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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by George Bean

First let's start with the Swap Meet. We had a lot of concern that we would not have a good turn out for the vendors just two weeks from the swap meet. I have to admit that I was really pleased when Art told me that we had sold out all of the tables and we needed to order more. In the end we sold somewhere around 130 tables. Of course the next worry is if we will have a good turn out. We did, with over 526 visitors. We sold out on the food and had to order more. I believe that the advertising paid off with increased attendance. The bottom line is that it was a great swap meet and it looks like we cleared about \$2100 for the club. Bob will have the complete figures at the March 26th meeting.

I would like to thank all of the members that helped with this year's swap meet. The list of names is too long for this message, but a great big "Thank You!" You should be proud of what you accomplished.

March is going to be a big month, some of which may have passed before you read this but here is a run down on some of the events coming up. March 12 is the combined picnic with the P&P and TCA at Railroad park. March 19 is the trailer run at Adobe Mountain (please e-mail me if you are going to run). March 26 is our monthly meeting at the church. Our March meeting will be "Kit Bashing" or what you are building for your lay out. If you can, bring it in and tell us about it, or bring pictures and tell us how you did it. I will bring my hand-built lift bridge.

April 2 we will be at Falcon Field with the trailer so we will need volunteers for that run.

I'm getting a lot of pressure to work on and get the O-gauge modules up and running. As you know we have problems with the legs. I have had several suggestions from members so if you have an interest

in them please e-mail me and let's get this program under way.

Also of interest, I have been working on ways to increase the newsletter and make it self supporting. The club needs a good sales person to contact possible advertisers to advertise in the newsletter. If you have those skills please let me know. Our goal is to attract enough advertisers to make the newsletter self supporting. If you have a business card we would like to get them back into the news letter. This will be free for our club members.

One last item, I would like to have more table sales at our meetings. So if you have items you want to move please bring them to the March meeting.

Remember, we are a running club and ambassadors of the hobby--so get out there and promote the hobby and the club.

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.

March 26 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

April 23 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

May 28 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

May 7, 8 - National Train Day. GCMR will be represented at two of the Arizona events. On Saturday we will have the S gauge module at the Arizona Railroad Museum in Chandler while on Saturday and Sunday we will be in Williams for the event at the Depot of the Grand Canyon Railway.

July 3 - Nor Cal Meet - for those of you who plan to attend the spring Nor Cal Meet, for this year it is moved to Sacramento and will be held the Sunday following the TCA convention there.

July 23 - In the Heat swap meet, Phoenix. North Phoenix Baptist Church

August 20 - Beat the Heat meet, Prescott. Dave Brown is again coordinating the bus trip. It's not too early to contact him to get on the list.

BEST PROMO AWARD

As of this writing, the 2011 Lionel spring catalog is due out momentarily. Of course, that has many of us with building anticipation about what new goodies will be there to tempt us. The folks at TrainWorks are the ones who manufactured the spectacular Grand Central Station in last year's catalog. As you know, it was a sellout. So not surprising it looks like there will be another one this year. But, clever folks that they are, you don't just have to wait till you see a catalog. They produced perhaps the most delightful teaser video I have ever seen. See what you think.

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CAL STEWART 2010

I was reading the current issue of the Southwest Divisions newsletter which was primarily devoted to a ton of great photos from last November's show. That reminded me that I failed to show you some of the ones I shot, particularly of our fellows with the GCMR layouts.



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Finally there were several delightful small displays, here are two featuring Marx trains.



SWAP MEET WINNERS

First, it seems like all agrees, this year's open swap meet was altogether a winner. A record number of tables (see George's comments in the President's Message), a good crowd, despite dust storms and threatening rain, and tables full of goodies.

Here are the winners of the raffle drawings at the meet:

AZ Cardinals Autographed Football - Bob Prehara of Phoenix

Arizona Diamondbacks Four Ticket Voucher - John Edwards of Gilbert

Cumbres & Toltec Railroad Anniversary Caps- Bob Prehara of Phoenix and Patti Lopez-Cepro of Phoenix

Classic Toy Trains Subscription - Ken Crumpton of Tempe

Durango & Silverton Railway Tickets for Two - Ralph Treichel of Phoenix

Grand Canyon Railway Tickets for Four - Glenn Saber of Phoenix

"O" Gauge Railroading Magazine Subscription for Two Years - Bob Prehara of Phoenix

Orange Empire Railway Museum ALCO Engine Experience - Wayne Ross of Phoenix

Verde Canyon Railroad Tickets for Two - Anthony Thomas of Phoenix

COFFEE STIRRER PROJECTS

Some of the neatest tips come from reading the various toy train related chat lines. Here is one I am going to use. You can buy those small wooden coffee stirrer sticks at grocery or dollar stores for far less than buying hobby shop strip wood. Here, a few fellows have shown some of the small projects that they made from these on the O Gauge Magazine chat line.



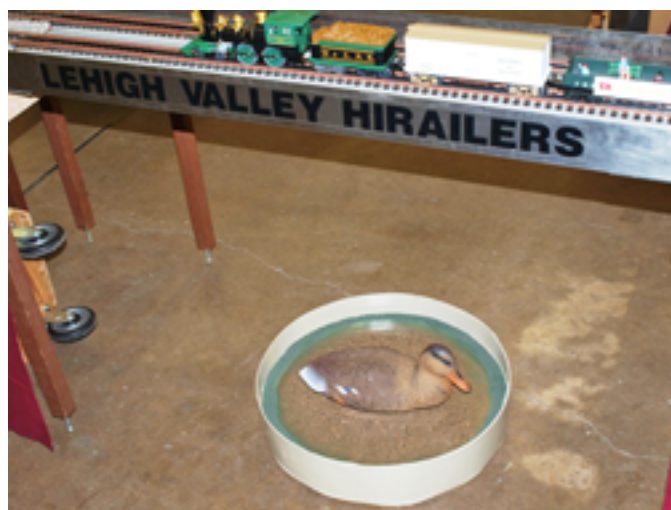
Here is another Cal Steward display layout, a Lionel prewar cataloged layout for those who wanted a ready made layout.



BEST PUN AWARD

Since we are an operating club and spend lots of time with our modular layouts at various venues, I thought you might enjoy this:

“MODULAR LAYOUT DUCK UNDER”



SWAP MEET MEMORIES

The gang did a great job and this year's swap meet was a resounding success. The public came in all morning, despite wind, dust and a threat of rain! The sales tables were full of goodies and all seemed to have a great time.

Here are some photos that Wayne Ross shot so you can relive the day.



What it was all about



Tables full of goodies



Olive Prehara explains



The S gauge modular layout in operation



Rod Johnson, Bob Prehara working, as usual



Paul Boston, Bill Rodgers with Paul's find, a change box to use for donations at the P&P



Tina Richardson kept the kitchen flowing



Dan Kline and Beth Stange

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Here is a teaser to get you started thinking about this summer's bus trip to the Beat the Heat meet in Prescott. We are making slow but steady progress on the Ash Fork extension on the Seligman and Paulden Lines. This is Route 66 in downtown Ash Fork