



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

The June meeting the fourth Saturday (the 24th) is our hot-dogs-and-apple-pie meeting. The theme is Flag Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc; item(s) w/flag(s). Please note the date. What do you have that's red, white & blue? Bring in something of meaning to you to share with the others.

July 22nd will be the summer mini-meet and will be from 9-11 and follow the format we've used before. As usual, tables are free to train club sellers and the meet is free to the public. Janet has been willing to serve as the event coordinator. Please let her know if you want a table (602-569-0568 or tjmattern@cox.net).

Our challenge is to get the word out to the public and thus potential buyers.

Rod needed to step down as secretary. Thanks Rod. Thanks to Chris Allen for being willing to step up and complete the term. Welcome Chris!

We continue to get table reservations for the Fall Cactus swap meet in September and are about 35% sold out at this point. Visit our www.gcmrr.org web site for more details and the vendor form.

Our next planned mobile layout exhibit is Railfair on Sep 30 & Oct 1.

We been invited to bring a train display to the Life in Christ Lutheran Church Trunk Or Treat

event Sunday afternoon, October 29th, from 5-7 pm. We'll bring the 4x6 kid's layout. It only has two small O-gauge loops that should make it easier for us. We'll talk more about it at the meeting.

See you the 24th. Remember to bring something for show-n-tell. It's one of the ways we share this hobby with others.

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 24 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church - Theme: Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc.; item(s) w/flag(s)

July 22 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church

July 29 - Beat the Heat swap meet - Prescott
See flyer this issue

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August 26 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church

September 23 - Fall Cactus Meet. See flyer this issue

November 4 - Desert Division Turkey Meet

November 18 - Desert Division fall auction

MINUTES: May 20

by Rod Johnson

Secretary's report from last meeting was accepted.

Treasurer's report not available since Treasurer was not present. However, a \$100 donation from last layout running day was processed into our account.

July meeting is hot dog and apple pie day. The 4th Saturday of July is the next mini-meet. The two Railfair days this year are the 30th of September and October 1st.

The Spring Cactus Meet at the Bethany Home Church may be postponed due to remodeling of the Hall; however, the Fall meet should be okay.

The Beat The Heat Meet (Prescott) will be on the last weekend in July.

Show & Tell for Military cars:

John Zaval 1964 missile launch car, helicopter car (2 bladed helicopter), and a American Flyer Army tank car.

John Draftz T rail flat car with Army tanks.

Rod Johnson German Steam Engine & Tender w/ /German Transformer w/direction unit made in Germany brought back to U. S by father after WWII. Military related of course.

Discussion regarding the race track challenge in future meetings: Should we have multiple categories of engines i.e. diesel, steam, stock & modified, etc. Also fastest, slowest, or maybe a

draw power challenge with any given engine; (with a scale of course).

For the upcoming Cactus Swap Meet 1/3 of tables are taken. Chris Allen will take care of the requests.

A discussion regarding a possible layout setup (table size or dual table size only) at the Life of Christ Church at roughly 67th Avenue and Greenway which should be in Peoria if we are correct. This would be for the kids, and of course grownups like us. This would be in October on or near Halloween.

Note: following the Board meeting, Rod noted that he had to resign as Secretary. Chris Allen volunteered to take the job for the rest of the year.

WILLIAMS BNSF DERAILMENT

by Peter Atonna

We all read about sometimes there are spectacular derailments on "real" railroads - that is in contrast to those on our layouts. It is not often that one happens in our backyard. But earlier this month a very long, westbound BNSF train carrying autoracks derailed just east of Williams Junction.

From early reports, one of the mid train diesel units caused a ripple effect in the train causing one or more of the cars to jump the tracks. The rest of the train then piled into it and ended up with a massive derailment of what looked like the rear half of the train.

From the reports I've read, the cars were carrying all Ford vehicles: EV's, pickup trucks,

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vans and more. Lots of unhappy customers when dealers have to explain the “delay” in delivery of their new car or truck!

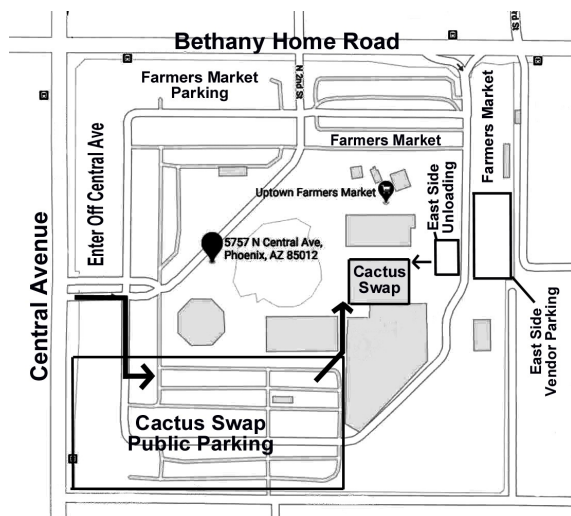
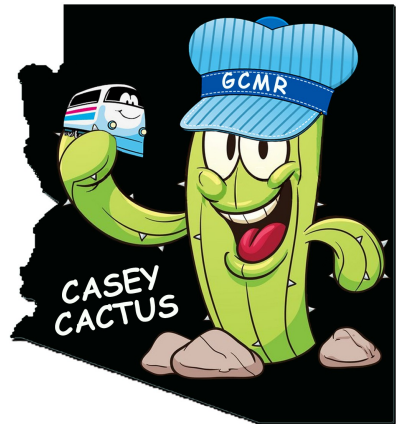
It made all the Arizona news broadcasts and included even an aerial flyover of the scene. But the best photos, in my opinion, were taken during the cleanup by Ted Ferkenhoff, a Flagstaff resident and member of our Grand Canyon Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

Here are some of his shots:



And perhaps the most interesting thing was that BNSF had the debris cleared, the tracks inspected and traffic resuming within one day!

“ONE OF ARIZONA’S LARGEST
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS”
**CACTUS FALL
TRAIN SWAP**
SATURDAY, SEPT. 23RD, 2023
SWAP FROM 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



**NORTH PHOENIX
BAPTIST CHURCH
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5757 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

Due to Saturday Farmers Market restrictions:
Friday vendor unloading East-side 4:30 – 6 PM
Saturday vendor unloading East-side 6 – 9 AM

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

Print legibly. No refunds after September 16, 2023
Table-top auction at 12:00 PM

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
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\$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 Model Train Show 2023 & Extravaganza

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3700 Willow Creek Road Prescott, AZ 86301

Saturday July 29, 2023 9 am - 1 pm

***Door Prizes MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
Cash prizes every half hour & other door prizes***

***Model Trains, Toys, Accessories
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Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 & under Free

Contact: Fred Williams (928) 463-5163

**Table Reservations, Std. 6' long \$30.00 for the 1st table,
\$20.00 for extra tables paid in advanced**

Dealer setup time 7-9 AM NO Early Public Admission

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