



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

MAIN LINE

JUNE, 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Our June meeting will be the 22nd and is our Hot Dogs and Apple Pie meeting. It's the normal fourth Saturday but caution – June has five Saturdays. The BoD will meet at 8:30am with the regular meeting starting at 10am and with trains running in between. The theme is 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 just something to share with other club members. If you have trains to run, please bring them. Remember, there's no gauge restriction so bring whatever works for you.

Our annual Summer Cactus swap meet will be the fourth Saturday in July, the 27th, at the North Phoenix Baptist center (Bethany Home & Central). We'll do initial hall setup the day before (Friday) starting about 4pm. We'll need help with security, ticket sales, etc. Elsewhere is a check list of the areas where we need help. Please review the list and let Rod (602-625-4168 or crodjohanson@hotmail.com) know where you can help even if it's only for part of the day.

We'll again hold a no-host, pre-meet dinner gathering Friday evening about 6pm at the Denny's at 35th Av & Bethany Home for members and guests who would like to simply get together before the meet. More details as they evolve.

We expect to have another sell-out of the available 152 tables. See our www.gcmrr.org site for details and the table reservation form.

A new set of train postage stamps commemorating the Golden Spike's 150 anniversary has been released in case you're interested. There are three

columns of six stamps or 18 total. The sheet looks nice.

See you the 22nd.
Remember – June has five Saturdays!



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 meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day;

Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc.; item(s) w/flag(s)

July 26 - Dinner at Dennys with the Summer Cactus Meet workers (3456 W Bethany Home Rd, Phoenix We will meet at 6:00 PM in the private back dining room. Each is responsible for their own check.)

July 27 - Summer Cactus Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church

August 17 - Beat the Heat Meet - Prescott Valley - bus trip and layout visits

August 24 - GCMR meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Theme: "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 w/o going over (call national weather service about 11:10 602-275-0073 opt 1)

MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

May GCMR Board Of Directors

In attendance were, President John Draftz, Treasurer Glenn Saber, Secretary Bill Richardson, Past President Dave Brown, Board members John Zaval and Janet Mattern.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Draftz, Rich Fortmeyer, and Bill Richardson managed to go through all the debris in the storage locker. Whatever they determined we didn't need was put up for sale. We sold \$144.00 worth of stuff at the April 20th mini-meet. The plan is to attempt to sell more at the Summer Cactus meet.

The April Mini-meet went very well. There was only 1 table that we didn't fill. The mini-meet raffle made about \$127.00. We will continue with the raffle and the Fall mini-meet as long as it makes money. Consensus is that we should always hold a quick GCMR membership meeting before the mini-meets.

So far the fabric garage at Adobe Mountain is doing well. It has survived our recent wind storms.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning for the "Beat The Heat" meet up in Prescott is progressing. We have reserved a 40 passenger bus with a washroom from Arrow Stage Lines for \$900.00. We will also have V.I.P. entry into the meet for those on the bus.

Summer Cactus table sales are at about 1/3 sold so far. John Draftz has sent letters to several railroads asking for ride tickets. He expects we will have about eight different railroads at the swap meet to raffle.

John Draftz has sent the 2019 RailFair form to the board for review.

May General Membership Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Don't forget Saturday, June 22nd, The Hot Dogs and Apple Pie club meeting.

Bill Richardson gave the Secretary's Report noting there are 47 club members.

The March meeting minutes were approved as printed in the April Bulletin.

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Glenn Saber gave the Treasurer's Report. He also reported that GCMR sold a bunch of stuff from our storage locker at the mini-meet and made \$144.00. In addition, we took in \$127.00 from the raffle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Glen Saber reported that the fabric garage is up and still standing after some windy days. Also, thanks to all those who helped make it happen.

Bill Richardson reported that we were able to perform some mobile trailer maintenance on May 4th. The vehicle to mobile trailer electrical connector needed to be replaced and wired correctly. Also, on the layout itself some train accessories were incorrectly wired to the "O" gauge track. This was also corrected. Some things needed glue, others just needed cleaning. In any event we're in much better shape now. Thanks to all who lent a hand.

Janet Mattern reported that the mini-meet went very well. Seemed like we had a good crowd. Only one empty table remained. Also, the raffle did well. The club made money and it's free to members. Sounds like a win-win situation. For future mini-meets we will try to always have a short club meeting before we open the doors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Glenn Saber reported 55 of 152 tables for the Summer Cactus meet are sold (36%). John Draftz reported that we have some of our raffle prize railroad tickets already, but we are still waiting for Durango Silverton and the Cumbres Toltec. John is expecting at least eight different railroads in our raffle.

We have reserved a 40 passenger bus with a washroom for the Prescott "Beat The Heat" meet on August 17. There are some V.I.P. perks this year. No standing in line. There is a special door to let bus riders in as soon as doors open and will be hassle free for bus riders who will have a special badge. To accomplish this the pick up points will be 1/2 hr earlier than in the past. Contact Dave Brown if you want to ride.

There was also discussion about having a prize for the bus riders (not yet determined). Flyers

need to go to the hobby stores and to the other train clubs.

President John Draftz is asking the membership to be involved in our club. Bring a train in to show and run in the social hour before our meeting starts. After all, we are an operating train club.

SHOW AND TELL:

The theme was a Space/Military Trains/ Hardware.

- + Glenn Saber showed us his "G" scale Civil War cannon cars made by Kalamazoo. They make a Confederate and Union set, and they sold for about \$400.00 - \$800.00 each.
- + John Draftz brought in his very heavy NASA train by K-Line.
- + Janet Mattern showed us her Lionel "Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier" walking brakeman and a POW MIA car.
- + John Zaval brought in his Lionel army switcher made in 55-57 and a picture of Durango Silverton Charlie who looks amazingly like our Treasurer Glenn Saber. LOL.
- + Bill Richardson showed us his "HO" American Flyer rocket car and his "HO" AF "Mine" car. Both of these cars were also made by Gilbert American Flyer in "S" gauge.

CACTUS MEET UPDATE

by Glenn Saber

The Summer Cactus swap reservations are moving right along. Currently, the swap is approximately 50% sold out and I just sent out ticklers and reminders to all past vendors and email lists. This usually sparks a nice flurry of activity.

We will be giving the End-O-Swap auction another try even though the participation seems to be waning. Depending on results, this may get chopped from future swaps.

Also, please volunteer to help at the swap. We were very short-handed in February. Lots to do and does not have to be all day service - just a few hours here and there.

The Friday Pre-Meet Dinner at the Bethany Home Road and 35th Ave. Denny's is growing. Join in for fun conversation and camaraderie.

See you all there,

SWAP MEET CHECKLIST

Note: the various tasks that need to be done for our swap meet are listed below. They have been broken into small time frames so that each member can help without having to commit to the whole day. The goal is to allow each member to find something he or she can do thus contributing to the meet's success.

Rod Johnson, as vice-president, will coordinate the staffing so when he contacts you, please let him know how you can help. If you want to contact him now, his contact information is 602-625-4168 or crodjohanson@hotmail.com. Remember, this is your club and it needs every member's help.

Swap Meet Check List

Friday afternoon 4:00-5:00 Set-up Tasks:

- set out raffle prize jars
- set up seller tables (tape & letters)
- caution tape doors
- set up coffee pots
- set up kid's layout (& "Brio" trains) if used
- store door & raffle prizes, donuts, and test track for

Saturday morning

5:30-6:00 Set-up Tasks:

- ensure PA working to include CDs
- set out road signs w/balloons
- plug in coffee pots
- set out donuts for vendors along with donation jar
- set up registration table

6:00-8:30 Set-up Tasks:

- set out raffle prizes ???
- have security person(s) at NE door
- ensure PA working to include CDs
- set up mobile layout (weather permitting)

6:00-9:00 Vendors Tasks:

- check against vendor list
- handle money
- give welcome packet if available and badge(s) (and button if wanted)

8:30-9:00 Pre-sale Tasks:

- set up test track where coffee pots were located
- pre-sell admission tickets to public in line
- remove coffee & donuts prior to public entering
- remove table letter signs

9:00-11:00 & 11:00-1:00 Layout(s) Tasks:

- ensure all trains are kept running
- monitor kids use of trains if applicable
- monitor mobile layout (if used)

9:00-11:00 & 11:00-1:00 During meet.Tasks:

- collect entrance fee from people
- stamp hands
- roam floor as ambassador to help as needed – wear red vest if possible
- solicit membership, sell meet raffle tickets
- staff PA, being a DJ
- sell annual raffle tickets

1:00-1:30 Auction Tasks:

- auction items
- process sales

1:00-1:30 Post-meet Tasks:

- clean up coffee pots & donut serving area
- process leftover donuts

1:30-2:00 Dismantle Tasks:

- pack up kid's layout (& "Brio")
- collect debris
- remove table tape
- remove caution tape from doors
- pack up letters, etc
- fold up mobile layout (if used)

IT'S BEAT THE HEAT TIME!

by Peter Atonna

You know as well as I do, come mid August, a trip to the Prescott area is going to look really good! Add a train swap meet and events in the area, the Beat the Heat Swap Meet should be hard to pass up. Our folks at the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club are already working to lay out the red carpet for you for a day of trains as well as a vacationing trip to the North Country.

Now is the time to mark August 17th on your calendar. We again will be 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.

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@cableone.net. Our 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 area. 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, north and south of Gurley.

Museums - Just north of Gurley is the Smoki Museum of Indian Art, while on Gurley is the Sharlott Hall Museum of local and Arizona history. Just north of town on SR89 is the Phippen Art Museum, one of the finest Western Art museums in the country. And brand new is the Prescott Western Heritage Foundation at 156 S. Montezuma located in an outdoor courtyard right on Whiskey Row.

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

Watson and Goldwater 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 fresh grown 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 six 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.

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

Peter Atonna - A full basement high rail layout with an urban theme and a downtown featuring two midrise towers. To celebrate this year's Golden Spike celebration, I will be running UP 4014 and UP Northern #835. If you are overnighting on Friday and would like to visit, please let me know.

Donn Pease - A full basement HO gauge layout based on the Southern Pacific in southeastern Arizona. Much scenery is completed and has a artist painted backdrop.

Scott Hicks - Extensive Large Scale garden layout in the landscaped backyard of a beautiful near downtown Prescott Victorian home with an O gauge layout running in the guest house.

Walt Bouman - Raised level backyard fully landscaped outdoor G gauge layout. It is 1940s to 1970s era theme with both steam and diesel trains running.

Mark Ziven - Basement high rail layout, fully sceniced with open pit mine and industrial area highlights.

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
- + Super 8 Motel - 7801 E. Hwy 69 775-5888

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 Suites - Depot Square,
Sheldon Street and Cortez 776-0998.

WINNERS

Monthly Raffle prize winners were:

- Bill Richardson - Lionel 6-12962 Passenger
Service Center
- Sam McElwee - Lionel 6-6234 Burlington
Northern
- Dave Brown - K-Line K7009 US Mail
Operating Boxcar
- John Draftz - AF 6-48805 National Dairy
Despatch

Mystery Raffle prize winner was:

- Janet Mattern - Lionel 6-52182 Monopoly
Railroads Boxcar

Monthly 3-2-1 Raffle prize winner was:

- Glenn Saber - who won 3 more tickets to the
3-2-1 annual raffle.



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NOTE: unclaimed tables will be released at 8:30 AM



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Address _____

City _____

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Zip _____

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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 1:00 PM.** Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

Signature _____

Date _____

Make check payable to: **"Grand Canyon Model Railroaders"**

Mail to:

Glenn Saber: 3415 E Pasadena Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85018

or credit cards accepted via PayPal at www.gcmrr.org

email: info@gcmrr.org

Info: Glenn Saber 602-956-6695 or 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 more tables = 4 badges max.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

More badges available at \$5.00 each

Name Badges **REQUIRED** for your security

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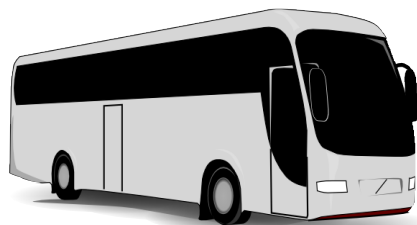
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Bus Trip Presented by

Number of adult GCMR club members: _____ at \$35 each = \$ _____

Number of adult Non-GCMR members: _____ at \$40 each = \$ _____

Number of children under 12: _____ at \$15 each = \$ _____

Number of lunches (OPTIONAL): _____ at \$7 each = \$ _____

Total: **Make checks payable to "GCMR"** \$ _____

Mail this form and check to:

Make your reservation early!

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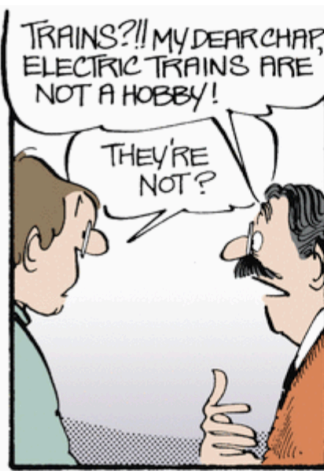
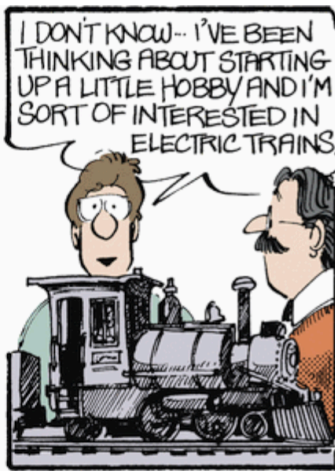
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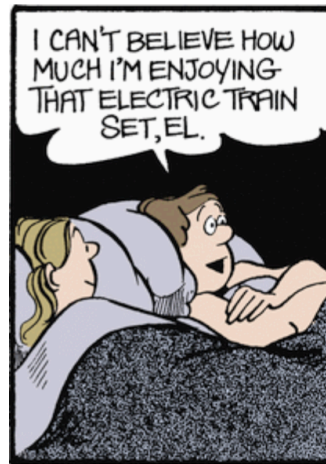
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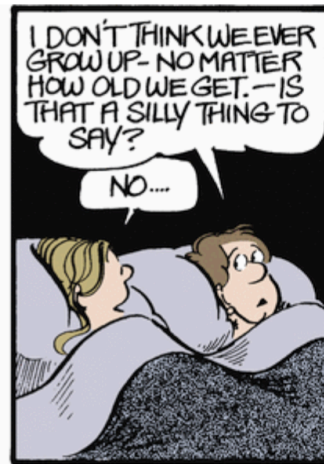
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The Show and Tell portion of each month's meet is always a most fascinating time as members bring in unique items and describe their history or relevance. Here is John Zavala at the May meeting describing the history of his Lionel US Army switcher for the May theme of Space/Military trains.