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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

WHAT A FEBRUARY! As covid starts to fade in the past, things are opening up. Did you participate?

The first Sunday in February saw Herb Andreen do an open house for all three train clubs. Have you ever been to Herb's layout before? It reminds me of the layout tours over at Miles Butler's house so many years ago. Herb has a very large layout with lots of trains. On top of that Herb put out quite a spread of food for all who came. Thanks Herb for such a great time.

Two weeks later was our Winter Cactus Meet, All the tables were sold out. As I was at the door, people just kept coming and coming. The tables were full of trains so you couldn't help but find anything you might have been looking for. Thanks to all that helped make this a great event!

A week later was the train run at the Arizona Railway Museum in Chandler. I would like to thank John Zaval for hauling out the trailer the day before, and John Zaval, John Draftz, Janet and Terry Mattern for helping set up and run the trailer for all day. We even had a member of P&P help us take the trailer down at the end of the day.

One of the great people visiting that day was an autistic kid that was there the whole day. Every time dad tried to get him to look at anything else, it was NO WAY DADDY! He stayed until we power downed the trailer at the end of the day.

As I said, what a February. If you didn't attend, then you missed out.

March has been kinda quiet in comparison, but not totally. The meeting this month has the return of drag races. That's right drag races are back. We will have two drag races this year, March and in October. The winner of the event will get three annual raffle tickets. So bring your fastest engine and let's have some fun. After the meet we will be going to Zipps sports bar and grill on 16th Street and Bethany Home Road for an after the meet get together lunch.

But wait that's not all on the horizon. The next weekend is the three club picnic at the Scottsdale Railroad Park. It's been two years since we have been able to this. Remember this is a pot luck picnic so bring your favorite side dish, salad or desert. The clubs will provide the meat, chips and drinks.

And to put an exclamation point on April, we will have a mini meet on the forth Saturday in April, Lots of opportunities to get involved and have fun.

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.

March 26 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church - Drag Races!
March 26, 27 Terry Haas layout open house: 12-4pm O&G Gauge trains running
April 2 - Multi Club annual picnic: Scottsdale Railroad Park. Meet at 10:30, lunch at noon
April 23 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church
MAY 28 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church
July 23 - Cactus Summer Swap Meet, see flyer this issue
August 6 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott, see flyer this issue

TERRY BUILDS A MARKLIN TINPLATE LAYOUT

by Terry Gibbs

Years ago, I bought some trains from a man who was in the Air Force stationed in Germany. The trains were neat, but the wooden buildings really captured my attention. I started keeping the neatest of the buildings along with some Marklin trains to go with them.

Since I got my Lionel Standard gauge layout running, I've started with the Marklin.

As a bit of Arizona toy train history, this layout is made from the old TCA display layout my dad and I made in the 1970s. That 8' by 8' layout was used at all the Desert Division displays until the 1981 Christown display where a larger layout was made of loose sheets of homasote.

That layout ended up under my dad's Glendale O gauge layout with the standard gauge.



Here's a photo Peter Atonna took in 1978 at the first Turkey meet of me in front of the display layout. (The colors are off as I never had red hair.)

Anyway, back to the Marklin trains and wood



buildings. When I first got into the buildings, the trains were always broken because any Marklin casting from before 1951 almost always decay badly from zinc pest. So the trains are from about 1952, into the early 1960s, with a few later ones added in just because I think they are neat. I also have some plastic and metal buildings on the layout because I like them.

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Everything on the layout except the tall TV tower and the water tower by the transformer came from former US servicemen who served in Germany, or their kids. The two towers came from Sam Taylor's European shelf.



I found the track to be very difficult to put together, but comes apart really easy, especially when you are running the trains. I bet newer track and younger eyes would be easier.

I have always wanted to do trains that stopped and started with signals. My Lionel prewar doesn't work because the switches aren't reliable and the locos freewheel too much. These might work. I'll keep you informed.

You can see videos online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrLXdUxib8I>



SOME PHOTOS FROM THE ARIZONA RAILROAD MUSEUM PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Playing with these has been fun. The quality is fantastic compared to 1950s American toy trains. A few nights, I found myself looking at the clock and thinking, "I should have gone to bed hours ago."

These old Marklin trains either run, or are visibly damaged. I thought a switcher was broken because it ran so slowly, but it's designed to creep around the yard. The big Swiss Crocodile will pull ALL the freight cars I have, but not around the little circle of track.



by Dave Brown



DUES ARE DUE!!

All members were sent an email recently and if your name WAS NOT checked, your dues are still due. The deadline is the end of March and a new membership list will be published.

You may pay them at the March meeting or mail them to Rod. For your convenience a form is attached to this newsletter

“ONE OF ARIZONA’S LARGEST MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS” CACTUS SUMMER TRAIN SWAP

SATURDAY, JULY 23rd, 2022

SWAP FROM 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

with table top auction at 12:00 noon



NORTH PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP CENTER

5757 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

**Due to Large Farmers Market restrictions:
Saturday unloading instructions
will be sent prior to the meet**

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

Print legibly. No refunds after July 16, 2022

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

Email: info@gcmrr.org

Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457

\$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

THE HOBBYIST'S PARK & SWAP MEET

First Saturday of Each Month From 7 to 9:30 AM

The early morning meeting time leaves your day open.

Come to Hobbyist meet ups in Mesa. Short meetings in a restaurant parking lot. There is no charge for buyers or sellers. Bring your own table or sell from your car.

A place to trade & share:

- Toy and Model Trains
- Diecast and Slot Cars
- RC models
- Plastic Model kits
- Construction Sets
- Whatever shows up

Full details at ArizonaModelTrains.com

December 4th, 2021

2022 Dates: Jan. 1st, Feb. 5th, Mar. 5th, April 2nd, May 7th

We've been getting 10-15 sellers a month and about 75-100 shoppers. We also have lots of little groups of people socializing. It's fun show with little effort.

Model Railroad Swap Meet

Arizona Railroad



May 14th, 2022

09:00AM-1:00PM

Glendale Christian Church

9661 N 59th Ave.

Glendale, AZ. 85302



Historical Society



Everything Trains—Food —Fun

Vendor Tables \$25.00ea.
To Sign Up Send Check to:
ARHS
PO Box 5816
Glendale, AZ. 85302-5816



Admission \$5.00 At the door.

COVID Protocols:

**All Local Or State Requirements At the Time of
the Meet Will Be Followed**

**Help Us Make This a
Safe And Fun Event**

For More Info: Craig Faris 623-340-3529



Dewayne Koltin 623-308-1574

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Beat the Heat Model Train Show 2022 & Extravaganza

***Bigger & Better in our new location
Embry Riddle Aeronautical Univ.
3700 Willow Creek Road Prescott, AZ 86301***

Raffle Prizes MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
**Grand prize \$500.00, 2nd prize \$300.00, 3rd prize \$200.00
& other door prizes**

Saturday, August 6, 2022 9am - 1pm

***Model Trains, Toys, Accessories
& Display Layouts***

Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 & under Free

Contact: Fred Williams (928)830-5913 or Dick Gage (802)272-1352

**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

The CAMRRC is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items.

Please Note: face masks recommended, NOT required

Please visit our web site for more info.

www.CAMRRC.com

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# _____ E-Mail _____

of Tables _____ 1st @ \$30.00 & \$20.00 each table after Total\$ _____

Helper Name _____

Helper Name _____

Box lunches available for pre-order @ \$12.00 each _____

A food truck will also be on site, see website or call for more info

Special requests _____ Total _____

Make Checks payable to: CAMRRC and mail to

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