



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

Well, summer is upon us with "it's hot" temperatures. On the bad side, there has been on casualty in 2022, the Beat the Heat bus tour. With the rising cost of fuel, the price of the bus has more than doubled for this year. It was the recommendation of the board that this year's tour be canceled. Hopefully next year things will change for the better and we will be able to do it again.

The shade structure for the trailer is on hold for several reasons, what will be allowed, where it will be placed and some issues with the powers that be at Adobe Mountain. We will keep working on this and will keep you informed as things go along. As for the trailer, it looks like we will have a repair party some time in August at one of our members air conditioned garage. Date and location will be released soon.

This coming meeting will return to the forth Saturday this month. Some forgot that last month's meeting was on the third Saturday due to Memorial Day weekend on the following weekend. So on June 25th we will meet at our regular time, board meeting 8:30 till 9:00, meet and greet 9:00 till 10:00, meeting from 10:00 till 11:00 then hot dogs and apple pies till noon.

The theme of show and tell is the Red, White, and Blue in any way you want to interpret it.

July will be our summer Cactus Meet. Table sales continue so, if you want a table, contact John Draftz. There is a provision for early setup on Friday before the meet. And on Saturday the northeast door will be available for vendors to unload. After your done unloading, you must move your cars to the south parking lot for the duration of the meet. When the meet is done you will be able to go back to the northeast to load your stuff back up.

That's all for now, hope to see you June 25<sup>th</sup>.

### CALENDAR

GCMR meets are held at 9:00am in the Parish Hall of Our Saviors 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 25-** GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Annual hot dog and apple pie event

**July 23** - Cactus Summer Swap Meet, see flyer this issue

**August 6** - Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott, see flyer this issue

**August 27-** GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church

# MEETING MINUTES

by Rod Johnson

President Dave Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Treasurer report was made.. Current membership is at 41. Motion to approve treasurer's report passes.

Dave Brown reported the passing of long-time member Bob Dennison on Easter Sunday. Mr. Dennison held multiple Club positions including past president. He was a knowledgeable American Flyer standard gauge collector and restorer and made the custom Red Rock water tower on our mobile layout. His name will be added to the mobile layout's Memorial Plaque.

New member Wayne Knorr introduced himself to the members. He is a collector of several limited edition Franklin Mint and Hawthorne Village HO and HOn3 trains, accessories and buildings still mint in the box and looking to liquidate much of it.

## Old Business

The steel carport structure our club has been proposing to construct at the Adobe Mountain Railroad Park to better protect both Club trailers had been put on indefinite hold due to City, County, State, Flood Plain, Fire, Parks and Adobe Mountain's ever changing requirements that impact the structure's location, accessibility and feasibility. More to come.

The mobile layout needs the protective cover's failing snaps replaced with more durable and user friendly twist-lock/turn button fasteners. A special hole punch is required and a suitable

upholstery shop needs to be located to complete this work.

The GCMR annual Beat the Heat bus trip is in jeopardy due to rising fuel prices mixed with inflation. Our current Arrow 40 passenger coach has become too expensive and Glenn Saber will contact other motor coach providers to try and locate a smaller, less expensive mini-bus option without a restroom. If seating capacity is reduced, it will be first come until filled.

## New Business

The Club's Saturday, June 25th meet at Our Savior's church is the annual hot dog & apple pie meet. For show and tell, bring your red, white and blue or other patriotic trains, cars, accessories, etc. to explain to the membership. Water, soda, hot dogs, bun, condiments, chips and warm McDonald's individual apple pies will be served.

The July 23rd Cactus Summer Swap Meet is approximately 50% sold out. Arrangements are being made with North Phoenix Baptist Church to keep an unloading area clear of the Farmers Market in the East parking lot on Saturday morning so vendors can unload close to the swap hall, then move their vehicle to the Southwest parking lot. Vendors also have the option to set-up the Friday prior from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM via the East parking lot. On Saturday, badges must be worn to use the North loading door. No exception.

## Show & Tell

John Draftz brought several O-gauge K-Line Desert Storm trains and showed variation both cataloged and uncatalogued.

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Glenn Saber brought two G-gauge Kalamazoo Train Works Civil War train cars, the Union mortar car and the Confederate rail canon car, both relatively accurate reproductions of actual rail cars used in the Civil War.

Dave Brown brought a Lionel Space Force satellite car and demonstrated a launch.

I have a semi large collections of trains that I need to get rid of.

I have Lionel O gauge, postwar, MPC and modern and accessories. I also have some O gauge track that I would like to donate to the club. Is there any way a club member could come by my house and see what I have and tell me the best way of getting rid of it.

Phil Webster  
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## PHOENIX UNION STATION

In case you had not seen this article. Will it come about, anybody's guess.

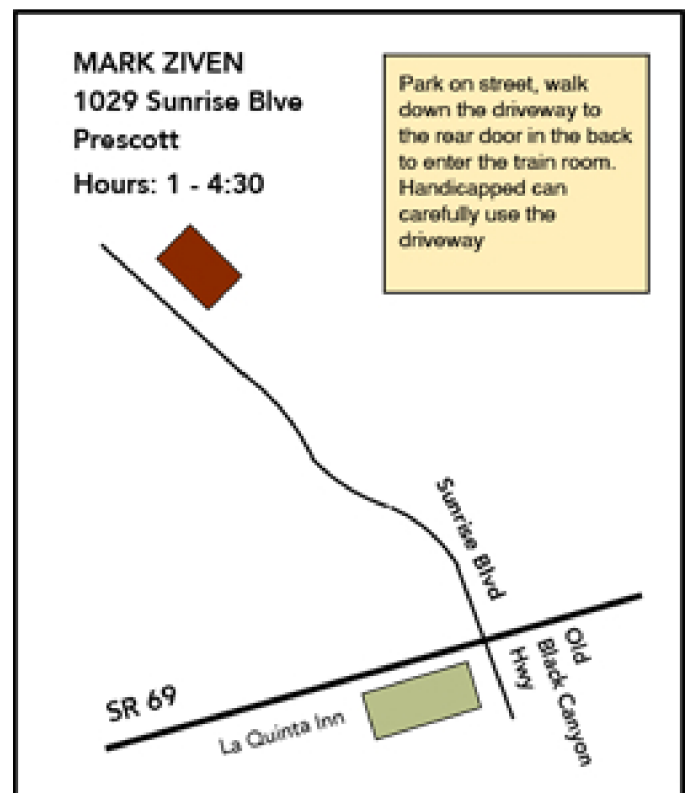
[Aaron Klusman](#) has big plans for the iconic Union Station in downtown Phoenix. The co-founder, chairman and CEO of Gilbert-based Rivulet Media Inc. plans to move the company headquarters to the former train station at 401 W. Harrison St., and develop a mixed-use project that will include a production studio,

residential tower, boutique hotel and office space on 10 acres.

According to Vizzda LLC real estate database, Klusman paid \$4 million to Spring Communications LP for the 30,267-square-foot Union Station building that was built in 1923.

## STILL SOMETHING SPECIAL

With cancellation of this year's bus trip to the Beat the Heat meet, a delightful way to attend the meet and open houses is postponed. But for the folks coming from the Valley, there is a special stop. In addition to having the two club layouts at the Gateway Mall open for the first time for all, Mark Ziven is having an open house at his home only for folks coming from the Valley.



His is just down the road from the Mall and a stop on the way back to the Valley. For those who have not been there, Mark has a very sceniced high rail layout as well as a switching layout.

His layout will not be included in the tour maps given out at the meet, so if you are interested in



visiting, print this map and use it in addition to the map you will get at the meet itself.

## THE STATION OF THE SELIGMAN AND PAULDEN LINES

by Peter Atonna

During a recent friend's layout visit, he was looking at the "Douglas" station and inquired about it. That got me to thinking about all the stations on the layout. It dawned on me that every other station was scratch built (with two minor exceptions, a quiz for the next time you are here!). Here is the rundown:



Ash Fork: This is actually based on the historic Flagstaff station, due east of the current Amtrak station. It is now their freight station and my model is about half the length of the "original



Seligman: This is based on the Harvey House/ station that was sadly torn down a dozen years ago. It is slightly truncated due to the space where it was originally located. The original also had a perpendicular wing that housed the hotel rooms. However, that was plain looking and not worthy of a model!







“Downtown”: That area was originally modeled after Chicago, and for many years, the TW TrainWorx Chicago Union station was at the head of the train shed. But, as noted in my article about its replacement, that building was not very visible at that location as it was blocked by other downtown buildings. After an internet search turned up photos of the NP station in Livingston, Montana, that became the inspiration for the current station. (the “downtown” area itself also has hints of Phoenix, Douglas and my grandparent’s row house in Manhattan.) At least the tracks are a level below the street which is correct for Chicago Union Station.

Rock Springs: This is not based on a real station prototype. We were in Tucson several years ago, near the Tucson train station. And across the street was a really handsome office building. Bells rang in my head, “that looks like it would make a great train station”. And, so it is.



And now Douglas: When upgrading from a magnificent Lionel #114 prewar train station that was on the first Paulden layout, I was planning to build a replica of the Douglas train station. The is one of the two “great” structures in town (The Gadsden hotel is the other). It was built by the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad about 1917 when that railroad grew to a 1200 mile long competitor to the Southern Pacific.





Douglas was a major division point on that railroad and had rail lines extending all four directions from town. The railroad built two magnificent stations, almost identical, one in Tucson and the other in Douglas. Both still exist and the one in Douglas has been restored and now houses the city's police department. While that was to take place, we were at a York train meet and Mary Jane spied the prototype of the Santa Fe's Albuquerque station that was displayed at the TW TrainWorX booth. In addition to a layout building service, they offer a series of high end building kits and a series of classic train stations ([https://](https://www.twtrainworxstore.com/product-category/classic-landmark-series/)



[www.twtrainworxstore.com/product-category/classic-landmark-series/](https://www.twtrainworxstore.com/product-category/classic-landmark-series/)). She said "I want that one" and hence it has been on the layout for ten years now, although lettered "Douglas" rather than Albuquerque.

But, now the idea is planted. Sell the Albuquerque (Douglas) station and start the actual Douglas one. That station is not inexpensive and even taking a large cut, it may not sell. Inquiries are invited. If it does not sell this summer, look for it in the Desert Division January auction. And by then, the "real" Douglas station hopefully will be in its place and finally all the stations will be custom buildings all reflecting the real world (except the ones you have to look for, of course). Stay tuned.





## Monthly raffle prizes and winners

Lionel Southern bunk car: Glenn Saber

Lionel Seaboard box car: No Name  
American Flyer Seaboard Coast

Line box car: Gordon Wilson Lionel  
crossing signal: Gordon Wilson

Mystery Prize

Lionel Canadian Pacific box car  
and reefer car: John Kendig

Annual Raffle 3 Tickets: John  
Draftz

## FROM THE MAY GCMR MEET



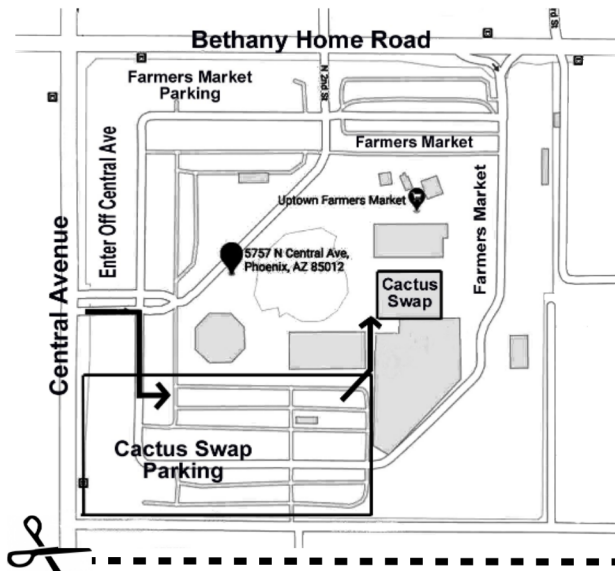


# “ONE OF ARIZONA’S LARGEST MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS” CACTUS SUMMER TRAIN SWAP

**SATURDAY, JULY 23rd, 2022**

**SWAP FROM 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

with table top auction at 12:00 noon



## NORTH PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP CENTER

5757 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

**Due to Large Farmers Market restrictions:  
Saturday unloading instructions  
will be sent prior to the meet**

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

Print legibly. No refunds after July 16, 2022

**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 12:00 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](http://www.gcmrr.org)

Email: [info@gcmrr.org](mailto:info@gcmrr.org)

Info: 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 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**



## BEAT THE HEAT 2022

### VENDOR APPLICATION

**Saturday, August 6, 2022.**

The all new Beat the Heat Train Show is bigger and better. We have moved to a new location that is twice the size of our old facility.

**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Event Center  
3700 Willow Creek Road  
Prescott, AZ (see attached maps)**

Other changes include – we only have six (6) foot tables so have adjusted our pricing. We are offering upgraded lunches (see below) and there will be a “Hot Dog cart” right outside the door. Dealers have their own unloading area and separate parking lot. We have invited several clubs to bring their traveling train layouts.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

# of 6 foot Tables \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 for the first & \$20 each for additional tables. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of Lunches \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Helper Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\$12.00 BOX LUNCH CHOICES – Provided by Flavours by Sodexo at Embry Riddle**  
Write the number of each lunch in each 

QUA
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 box below



QUA

Chicken Caesar Wrap  
Grilled Chicken Breast,  
Chopped Romaine Lettuce,  
Parmesan Cheese and Caesar  
Dressing in a Flour Tortilla.  
Includes Chips, Two Cookies  
and Beverage.



QUA

Turkey and Cheddar on Wheat  
Thinly Sliced Turkey Breast,  
Cheese, tomato and Lettuce on  
Wheat Bread. Includes chips, Two  
Cookies and Beverage.



QUA

Ham and Cheddar on Wheat  
Deli Ham, Cheese, Tomato and  
Lettuce on Wheat Bread. Includes  
chips, Two Cookies and choice of  
Beverage.

*\*NOTE – Not the actual sandwich as shown, for illustration only. Beverage choices are: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Ice Tea and Water*

In addition there will be a Hot Dog cart, just outside the doors, serving a variety of dogs, chips and sodas.  
Credit Cards only, no cash.

Include this form and your check for the total of tables and lunches.

Make check payable to CAMRRC and mail to:

CAMRRC  
Fred Williams  
PO Box 25138  
Prescott Valley AZ 86312  
928-830-5913