



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

## MAIN LINE

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by John Draftz

The February annual Armory Train Swap and Show was quite successful. More details elsewhere. My personal thanks to all the members and their friends who helped make the event a revenue generating success. If you weren't able to help, please think about our 2014 meet and ask how you can help. Even simple things like phone calls help. A major goal for next year is to find ways to increase public attendance especially in the afternoon so that sellers have motivation to stay 'til closing. Perhaps a reduced admission price after noon.

The theme for our March meeting is "A favorite toy train (non-electric included)". What do you have that you would call a favorite toy train? Perhaps it's something you got as a kid. Maybe it's a yard sale find. These themes are a way for each of us to share the hobby with the other members.

The club policy book (CPB) is elsewhere in the newsletter and will be voted on at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Please read it so you will be familiar with it when voting.

Our annual raffle is another revenue generator albeit on a smaller scale than the swap meet. It is also intended as a fun event for members. First prize is a \$1000 credit for Roy's Train World or \$800 in cash. Second prize is a \$500 credit at An Affair with Trains or \$400 in cash. Third prize is \$100 in cash. This should make the raffle attractive to other train clubs and even non-train clubs. The more money we get from their pockets, the less that has to come from ours. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. If you can, take tickets (Glenn has them) to other groups

that are willing to invite you to see if their members would be interested in buying any. If ticket selling isn't your thing, consider getting contact information from other groups (railroad/train groups are primary candidates) so that we can send them flyers. Remember, you need not be present to win.

The kid's layout was in operation at the swap meet along with reduced size O and S gauge modules. These portable layouts have a lot of potential for taking our club out into the community. The key is that we need members to help with transport, set-up, operation, and tear-down. If you are willing to help, even if only on a limited scale, please contact a BoD member to let them know. This is your club and we need your involvement.

The annual joint GCMR/P&P/TCA picnic is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, and will be history by the time this gets to you. If so, a special e-mail will be sent to the members with the hope that individuals will contact non-e-mail members by phone to let them know. Please don't assume that someone else will contact them.

The club's next public event will be Mother's Day Weekend, Saturday (May 11<sup>th</sup>) for National Train Day. We'll have the mobile layout up at Williams and the modules at Chandler's Arizona Railway Museum. Make plans to help as you can.

### **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 14 - 17** - Maricopa Live Steamers Spring Meet

**March 16 -17** - ABTO (Arizona Big Train Operators) open houses

**March 23** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Theme: S-ga modules  
Theme: A favorite toy train (non-electric included)

**April 19 - 21** Winslow Railroad Days

**April 27** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Theme: Potpourri AKA bring whatever you like

**May 11** - National Train Day, Williams and Chandler

**May 25** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church S-ga modules Theme: Memorial Day; Space/Military Trains/Hardware

**August 17** - Beat the Heat swap meet, Prescott

## SWAP MEET WRAP UP

by Glenn Saber

The Armory Swap Meet has come and gone, and what a swap it was. The sales tables sold out approximately one week prior, which indicates the current facility is just the right size for our club's public swap meet. And the public came in droves. There was a continuous line even one hour after doors opened. Over 600 people flooded the isles. Obviously, our fliers, public service announcements and newspaper advertising are paying off. 186 meet coupons were redeemed. This swap meet also produced record profits for our club - to the tune of \$4,003.41.

A big thank you to Katherine and Trishia Richardson for operating a kitchen that sold out of food by 12:30. Also, another thank you to past member Bob Gacey for the use of his great sounding, powerful

PA system. Again, Wayne Ross delivered the goods for our swap raffle - three different scenic railroad round trips, Cardinals, Diamond Backs and Suns sports tickets and collectibles. Thank you to Peter Atonna for his auctioneer abilities at the End-O-Swap auction. This auction was not well attended, but we will try again next year and promote it harder. Also, thank you to all our members who stepped up to help, from table set-up and tear-down, to operating the layouts and hawking the 534 raffle tickets.

The High-Noon engine races and demolition derby was a hoot-n-holler experience - and it got me away from the front door for a while. Now, I have to reassemble the wrecks with weak glue again for next year. And speaking of next year, I already reserved the Armory, tables and chairs for February 22nd, 2014. Be there or be square.

## PICNIC RECAP

by Glenn Saber

In one month's time, GCMR members get an opportunity to attend a spectacular swap meet, enjoy good food and friendship at a multi club picnic at Scottsdale Railroad Park and then attend a monthly club meeting (March 23rd). The March rains descended on Friday, but Saturday fortunately was only cloudy and cool (cold?) (Your editor wishes he could have been there as instead he and Mary Jane were up to their ankles in rain, mud, wind, etc down in Coolidge for three days with our annual carriage competition)

Jack Eaton's diligent efforts in selling raffle tickets for the eleven raffle prizes made for an entertaining and, for the winners, rewarding time at the end of the picnic. In addition to the raffle prizes, Glenn Saber auctioned off the GCMR mystery prize of two matching Lionel Jersey Central Lines illuminated MOW cars (bunk and tool) which were won by

### Board of Directors

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Jonathan Pfeiffer. Unfortunately, the weather did prevent Beth Stange from hosting the various games she had with her. Beth - your efforts are appreciated. Perhaps next year when the weather will be more cooperative.

## UNDER GRAND CENTRAL

*We are all probably aware that this is the 100th Anniversary of the opening of Grand Central Terminal in New York. What many may not know is under the station a massive construction project is underway to bring Long Island Railroad tracks into Grand Central - Ed*

Sixteen stories below Grand Central Terminal, an army of workers is blasting through bedrock to create a new commuter rail concourse with more floor space than New Orleans' Superdome, just one of three



audacious projects going on beneath New York City's streets to expand what's already the nation's biggest mass transit system. For now, the subterranean hub is a drippy, humid construction site. The raw, dark gray walls mark the dimensions of the future concourse – eight stories high, about 70 feet wide and 1,800 feet long, or about "five football fields, without the end zones. They've hauled out enough rocky debris from under Grand Central to cover Central Park almost a foot deep, says engineer



Michael Horodniceanu, president of capital construction for the state Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

"We're using the best technology available today, but this is really people-intensive work," says Horodniceanu, who supervises a team of thousands of workers on any given day. "I feel I have the most exciting job in the world," he says. "It's an incredible feeling to be able to build a legacy project. I hope that one day, my grandchildren will be able to say their granddad built this!"



Here is a young visitor at the January meet, Bailey Billings who was a guest of Paul Boston

## WAITING FOR THE CARS - A BOOK REVIEW

by Peter Atonna





I recently purchased the most unique book I've ever owned, a book of 3-D photos taken of the Central Pacific as it crossed the Sierra Nevada's all the way to the Golden Spike ceremony - but taken in the 1860's! Here is a short blurb on the book:

"Waiting for the Cars" is a striking work that reveals 218 images of the Central Pacific Railroad, first captured by 19<sup>th</sup> century artist Alfred A. Hart in stereoscopic photography, the virtual reality technology of the day. Hart's historic railroad photographs show the region from 1863 to 1869 as the railroads were changing the face of the West and heart of the nation.

Both the original stereoscope cards and the new 3D versions are shown alongside each other in the new book by Howard Goldbaum, University of Nevada Reno, with accompanying text by Wendell Huffman, Nevada State Railroad Museum's curator of history. Some images have been digitally repaired in their 3D versions where necessary.

The book is available at the Nevada State Railroad Museum and online at <http://waitingforthecars.com/purchase/> for \$35, which includes shipping and handling. It comes with a pair of cheap cardboard 3D glasses, but I ordered the pair of plastic frame glasses for \$5 more, and am glad I did.

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## PICNIC PHOTOS

Unfortunately I have not received any photos from the Swap Meet, but Paul Wassermann was kind enough to share some photos he took at the picnic at Railroad Park - Ed



**Yes, it was a chilly day, note the jackets**



# **CLUB POLICY BOOK**

## **GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS, INC.**

AMENDED JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

This Policy Book (CPB) sets forth guidelines, definitions, and amplifies certain areas of operation set forth in the Club By-Laws of the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders Club (GCMR) amended as of this date noted above and shall supersede all prior dated and/or undated Policy Books. These policies were adopted by the Board of Directors and are in force until such time as amended or revoked in accordance with the By-Laws of said Club.

ARTICLES, SECTIONS, AND NUMBERED ITEMS IN THIS DOCUMENT REFER TO THE CURRENT SET OF GCMR BY-LAWS

### **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP SECTION A. Requirements**

Good character: Conducts himself/herself properly, and maintains currency on club dues, as noted in ARTICLE II Section B. of the By Laws.

### **ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP SECTION B. ITEM 2.**

**DUES:** The Grand Canyon Model Railroaders requires annual dues to be paid by each club member to aid in meeting club expenses. Club expenses shall include, but are not limited to insurance, rent, advertising, supplies, promotions, repairs, maintenance, printing, postage, food, beverages, and raffle prize purchases. Said annual dues are to be remitted as noted in ARTICLE VI FINANCIAL SECTION A.) of the By-Laws.

Annual dues may change to match current Club expenses. Any change required in the annual dues will be presented by the Board of Directors to Club members along with appropriate supporting documentation. All current Club members in good standing are entitled to review, discuss, question and vote on any proposed change to the annual dues. Voting by any means outlined elsewhere in the Club Policy Book will be required for approval or rejection of any change to the annual dues. A simple majority of all votes cast is required for approval or disapproval of a change in the annual dues.

The Board of Directors has limited authority to modify annual dues on an individual basis without membership vote as in presenting honorary memberships, hardship waivers or new member incentives.

**Fees and Assessments:** Fees and assessments may be required from time-to-time to aid special Club projects. Special Club projects shall include, but are not limited to leasing, constructing, or purchasing a Club structure, rebuilding or constructing a train layout, special uniforms, meals and/or events. Any proposed fee and/or assessment will be presented by the Board of Directors to Club members along with appropriate supporting documentation. All Club members in good standing are entitled to review discuss, question and vote on any proposed fee and/or assessment. Voting by any means outlined elsewhere in this Club Policy Book will be required for approval or rejection of any proposed fee and/or assessment. Simple majority of all votes cast is required for approval or disapproval of a proposed fee and/or assessment.

### **ARTICLE II. SECTION B. ITEM 3.**

**Members in good standing and Full Rights and Privileges:** A member in good standing is a member who is current on dues, fees, or assessments. Full rights and privileges include attendance and participation (voting) at Club Regular Business Meetings as well as attendance at Board Meetings. Attendance and participation at all Club functions such as picnics, swap meets, Club sponsored trips, and layout run days, are included plus the receipt and right to contribute to the Club Newsletter. Also included is the right to purchase Club "logoed" apparel such as shirts, vests, and caps and wear them at any or all club functions including the right to call yourself a "GCMR TRAINMAN" and participate in all Club sponsored raffles.

ARTICLE II. SECTION C. ITEM 1.

Irreconcilable Complaints: Note the GCMR complaint form at the end of this CPB that is to be filled out, given to the Club Secretary; who in turn will inform the President to include this as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting if resolution has not occurred before that time.

ARTICLE III. SECTION E. ITEM 1. Removal of Board of Directors Members: The following steps shall be followed prior to the vote for removal. First, the party or parties advocating removal meet with the Board Member and/or Officer in question in private to attempt to resolve the matter. Second, failing that, the parties shall follow the procedures as defined in Article II, Section C.) ITEM 1.) and as noted above in an attempt to resolve the matter. Third, failing that, the person(s) initiating the action shall document the reasons for removal. Such documentation shall be included in the preface to the ballot question. The ballot question shall simply be whether the named BoD member(s) be removed from office immediately. The ballots shall be emailed or sent via regular mail to all members in good standing. All ballots shall be returned to one person identified by the members at the general membership meeting prior to the ballot being sent. Note that this balloting process (Removal of a Board Member) is the only one stipulated by the By-Laws to be in WRITTEN form. Upon tallying the returns, the Board Member in question shall be removed or retained.

ARTICLE V. SECTION A. ITEM 2. Special Meetings: The President may call a special meeting for a club activity such as a work party or for any other reasonable purpose such as avoiding a conflict in our regularly general membership scheduled meeting day or as he/she deems otherwise necessary such as a special Board Meeting as needed.

ARTICLE V. SECTION A. ITEM 4. Any tabled matter at a general membership meeting: The Club Secretary shall duly record any tabled matter in the minutes, and shall ensure that such a matter is placed on the next meeting agenda by so informing the President to do so.

ARTICLE V. SECTION B. ITEM 3. Any tabled matter at a Board Meeting: The Club Secretary shall duly record any tabled matter in the Board Meeting minutes, and shall ensure that such a matter is placed on the next Board Meeting agenda by so informing the President to do so.

ARTICLE V. SECTION C. Proxy: The current set of By-Laws and CPB do not recognize voting by Proxy for any such voting process. Such is the GCMR policy until changed.

ARTICLE XI. SECTION B. and C. Amendments to GCMR By-Laws: Voting for amendments to the By-Laws, Elections, and voting for other purposes can now be done through the use of the most current electronic technology available providing the identity of the voter is not compromised in any way; or, the use of secret written ballots may also be used distributed electronically or distributed via regular mail. A combination of all methods for any vote may be used.

President\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_



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**Last month Dave Brown shared one of the shots he took at the Cumbres and Toltec Railroad. Here is another great scene to get us ready to start thinking about our summertime railroading travels**