



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

What a February!! All that rain, all the people at the swap meet! People just seemed to keep coming through the door all day long. Our Winter Cactus meet added over \$4000 to our treasury and I talked to several people about joining our fun club. The vendors that I talked to were happy with the crowds and many did very well when it came to sales.

One final thing from the meet, some vendors have already got their tables for the summer cactus meet.

So if you want a table in July, it's time to get it now, remember that winter cactus was a sellout early.

Our March meeting is coming up very soon, Being so close to the three club picnic, April Fools day, this month's theme is Funny cars. That is any car with humor, jokes, puns or any other silliness. This should make for a good laugh and fun for march.

Speaking of the three club picnic, it is the Saturday following our meet. This is one of the fun events for the year. Bring your spouse, friend, kids out to the party. Also bring a side dish, salad, or desert to share with everyone.

April will be our mini meet. So sign up with Janet Mattern if you want a table. The sooner the better.

Keep on train'en

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 25 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

April 1 - All Club Spring Picnic - Scottsdale Railroad Park.

April 1, 2 - ABTO open houses - see article this issue

April 22 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Spring Mini Meet.

May 20 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church NOTE DATE CHANGE

July 22 - Summer Cactus meet. See the vendor's flyer this issue

WINTER CACTUS MEET THANK YOU'S

As noted by Dave, all felt the winter swap meet was a great success. In addition to happy vendors, we were pleased to have donated a record number of raffle prizes. Here is a list furnished by John Draftz with what they yielded to the club. If you run into any of these folks, please give them a "thank you".

2 passes – Durango & Silverton Railroad - \$200

2 tickets – Grand Canyon Railway \$160

2 seats – Verde Canyon Railroad - \$130

HO boxcar & '17 Ref book – Walthers - \$43

1 yr Model Railroader subscription – Kalmbach - \$40

Lionel O-gauge Polar Express set (used) – J Eaton - \$200
 Loco sign/bell – J Eaton - \$50
 Railroad Wind Chime – J Eaton - \$40
 HO train set – G Saber - ?
 G-gauge train set – G Saber - ?



Working the Registration Desk



And lots of buyers!

NEW CAL STEWART VENUE

From the Southwest Limited
 by Larry Pearson, TTOS Southwest Division
 President

Your Executive Board voted unanimously at our February Board Meeting to move our Fall Cal Stewart Meet to the Glendale Civic Auditorium. We were able to get our usual weekend dates, November 18 and 19. We will be using the upper and lower levels, giving us a total of 25,000 square feet of usable space. Load in for Friday setup works very well for both levels. Parking is free during Friday's setup and is only \$6 all day in their nearby parking structure (no in and out privileges) which is half of what we have been paying in recent years.

Attendees can bring their own food and drink without restriction. We can rent their kitchen and bring someone in to prepare food or we can arrange for a food truck. We haven't decided what to do on this yet.



Goodies on the tables

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The cost of the facility is within our budget. There are no hotels in the immediate vicinity, but there are plenty of hotels south of the 134 in Glendale and Eagle Rock. We do not plan to have a “host hotel” this year. We will provide a list of nearby hotels in the registration brochure. There are several nice restaurants in Montrose, which is north of the facility. We used to use the lower level for our monthly meets for a period when Gary Keck was our President. The Glendale Toy Show uses the upper level for their January and August shows..

Why did we make this change? Fairplex was affordable and was plenty big enough for our needs. But we received many, many complaints about their parking setup for attendees. They have absolutely no consideration for the needs of disabled attendees, and we have a lot of them. Everyone parks in a large lot at least one quarter mile away and has to take a shuttle to the hall. Fairplex management offers no remedy for their disregard for the needs of disabled attendees. Due to the quantity of complaints, we decided not to try this again. But where to go?

We met with and toured six possibilities. The Arcadia Masonic Center is about 10000 square feet in three isolated rooms. This configuration does not work for us and is too small. Universal City is extremely expensive in every respect and therefore would not work for us. The Burbank Marriott is too small and much too expensive for our needs. Pasadena is unchanged from why we left it in the first place, namely, too small, old, too expensive and we would have to move our meet date to December.

Last, we toured the Glendale Civic Auditorium. They had our dates, the size we needed and the cost was affordable. So, we paid the deposit and signed a contract. It is very easy to get to off the 134 Freeway. Put the dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

ARIZONA RAILROAD MUSEUM SETUP

by John Drafz

Saturday, February 25th, was the annual Arizona Railway Day held from 9-4pm at the Arizona Railway Museum in Chandler. The weather cooperated with moderate temperatures and sunny skies.

In addition to the museum's own 12" = 1' railroad equipment, numerous other exhibitors were present. Among them was the GCMR mobile layout which was, as usual, a major attention getter. All seven loops were running trains and the kid operated accessories were a hit with the kids and their parents. Even the museum staff found time to stop by and watch trains run.

The next venue for the mobile layout will be Easter weekend when the P&P borrows it for use at the PV United Methodist Church.



Toy trains and real trains: pretty good!



We drew a crowd!

THE ANNUAL MULTI CLUB PICNIC

by Chris Allen

Date April 1 and the location is the Scottsdale Railroad Park. We will again be in the Stillman Ramada located near the model Railroad building. Park as close as you can to the model railroad building to have an easy walk.. Start time is 10:30 and it runs till 1:00 PM. The multiclub picnic is sponsored by the Desert Division, GCMR and the Paradise & Pacific.

Food service at the grill starts at 11:00 AM and it will be shutdown at 12 noon. The clubs will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, fried chicken, chips, along with soda, water and ice cream. We ask that you bring beans, salads, deviled eggs, or cookies or other dessert treats.

There will be raffle prizes, a mystery box with bubbles and small games for your children or grandchildren to enjoy. But you can relax, the only activities we have planned for our members is a stress free lunch with many of your friends.

Come enjoy the day with us as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the spring picnic. The first one was held in lieu of Ray Korte's open house in 1997 at Chaparral Park. The after picnic activity will be AZBTO open houses at various locations throughout the valley. Maps to the open house will be at the picnic.

LAST CALL!

Just a reminder that if you have not sent in your dues for 2017, the end of March is your deadline.

You can pay them at the March meeting or send a check to Glenn Saber.

In April we will be printing our 2017 GCMR membership list and it will be mailed directly to each member so you will have a hard copy for your use.



The Arizona Big Train Operators has announced their spring open houses for April 1st and 2nd. And this turns out to be same weekend as the multi club picnic at Scottsdale Railroad Park.

If you would like to see which layouts are open which days, as well as tour maps, go to the AZBTO website at: <http://azbigtrains.org>. You can download and print maps to each of the open houses.

SHOTS FROM THE ARIZONA RAILROAD MUSEUM

by Dave Brown



**"ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS"**

THE CACTUS SUMMER MEET

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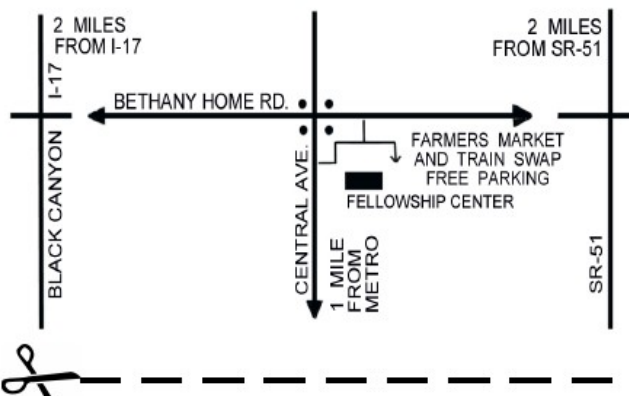
Presented by your pal Casey Cactus and the

GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

To reserve your space and required admission name
badges, submit this form by July 15, 2017

No refunds after July 15, 2017

Set-up opens at 6:00 AM Please print form legibly.



Name _____	
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.	
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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.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

3 or more tables = 4 badges max.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

More badges available at \$5.00 each

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Looks like the Winter Cactus Meet was a Success!