



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

A NORMAL MEETING! A real normal meeting with tables and table sales. No more of the AA style meetings with nothing but chairs, sitting in a circle. The first one since January 2020. It was a welcome sight because it means we're out of the tunnel. Thank God!

There were many items discussed at the meeting. The July Cactus meet is a go and table sales continue. There were more discussions on how best to protect the trailer from the weather. I think the inter-modal container idea is out due to the width of the trailer in the unit and the heat buildup during the summer causing damage to the trailer.

Speaking of the trailer, while our meetings are getting back to normal, the rest of the state is slow on the rebound. The City of Scottsdale is thinking of moving Railfair to March. This is so they can have a bigger Halloween party that makes them more money. So at this time we don't know whether there will be a Railfair this year or not. Other events are also slow to respond to the changing world without covid.

June's meetings will be on the 26th and the theme is "Red, White and Blue" how ever you want the interpret it. This will also be our hot dog and apple pie meet. Yes, we can now have food at the meetings. There will be raffles and fun also. So if you haven't been to a meeting in a while, come on out to this one!

As stated earlier, the July Cactus Meet is on. We will need all hands on deck for this one because of changes at the church. They have reduced our room size and the way vendors and people get in. We will need help in traffic control during set up for the vendors as well as getting signage out for the public. Please pitch in for this event.

On a sadder note, Long time member Bob Dennison's wife, Nancy passed away earlier this month. Please keep Bob and his family in your prayers.

CALENDAR

GCMR meets are held at 9:00am in the Parish Hall of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 1212 East 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 26 - GCMR meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Theme: "Red, White and Blue" with hot dogs and apple pie.

July 24 - Cactus Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church. See the flyer this issue

August 21 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet - Prescott. Bus tour to the Meet. See the flyers this issue

August 28 - GCMR meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

MEETING NOTES

by John Draftz

Board Meeting: Members present: Doyle Bain, Dave Brown, John Kendig, Janet Mattern, Gordon Wilson, John Zaval

John Draftz gave a brief report on Summer Cactus. We have about 40% sold out at this point with more coming in. We have tickets for Grand Canyon Railway and two HO cars from Walthers. More prizes yet to come. Question was raised about getting sports raffle prizes, e.g., a football. It was decided not to since previous attempts weren't that great.

The August Beat the Heat bus trip has reservations coming in. It was noted that the TCA convention was in the LA area at the same time. It was felt the conflict would not be a significant problem.

It was decided that drawings for white tickets at meetings are on a must-be-present-to-win basis. The October drawing allows for absent winners.

The fall Railfair may not be held. The park may have other activities near it. The event may be moved to spring. Our mobile layout presence is thus on hold.

When to have a pizza meeting will be decided in June – October is probable.

Doyle Bain will call absent members to update them on meeting restriction changes and remind them of the June meeting.

John Zaval reported that the mobile layout is critter free but that it will need maintenance before use. September may be

the month. The sliding drawers need attention. Some snaps are “broken”.

A cover for the mobile layout and possibly the module trailer is needed. An intermodal container has too narrow an opening and a storage locker big enough for the mobile layout and other club “stuff” may be too expensive. Other options were discussed such as a Ramada type cover with some sides to keep direct sun and rain off may work. A decision may be made in June.

The ARM in Chandler may have a fall open house. We take the mobile layout to it. Nothing is definite at this time.

Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek may still be a venue but nothing is known at this time.

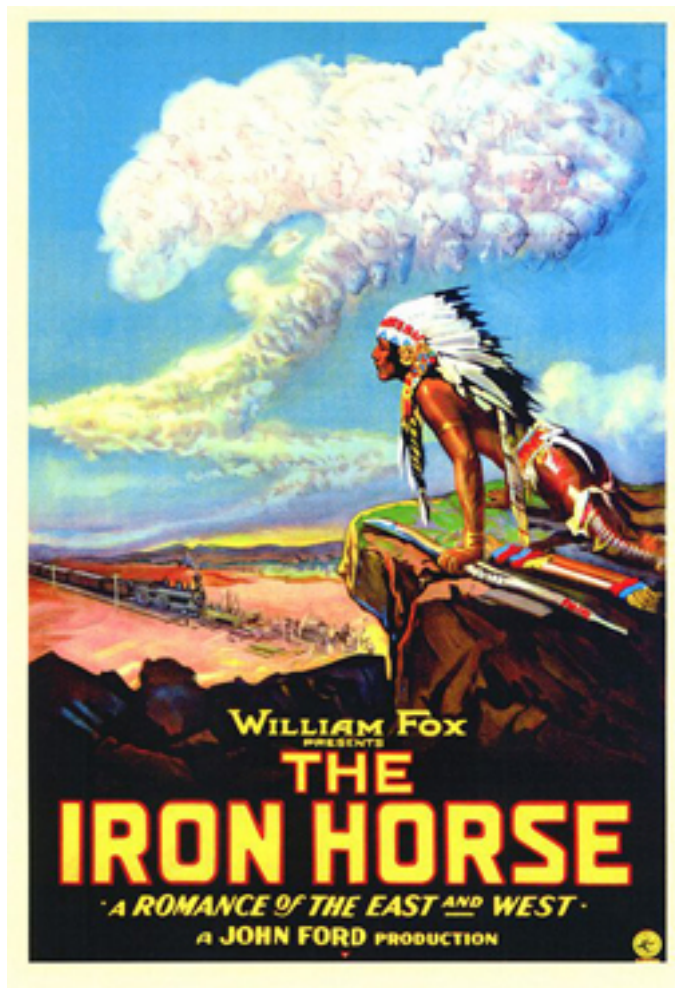
Gordon Wilson offered to review a proof copy of the newsletter for any grammar/punctuation errors.

HOLLYWOOD TRAINSPOTTING

by Ken Withers

For June, I have updated my online collection of railroad-themed movies, “Hollywood Trainspotting.” The current collection of 20 action clips from 14 classic movies can now be accessed from one portal:
www.kenwithers.com/trainspotting.

The site has been reorganized with the addition of a long clip from John Ford's 1924 silent screen blockbuster, “The Iron Horse,” recently unearthed from the Library of Congress. I've also added an extended, high-resolution version of Judy Garland's grand entrance on the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe in the 1946 musical, “The Harvey Girls.” Plenty of entertainment, movie trivia, and TRAINS!



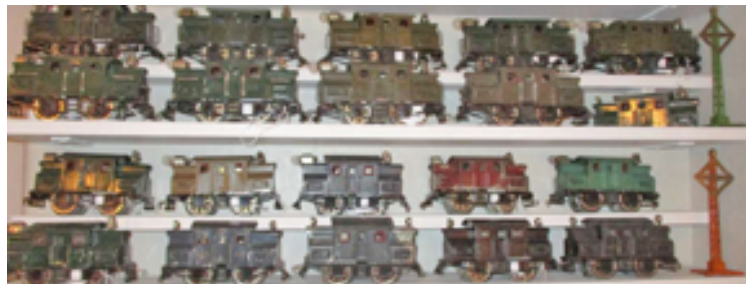
MY FAVORITE TRAIN

by Terry Gibbs

People come over and ask me "What's your favorite train?"



I could point at this 1909 Lionel steam loco and claim it was my favorite, but that would leave out these little locos from the late teens and early 1920s:



There are a lot of them so they must be special to me. I bought the first one in 1972 from the neighbor. I was nine-years-old. I spent the decades since searching out the different



variations, but now they just sit there. And what about these 33 locos? They fascinate me. I have over two dozen of them, and I keep finding new variations. When guests ask about these locos I can see their eyes glass over as I start pointing the differences. Come to think of it, these are usually the last trains I show people when they come over. As a group, they are neat, but individually they are boring.



This fancy black loco with it's walnut display board must be special because it has a place of honor over the door. Nope. That's more of a train my dad liked so I keep it.



Based on the way these cars are jammed into the shelves, they probably aren't special.



This big American Flyer loco is neat. It has bell in it and goes ka- DING. . . ka-DING. . . ka-DING as it goes around the layout. Of all the American Flyer trains I have this is certainly my favorite. But I doubt it's the most favorite. The dog really likes this one because it's loud, but she can write her own article. Here's another loco on the layout:



TRAIN CHASING

by Dave Brown

Some of you know that part of this hobby for me is chasing real trains and getting pictures. I do this around the valley, and other places as found. Last month, I went chasing with my old friend John Pryor. The place chosen was just past Picacho Peak, half ways between Phoenix and Tucson.

It took quite a while before the first train came by, and it was worth the wait. While the train was boring, a long stack train, the engines on lead was worth the wait. In the lead were a set of Norfolk Southern, not the usual Union Pacifics.



Next coming from Phoenix was a Union Pacific mixed manifest train, that is a mixture of all kinds of cars, not a unit



train like the stack trains that is seen all the time.

The money shot here is the train with Picacho Peak in the background.



The next train was a Union Pacific stack train. What I like here is first the signals next to the train, and second is the red rock water tower in the same picture.



The last shot from this location has John shooting his own picture of the trains.

The next set of shots were taken in Mesa at the grain elevator on McDonald and Broadway. This is a favorite spot for me because of the switching that goes on here. The first picture is of a

Union Pacific engine moving a lumber car around, with the last picture of the same engine taking off when done with all the local switching.



Everyone has a cell phone, and if you get a chance, snap some pictures of real trains and send a short story to Peter.

PHOTOS FROM JOHN DRAFTZ

Lots of good times finally back at the normal meet format. Here are some of the folks at the meet.



Doyle Bain



Christie Wilson with Show and Tell



Glenn Saber with Show and Tell



Bill Lazenby



Dana Price



John Draftz



Dave Brown

CACTUS MEET UPDATE

You have noticed from Dave's Presidents Message that the meet is ON. However, with the smaller room, it is important that you get your table reservations in as soon as possible so the folks can know how much space they have.

In addition, **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** If you have not helped at a show before, let Dave know you can help. Remember, if we do not make this event a good one for sellers, they do not come back!

And if that were to happen, no trains for them to sell, but more importantly, no trains for you to buy!

BEAT THE HEAT MEET UPDATE

As with the Cactus Meet, the Beat the Heat Meet is also back on and will be held in the same location and with the same format.

Table reservations are filling the hall now, so if you have not sent in yours, do it now as the hall traditionally sells out.

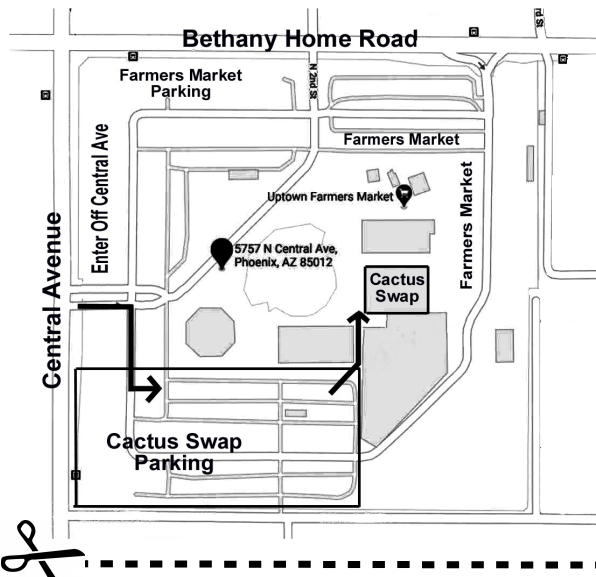
More good news, the after the meet layout tours are also back. And there are seven hosts this year - everything from a beautiful Sn3 scented layout to two outdoor G gauge layouts, an indoor G and O gauge layout, a beautiful HO scenic layout and two large tinplate layouts. (Please note, the hall is requesting you wear a mask and you are asked to wear one at the layout open houses if you are not fully vaccinated.)

Finally the bus trip to Prescott is ON! Ride the bus for an all in one package day: go to the swap meet, have lunch and visit some of the open houses.

“ONE OF ARIZONA’S LARGEST MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS” CACTUS SUMMER TRAIN SWAP

**SATURDAY, JULY 24TH, 2021
SWAP FROM 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Masks required - may change based on then current restrictions



NORTH PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP CENTER

5757 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

**Due to Saturday Farmers Market restrictions:
Friday vendor unloading East-side 4 – 6 PM
Saturday vendor unloading West-side 6 – 9 AM**

Presented by your pal, Casey Cactus, and the
GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILRODERS

Print legibly. No refunds after July 17, 2021

Join Our Fun Friday Pre-meet Denny's Dinner !
NOTE: unclaimed tables will be released at 8:00 AM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ 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: 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

\$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 4 tables = 4 badges max.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

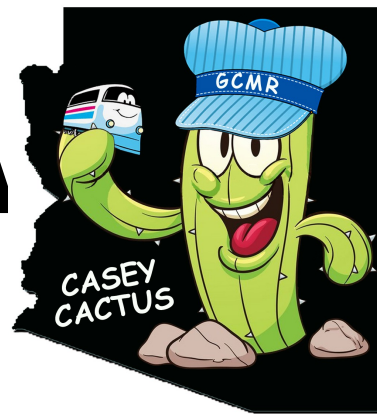
More badges available at \$5.00 each

Name Badges **REQUIRED** for your security

MORE THAN 4 TABLES - CALL

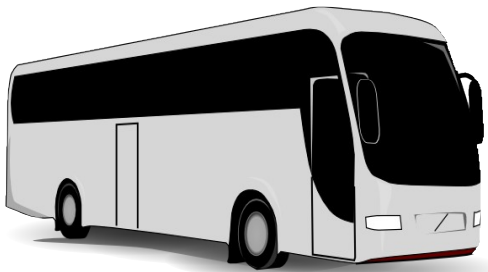
IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE FANTASTIC
BEAT THE HEAT
SWAP MEET BUS
WITH MULTIPLE LAYOUT TOUR
IN COOL PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ

(Swap meet presented by Central Arizona Model Railroad Club)



SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

CASEY SAYS; "IF YOU LIKE MY CACTUS SWAPS, YOU'LL **LOVE MY BUS TOUR"**
LET CASEY DO THE DRIVING!



COMFORTABLE DELUXE MOTORCOACH
SAVE ON GAS AND STRESSFUL DRIVING
ON-BOARD VIDEOS AND BOTTLED WATER
ON-BOARD RESTROOM AND STORAGE
PRIORITY ENTRANCE INTO THE SWAP MEET
MULTIPLE LAYOUT TOUR INCLUDED
OPTIONAL BAG LUNCH WITH BEVERAGE
LUCKY RIDER WINS A DOOR PRIZE

SWAP MEET ENTRANCE FEE INCLUDED!

Of Course I'm Going: _____ Wouldn't Miss It!

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

Select Your Pickup Location:

Arizona Mills leave at 6:00 AM _____ **Paradise Valley Mall at leave 6:30 AM** _____

Metrocenter Mall leave at 7:00 AM _____ **Carefree Highway McDonald's leave at 7:15 AM** _____

Number of adult GCMR club members: _____ at \$35 each = \$ _____ Bus Trip Presented By:

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

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

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

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

Mail this form and check to:

Make your reservation early!

Limited Seats Available

David Brown

3534 W. St. Charles Ave.

Phoenix, AZ 85041

(480-650-5336)



All payments required prior to August 14, 2021

No refunds after August 14, 2021



Prescott Area

BEAT THE HEAT

Model Trains, Accessories &

SWAP MEET

Toys

At the Liberty Traditional School

3300 N. Lake Valley Rd, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Saturday, August 21, 2021: 9am - 1pm

Presented By:

The Central Arizona Model RR Club

Adults \$5.00 – Children 12 and under Free

Contact: Dick Gage © 802-272-1352 or Doug Gilliatt 480-390-0320

Table Reservations \$30.00 per table in advance

**** 1 Free Admission with Each Table purchased ****

Dealer Setup Time 7-9 AM – No Early Public Admission

The CAMRRC is Not Responsible for Lost or Stolen Items

Please Note: FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN THE HALL

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of Tables _____ (Limit 4 per seller) @ 30.00 each _____

Helper Name _____ @ 4.00 ** _____

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Lunch Reservations (sandwich, chips, soda) _____ @ 7.00 ea _____

Special Requests _____ Total _____

Make Checks payable to: CAMRRC and mail to
CAMRRC, 514 Goshawk Way, Prescott, AZ 86301