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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Draftz

Our June meeting will be the 23rd (It's the normal 4th Saturday but caution – June has five Saturdays). The BoD will meet at 8am with the regular meeting starting at 10 with trains running in between. The theme is Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc.; item(s) w/flag(s). What do you have for Show-n-Tell to go with that theme? It doesn't have to be rare or exotic. If you have trains to run, please bring them. Remember, there's no gauge restriction so bring whatever appeals to you.

On Saturday, June 16th, starting about 7am at Glenn Saber's house (3415 E Pasadena, just above Camelback), we'll have a mobile layout work party to get it ready for the start of our display season. Over time "stuff" has accumulated in the storage drawers so we need to organize them. We also need to work on the push button accessories the public has access to as well as other things. It shouldn't take more than 2-3 hours. Come help if you can.

Our Summer Cactus Meet will be held Saturday, July 28th, at the North Phoenix Baptist center (Bethany Home & Central). We'll do the initial hall setup the day before (Friday) starting about 4pm. We're going to try to hold a no-host pre-meet gathering Friday evening at Denny's or another restaurant starting about 6pm for members and guests who would like to simply get

together before the meet. More details as they evolve.

We already have over 90 tables of the estimated 150 tables "sold" for the meet. See our www.gcmrr.org site for details and the table reservation form. We'll need help with security, ticket sales, and at the door. Contact Jack Eaton (623-249-7297 or jeaton@cox.net) who is coordinating the assignments and let him know how you can help, even if it's only for part of the day.

It was suggested using one storage facility for both the mobile layout and GCMR "stuff" with the module trailer continuing to be stored at Adobe Mountain. We've gathered some info on the topic which will be included as part of the regular meeting agenda.

See you on the 23rd.

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 23 - GCMR meeting - Theme: Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc.; item(s) w/flag(s)

July 28 - Summer Cactus Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church - see table reservation form this issue.

August 18 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet - Prescott Valley Sales tables are sold out, but be sure to see the bus trip reservation form this issue.

August 25 - GCMR meeting - Theme: "Guess the Heat Meet" Enter with a numbered train item. The last 2-3 numbers of the engine or rolling stock will be your guess of the heat at 11am that day - without going over the actual number (we will call national weather service to determine that number)

MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

May GCMR Board Of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church by President John Draftz. In attendance were Vice President Jack Eaton, Treasurer Glenn Saber, Secretary Bill Richardson, and Past President Dave Brown.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jack Eaton is officially registered to be the GCMR's new Statutory Agent with the Arizona Corporation Commission. There was a \$10.00 filing fee, which Jack has paid. We now believe all the "i's" are dotted and the "t's" are crossed.

P&P borrowed the mobile layout for the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church's annual Easter celebration on Saturday, March 31. Dave Brown reported that the mobile layout was a big hit as usual. They're already looking forward to next year.

The annual multi-club picnic was held on Saturday, April 7th at Scottsdale's McCormick-Stillman

RailRoad Park. We estimated about 100 people came out for some fun in the sun. There was plenty of food and drinks for all. There were also about 10 raffle prizes for the lucky winners. GCMR's share of the raffle money came out to \$91.00 dollars.

GCMR participated in The Rods, Rails and Steel Wheels Car Show Saturday, April 21 at Pioneer Park in Mesa. There were lots of old cars and hot rods, but only one mobile model railroad layout. The park has been updated with a new look, but our location was virtually the same. We were right by the old steam engine.

GCMR had its first mini-meet of the year on April 28. It appeared all tables were full, and a lot of the general public showed up. Lenny Smith won the \$75.00 dollar gift card from Hobby Lobby! Not Bill Richardson!

Glenn Saber was able to get the new canvas installed on the mobile layout. The locking mechanism is still with snaps. The cost was very reasonable at \$647.29. He also had to modify the jack with a new caster and permanently mounted the spare tire inside the trailer.

NEW BUSINESS:

The June general membership meeting on Saturday, June 23, will be the annual Hot Dog and Apple Pie meeting. We are also planning train drag races at this meeting.

The Summer Cactus Meet on Saturday, July 28, is rapidly approaching. We will need all club members to help out and lend a hand. We have paid the \$750.00 deposit. So far 60 tables have been sold. We can sell approximately 150 tables. John Draftz believes we have about three raffle prizes left over

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from the Winter Cactus Meet that we can now use in the Summer Cactus Meet raffle.

The "Beat The Heat" meet in Prescott will be Saturday, August 18. GCMR has negotiated the bus trip for \$975.00. A 25% deposit was required. The trip cost will be \$30.00 for GCMR members \$35.00 for non-members.

The Great American Train Show (or whatever it is called now) will be coming to Phoenix. GCMR will need to decide if we want to participate.

Do we want to do a "pot luck" or something in November as a club? Ask the membership to respond.

"S" gauge modules needs some tweaking, and the test track may need some new wires.

GCMR has "stuff" in storage that we never use. We need to sell it at mini-meets or the Cactus meets.

John Draftz has looked into storage for the mobile layout trailer. Initially, storage is looking expensive.

Saturday, June 16th, is the day picked for doing mobile layout maintenance at Treasurer Glenn Saber's house.

May GCMR General Membership Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Glenn Saber gave the treasurer's report noting the amounts available in our accounts. The \$700.00 for the rental of the church meeting hall has been paid. Bill Richardson gave the Secretary's report. Reports were accepted by the membership present. Motion was made to approve the Secretary's March minutes as printed in the April 2018 Mainline. Motion carried.

The June general membership meeting on Saturday, June 23, is the Hot Dog and Apple Pie meeting. GCMR will provide the food and drink after the meeting, you provide the fun. We are also planning train drag races at this meeting so bring engines, trolleys, handcars or anything you think can get down the track faster than anybody else's stuff.

OLD BUSINESS:

Announcement was made that Jack Eaton is GCMR's official statutory agent.

Dave Brown reported to the membership on the success of the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church's annual Easter celebration. Dave indicated that the mobile layout and the trains were a big hit as usual. There were lots of kids and lots of fun.

The annual multi-club picnic was held at Scottsdale's McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. We estimated about 100 people came out for some fun in the sun. There was plenty of food and drinks for all. There were also about 10 raffle prizes for the lucky winners. GCMR's share of the raffle money came out to \$91.00 dollars. Thanks to all who attended and all who helped pull it all together.

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GCMR had its first mini-meet of the year. It appeared all tables were full, and a lot of the general public showed up. Bill Richardson did not win the \$75.00 dollar gift card from Hobby Lobby. This time the lucky winner was Lenny Smith. Lenny was driving away in the parking lot when his wife called him and told him she just got a call from GCMR that he had won. Lenny immediately stopped and we were able to get him his gift card before he left the parking lot. Lenny left with a big smile on his face as happy as could be.

Glenn Saber was able to get the new canvas installed on the mobile layout by Rudolph's Upholstery. The locking mechanism is still with snaps. The cost was very reasonable at \$647.29. He also had to modify the jack with a new caster and a new lift for \$45.16, and he permanently mounted the spare tire inside the trailer for \$14.06. Thank you Glenn for solving these problems.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Summer Cactus Meet at the North Phoenix Baptist Church on Saturday, July 28, is rapidly

approaching. We will need all club members to help out and lend a hand. We have paid the \$750.00 deposit, and so far 60 tables have been sold. We can sell approximately 150 tables. John Drafts will send out the reminders. John believes we have about 3 raffle prizes left over from the Winter Cactus Meet that we can now use in the Summer Cactus Meet Raffle (Walther's Catalog, Model Railroading and Classic Toy Trains subscriptions). Jack Eaton will handle scheduling. Setup time will be the Friday before about 4:00 PM.

Do we want to do a "pot luck" or something in November as a club? Think about this and let John or the BOD know if you have some ideas.

Module status "S" gauge needs some tweaking, and "O" gauge needs member commitment.

Williams is not doing a train day this year, so we will not be participating in that.

Mobile Layout maintenance day is June 16 at Glenn Saber's house. We could use some metal accessories that can tolerate the sun better than plastic. Bob Dennison may have some. John Zaval may have some non-stick buttons.

August is the time we put together our club nominating committee. Check with Bill Lazenby and Herb Andreen.

The "Beat The Heat" meet in Prescott will be Saturday, August 18. The location is Liberty Traditional School, 3300 N. Lake Valley Rd, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314. GCMR has negotiated the bus trip for \$975.00. A 25% deposit was required. The price is \$30.00 GCMR members, and \$35.00 for non-members, \$15.00 children and an optional \$7.00 lunch. There are four scheduled pickup/dropoff points. Contact Dave Brown if you want to go or if you have any questions.

RailFair 2018 will be Saturday and Sunday October 6th and 7th. There is a new form for liability.

There was some discussion about trailer storage and how expensive it would be. Tuff shed or a pole barn were mentioned as possibilities.

It's time to clear out all the junk we have in storage. We need to sell it at mini-meets or the Cactus Meets.

SHOW AND TELL:

The theme was Memorial Day Space/Military Trains/Hardware.

- + John Draftz spoke about his "O" gauge Lionel "Old Glory Series".
- + Ralph Treichel talked about his Bordon's Fine Cheeses "G" gauge.
- + Glenn Saber brought in his USMC 6640 Missile Launching "O" gauge car. These cars are somewhat rare and still go for over \$200.00 on Ebay.
- + Dave Brown showed his "O" gauge flat car with a satellite. Dave also showed us his interurban trolley.

IT'S BEAT THE HEAT TIME!

by Peter Atonna

Again this year, our Central Arizona Model Railroad Club members are tempting all Desert Division members to plan a trip north this August. So, now is the time to mark August 18th on your calendar. Remember, we are no longer at the old Prescott Activity center, but now at the Air Conditioned, ground level hall of the Liberty Traditional School in Prescott Valley. It is right off SR69 in the heart of town. If you have been to the PV Event Center, the school is right to the east of it. There will be signs on RT 69 directing you right to the school.

Since you know this is the largest train swap meet in Northern Arizona it gives you a perfect excuse to plan a long weekend taking all the other activities in our area. As I see it, you have three choices for that weekend.

First, you can get up early, drive up and go to the meet, then drive all the way home.

Second, you can drive up on Friday, stay in an area motel for Friday and Saturday nights - have a great dinner Friday at a local restaurant, go to the meet and open houses on Saturday. Have another great dinner locally. Head up to Williams on Sunday morning to take a GCR train to the Grand Canyon or

over the hill to Clarkdale to ride on the Verde Canyon along the beautiful Verde River. Then head home with **memories of a great weekend.**

Or, you can stay home and watch boring reruns on TV all weekend.

Sales tables are sold out, so we know 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.

Even though the meet itself is in Prescott Valley, you still have a tremendous variety of activities if you would like 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 of Indian art, while downtown is Sharlott Hall Museum of local and Arizona history and just north of town is the Phippen Art Museum, one of the finest Western Art museums in the country.

Train Rides - Both the Grand Canyon Railway and the Verde Canyon Railroad are less than two hours from Prescott for a great Sunday day trip 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 trails and hiking in Thumb Butte, Granite Mountain or the Peavine Rails to Trails. Lynx and Watson Lakes are great picnic locations.



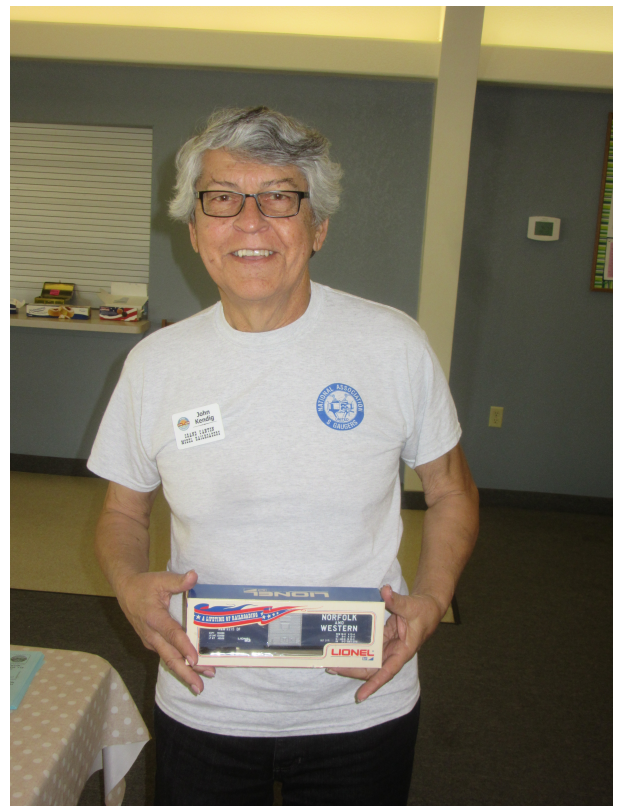
Mortimer's Farm - Mortimer Nursery Farms located at the intersection of SR69 and SR169, will have a crop of corn and other goodies ready for you.

WINNERS

Jack Eaton - Lionel 6-19963 TTOS Union Equity covered Hopper
Dave Brown - Lionel 6-34193 UPS Animated Billboard
Bill East - AF 6-48509 John Deere Flat with 2 Tractors
John Draftz - K-Line K646702 Hershey's Cocoa Bean Boxcar
John Kendig - Lionel 9215 NW Boxcar

The Mystery Raffle prize winner was:
Roger Bourque - Lionel Dale Earnhardt cars:
1 flat w/car and 1 boxcar

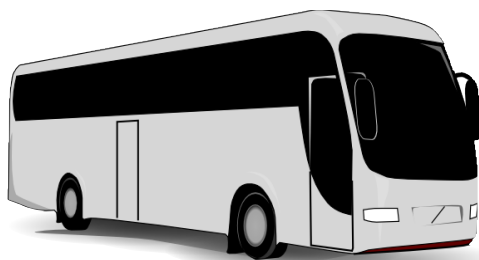
The Monthly 1K Raffle prize winner was:
Bill Richardson - Who won 3 more tickets to the annual raffle



John Kendig



Roger Borque



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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 11, 2018)

Mail this form and check to:

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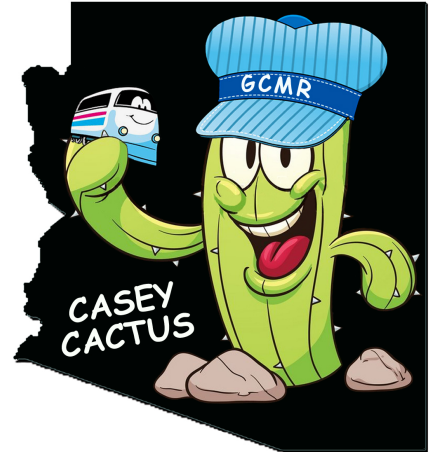


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New Fun Friday pre-meet dinner - info to follow
Saturday set-up opens at 6:00 AM. Print form legibly



Name		<p>\$25 per 8' banquet table (with chair - bring a table cover, if desired)</p> <p>How many tables? _____</p> <p>Amount enclosed? \$ _____</p> <p>Requests? _____</p> <p>Will you participate in the auction?</p> <p>Seller? _____ Buyer? _____</p> <p>Cactus Vendor Badges REQUIRED to enter trading hall There will be space on the badges to write your names, if so desired.</p> <p>1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max. 3 or 4 tables = 4 badges max. More than 4 tables = contact us More badges available at \$5.00 each</p>
Address		
City	State Zip	
Phone	Email	
<p>Security: I will abide with vendor badge 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.</p>		
Signature		Date
<p>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</p>		

THE MAIN LINE

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OK, maybe this is not the biggest event in Bill's life, but look at the expression on his face. If this is what can make a member's day a little better, that is good. Bill East is one of last month's raffle drawing winners. Just another reason to spend a couple of bucks to bring a smile to your face!