



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Our March meeting theme is "A Favorite Holiday Car (you pick the holiday)" It doesn't have to be recent and it doesn't have to be rare or exotic – just special to you. With all the various holidays we've just had plus the ones coming up, there should be at least one item that's fitting. A goal of this activity is to share our memories with each other thus getting to know each other a little better.

The mobile layout was at the Falcon Field Open House in Mesa on Saturday, March 7th, and was a popular attraction as always. See our www.gcmrr.org site for photos. It's events like these where we take our hobby to the public that will help us with our efforts to become a 501(c)(3) organization.

Our next venture will be the multi-club picnic on Saturday, April 18th at the McCormick Railroad Park in Scottsdale. More details will be available at the March 28th meeting.

The GCMR spring picnic-potluck for members and guests will be Sunday afternoon, March 29th, starting about 3pm. It will be held at Glenn Saber's house (3415 E Pasadena) in central Phoenix. The GCMR will provide hamburgers, buns, cheese, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, and condiments along with a beverage (tea, punch). Members are asked to bring either a salad or desert to share. It's BYO if you would like something other than tea/punch.

To help in the planning, please RSVP to Glenn (602-956-6695 or thmpr@cox.net) or John

(602-942-3457 or jzdraftz@cox.net) as soon as practical to let them know you are coming. If possible, bring folding chairs/tables if you can to help with seating/eating. Also, help would be appreciated with food set-up and preparation. Due to limited food preparation capability, please do not bring dishes that require significant preparation.

Our Winter Cactus Meet (formerly the Armory Meet) was on Saturday, February 28th. The rain held off and, despite the minor glitches, the meet was a success. Sellers told me they thought we held a good meet and we already have one reservation for the Summer Cactus Meet before the seller left. Within two weeks of the meet we already had 22 tables "sold" for the July summer meet. The buyers seemed satisfied. My personal thanks to all who helped.

Our Summer Cactus Meet will be held July 25th at the North Phoenix Baptist facility (Bethany Home & Central) and will follow the Winter Cactus Meet format. See our www.gcmrr.org site for details and the table reservation form (also included with this issue). We need someone to serve as the meet chair. The various tasks have been defined along with the approximate timeline so the task isn't that demanding. The primary job of the meet chair is to coordinate the various tasks to ensure our glitches are kept to a minimum. Please drop me a note if you can help.

Our spring and fall mini-meets will be on our regular meeting day and follow the format we used last fall. The 2015 annual spring mini-meet will be April 25th. Members only can have a free sale table at the meet. The meet is free to the public. The event coordinator's job is minor for the mini-meets. It's

mainly ensuring the word gets out and that we have sellers. Please consider helping in this role.

We now have a challenge. We'll need members to help before, during, and after the major meets that are now only six months apart. If we want to continue holding successful meets with satisfied sellers and buyers, it means each member needs to help as he or she is able. George Bean (623-975-3823, geowbean@verizon.net) is coordinating the assignments. Please contact him to learn where you can help. Our meets and the GCMR are becoming well known and well respected and a go to event.

As a reminder, our **Annual 1K Raffle** is: first prize - \$500 cash, second prize - a K-Line ABA diesel set, and third prize - \$100 cash. Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, or 10 for \$50. Contact Barbara or Glenn to get yours.

See you the 28th. Plan to bring a holiday car and, if possible, trains to run.

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.

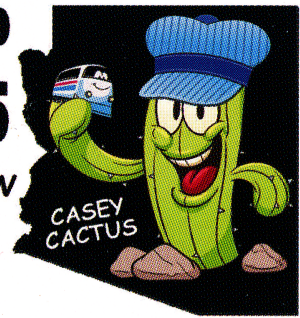
March 28 - GCMR meeting. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

TOY TRAIN SWAP SAT., JULY 25, 2015

THE **CACTUS** SUMMER SHOW



9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
\$6.00 PER PERSON
\$11.00 PER FAMILY



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March 28, 29 - ABTO Garden Railroad Layout Open House Tours. For a list of open houses and maps, go to their website at: <http://azbigtrains.org/tourdocs/2015%20list%20and%20maps.pdf>

April 18 - Joint club's Spring Picnic.

McCormick Railroad Park, Scottsdale.

April 25 - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Mini Meet

May 23 - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

June 20 - Train Day, Williams

July 25 - GCMR Summer Cactus Swap Meet, North Phoenix Baptist Church

August 15 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott (upcoming article on new location)

MESA FALCON FIELD OPEN HOUSE TRAIN DISPLAY

Again this year, the GCMR shared their hobby of trains with the public at this year's Falcon Field

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Open House event. Here are some shots to share with you that Dave Brown took.

THE ARMORY SWAP MEET

by Peter Atonna



For the GCMR's last event at the National Guard Armory, from my perspective, it was a great finale to a great run at that venue. It seemed like people arrived all morning and kept looking (and buying) all during the lunch hour. The figures provided by John Draftz seems to verify that with 645 admissions this year vs. 440 last year.

Lunch was really nice and early and even the end of meet auction had a good number of sellers (my neighboring seller said all morning that he was not going to take any of his items home - and after the auction, he did not have to!) My only disappointment was that nobody came by to sell me raffle tickets, so I guess I cannot plan on what to buy with that \$500 in cash! Here are some shots from the event:



Glenn Saber at the registration table



John Draftz handling the mike



James Ingram had a clever S gauge automatic layout. He has a G gauge version of it on the web at: <http://vimeo.com/119669737>



The end of meet auction made sure no seller had to take home any items he didn't want to!

ALIENS AND TRAINS

by Peter Atonna

You've probably seen the Martian Mine on my layout. So, I got a kick out of some other folk's "landings" on their layouts from a recent OGR Forum thread.



Lots of goodies throughout the hall

**"ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST
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THE CACTUS SUMMER MEET

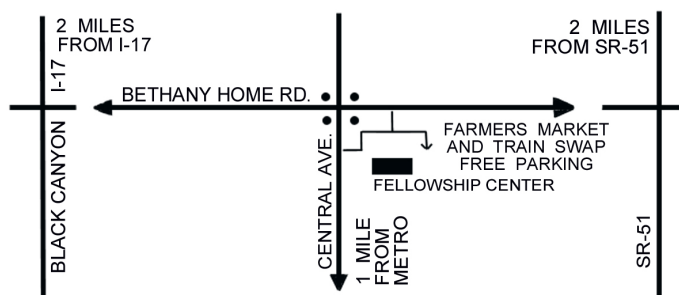
SATURDAY, JULY 25th, 2015

9 AM - 1 PM \$6/PERSON \$11/FAMILY

(\$1.00 off cards available - large Farmers Market at same time!)



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To reserve your space and required admission name badges, submit this form by July 18, 2015
No refunds after July 18, 2015. Set-up opens at 6:00 AM Please print form legibly.

Name		\$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? _____
Address		
City	State Zip	
Phone	Email	
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		Admission Name Badges 1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max. Badge Name _____ Badge Name _____ 3 or more tables = 4 badges max. Badge Name _____ Badge Name _____
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; George Bean 602-319-5496		More badges available at \$5.00 each

THE MAIN LINE

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From all reports, this year's last swap meet at the National Guard Armory was a huge success. Here is a view from the balcony of happy sellers and buyers.