laid and all was operational, scenery progressed toward that location. Looking at my pop up location I said, this is not good. You can see the benchwork, the far wall and if you are tall enough, even the carpeting on the floor. So, I extended the scenery into the popup area and created a little valley with a lift out section of scenery in case I needed to get into that area.

The scene was delightful, a small lake, trees and a family of deer at the pond's edge.



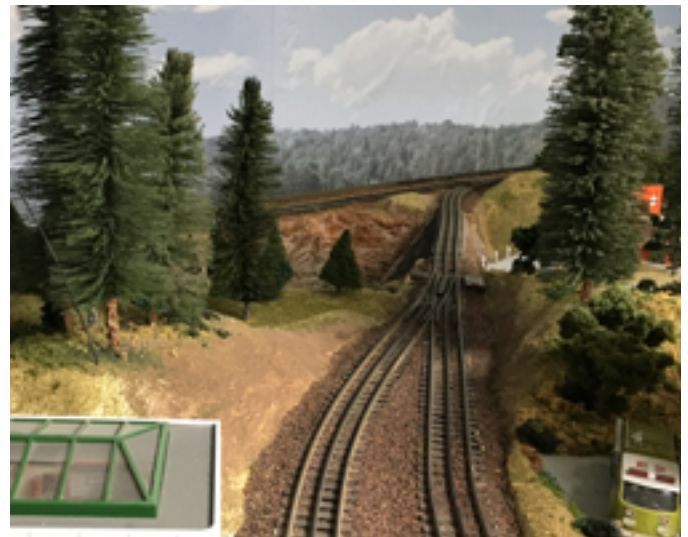
Here is the area with the original scenery under way

That scene was there for a dozen years until the layout rebuilding started in 2014. And during that time did anybody notice my delightful scene with the pond and the deer? Nobody!

When the layout rebuilding began in 2014, I had to make major changes in that area, so all the original scenery at that corner and the lift-out was removed. The new design has a double track main line running along the scenic backdrop at the upper level, the same level as the bridge you see in the foreground.

Now, the question was whether to create another lift out that nobody will see, or perhaps to just extend the scenery down far enough that you will not notice that there is no "bottom" to it.

And that is what I did. With rock castings and scenery "skirting" made from scenic materials attached to stretched out fibre material, the sides of the opening extend down to the top of the main benchwork. I then painted the visible benchwork black.



Here is the view from the 'east' side of Rock Springs toward the new double track main line along the backdrop.

At my height, this works pretty well, from one side, if I look closely, I can see the painted benchwork, but not the floor/carpeting. But, what if you are tall - which I am not?

Then if you want to look closely, you will see the wall and opening below the benchmark. Now the question is how many folks will? No me!



Here is my view from the “west” side, as if I were looking from the balcony of Yolanda’s.



And if you are really tall or flying over, here is what you would see.

The final question is, “if you have already been here, can you tell me where the deer are now?”



Katie Elgar with her winnings



Janet Mattern with her sales table

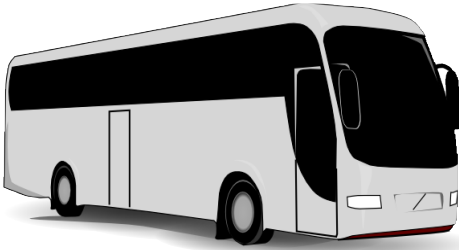
WINNERS!

The Monthly Raffle prize winners were:

Jack Eaton - AF CN hopper
Katie Elgar - K-Line CNJ boxcar
Janet Mattern - Williams boxcar
Dana Price - Lionel SF boxcar
John Zaval - MTH flat car w/load

The Mystery Raffle prize winner was:
Jack Eaton ñ Lionel Red Wing flat car and tractor & trailer

The Monthly 1K Raffle prize winner was:
John Draftz - who won 3 more tickets to the 1K annual raffle.



IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE ANNUAL

BEAT THE HEAT

SWAP MEET & LAYOUT BUS TOUR

IN COOL PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

LET THE GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS DO THE DRIVING
COMFORTABLE DELUXE MOTORCOACH WITH ON-BOARD FACILITIES

SAVE ON GAS, PARKING AND STRESSFUL DRIVING

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 6, 2016)

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There are lots of reasons to attend the monthly GCMR club meetings. But one of the best is to see and hear the Show and Tell presentations by our members. Here is Glenn Saber at the May meeting discussing his G Gauge military train