



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

## MAIN LINE

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Our mobile layout operated during the April 21<sup>st</sup> Goodyear First Annual Car Show in support of the Goodyear depot restoration effort. In addition to a swap meet, cars and trains were on exhibit. There was a good turnout and a great time was had by all. We will assume at this point that this will be an annual event until advised otherwise.

By the time you read this, this year's National Train Day will be history. For NTD, the mobile layout was at Williams both days and the S and O-gauge modules were at Chandler the 12<sup>th</sup> only. Due to the publishing deadline, reports of those activities may be delayed 'till the next newsletter.

We are offering the tickets for this year's raffle to people beyond the GCMR thus are expecting a sellout. Naturally, GCMR members have had first shot at buying tickets. The first prize is a \$1,000 certificate to Arizona Train Depot. Second prize is a Lionel Legacy system and third prize is \$100. Contact Glenn, the treasurer, to get your tickets while supplies last.

Two major items were presented and discussed at the April meeting. First was the need to increase our membership, ideally by recruiting new members who probably have no connection to any other train club. Second was the need to define short, mid, and long range goals we as a club would like to achieve. For example, do we want a permanent structure of some kind where a permanent multi-gauge layout can be built that would be available to any GCMR member

24/7/365 and, if so, what would such a structure look like and where would it be located?

Goals aren't something for the BoD to develop alone. The club belongs to its members and the needs and opinions of members - especially on the topic of goals. Short range usually means things to achieve in less than a year. Mid range is 1-5 years and long range is over 5 years. So, what are your thoughts? Please share them with a BoD member either by phone, e-mail or personal conversation, the sooner the better.

The theme for the May meeting is patriotic items, e.g., military, bi-centennial, etc. See you at the May meeting along with a favorite patriotic item of yours to show.

### 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.*

**May 26** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - theme: Memorial Day; patriotic item(s) AKA Military Trains/Military Hardware

**June 23** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - - theme: Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag

Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc., item(s) w/flag(s)

**July 28** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - "Guess the heat meet" - number of the engine or rolling stock = the way to guess the heat at 11am that day (per the national weather service).

## OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

**June 1, 2** Toy Train Show, Tucson Expo Center (see flyer this issue)

**August 18** - Beat the Heat Meet, Prescott. (see flyer this issue)

## MEETING NOTES

### Old Business

+ Policy Book is to be started by Bill East & President Draftz

+Gurney Layout will be given way. The layout works--it is one loop with a bumper car back & forth. We should add a siding. It has two buildings, a loco, 027 track, snap together construction and the size is 6 x 3 feet with foam on one by framing. Glenn said he would bring it to the next regular meet. It does need some work before we set it up as a raffle prize. We'll look it over and then decide what to do with it, and defer action for now.

The Kid's Club layout will end up in the trailer.

+ In upgrading and reviewing the 2012 calendar beyond June, once again October and November will be very busy months. The second weekend in October is Railfair, early November is the Cal Stewart Meet, and the Turkey Meet is of course on Thanksgiving Saturday. In addition, we need to squeeze in our regular member meeting some time in

that month. Big time club member participation is needed during the above time span.

+ On this coming Mother's day weekend the mobile trailer will be at Williams for National Train Day. In addition to transporting the trailer, we will need three or four operators.

The S and O gauge Modules will set up and run at the Chandler Railroad Museum also for National Train Day.

+ Methodist Church Run Day in Scottsdale is handled by the P&P guys who run the layout under the setup, help and guidance by Dave Brown. Thank you Dave.

+ George Bean suggested that we should look into the travel costs (fuel) for moving the trailers. It is apparent, due to rising gasoline prices that we will need help from the venue organizers to help defray these costs. The Club cannot ignore this expense anymore. After discussion it was suggested that the Board come up with a policy on reimbursement based on what venue, etc.

For the short term, it was agreed that fuel costs for the National Train Day (May 12<sup>th</sup>) setup in Williams, AZ and in Chandler at the Railroad Museum would be paid by the Club. Feds say reimbursement overall is 50 cents per mile. A Motion was put forth by Paul Boston that we allow the Fed rate door to door as a Club reimbursement for all events. Bill Rodgers seconded. After more discussion, Paul and Bill agreed to change the motion to fuel costs only door to door and only for the National Train Day obligations noted above. The Board will determine an over all policy.

Pursuing this discussion further is there some merit to gaining revenue with our Modules and the Mobile

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Trailer such as charging for a Birthday Party? For example, charge \$250 or more for setting up and running trains for the kids and let them participate some.

+ A question arose as to how much will kids get involved in running the trains? Maybe we should use low wattage transformers and run conventional trains only. Sam noted kids plus the parents would get involved which would be very good.

+ On the modules, the O gauge corners are pretty much okay, but the other modules need help. These need scenery or paint, buildings whatever for better public viewing. George Bean suggested a module decorating contest with a prize. So we need some volunteers. Art Triant proposed a workshop event for a particular date to do a module. The S gauge modules will be setup for running at our meeting next month.

+ We do need to have racks made for the module trailer to prevent the modules from getting beat up during the "in and out" shuffling and transport. Again, we need a work party to do this. In addition we need a place in the trailer for our signs now and others we make in the future. The word will go out to set up a date and do this at Adobe Mountain.

+ Annual Budget: According to the By Laws we need to have one. Board will present a Budget for 2013, and then we should present the next year's Budget in October of each year.

+ Peter Atonna needs more material (pictures) for the Mainline, and also we should be looking for guest speakers.

#### New Business:

+ New Website: The designation is GCMRR.org. Please take some time to visit the website, and let us know what you think. Check out the tab "About GCMR."

+ The Treasurer is the annual Swap Meet Chair (de facto) and the Secretary is backup.

+ August Beat the Heat Meet: As pointed out by Dave Brown, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August is the date and the Bus Ride cost will be \$35 per person with an optional box lunch of \$7 each. The Bus cost is

\$1071 so if we get more than 40 riders we start to make a profit. We have to do a good job of recruiting people. The Board will look at better ways to get the word out and fill the Bus which has a capacity is 53 folks. Dave Brown is the collector and any check should be made out to GCMR. Glenn suggests a flyer to TCA and P&P for better exposure.

Bryan Jewell asked if we are we going to try and bring in HO folks? There are a lot of HO only clubs in the Valley, i.e. specific to only that gauge. Maybe if we had a permanent building, an HO layout might be feasible. For now GCMR will be mainly S gauge and O gauge

+ Is our relationship with Adobe Mountain stormy? At this point things seem to be neutral. There now seems to be an issue about our Mobile layout crossing the track every time we move it in and out and doing some harm to the rails and ties. President John will check into this and give us some feedback at the May meet.

+ The Secretary to look into the phone number change for Katie Elgar/Jack Eaton and get the correction via Email back to Peter.

+ Glenn Saber noted that there are 2 X Large ambassador vests left for a discount price of \$30 each.

+ There was some discussion about a change to the By Laws on dues----waived, deferred or whatever. We need to change this. A motion was put forth by Dave Brown to authorize a change in the By Laws by the Board and seconded by Jack Eaton. Motion carried. Meantime the Board will decide each case on an annual basis until the change which would include a guiding policy.

+ Discussion on Club Goals: Questions arose such as why do we exist? What should we be doing? Think this over. Also should we start a fund for a permanent building and how to increase Membership. We must do a better job of recruiting.

+ New Members: We do need folks big time. Having a new member is the ideal. Recruiting from other clubs also is an avenue for increase membership as well as

+ Regaining lost members. Why did we lose a member? Glenn suggested giving old members rejoin a dues break (like a coupon) or give them some other good reason to come back on board. Having positive goals will help. Our new flyers should be stating our future outlook. Dave Brown mentioned that we need new flyers to hand out from both the mobile and module trailers.

### Show & Tell:

Glenn Saber displayed two electric and two steam standard Gauge trains.



Models. Running standard gauge has to do with liking toy trains. The term "Wide Gauge" used to be the old handle, and it later reverted to Standard Gauge because the manufacturers considered that "Standard" had a much better connotation. Some of the much older standard gauge units can be very valuable. One steam engine could be worth roughly up to \$1700 to \$1800. MTH now has gotten into standard gauge in a big way, devaluing older models with brand new replicas. However Proto 2 features include smoke, cab chatter, bell etc. are included.

400 E is biggest engine ever produced. Some original Standard sets going way back in time can go for \$10 to \$12 grand. All Standard Gauge now is available from Lionel or MTH.

This was a very interesting presentation by Glen. Bob Dennison added to the history of "Wide Gauge" with Flyer, Lionel & Ives. Ives was the first to have the E units for directional control.

## MODULAR LAYOUT RUNNING

John Draftz photos

We have "MAIN LINE", the club, and are looking for volunteers to add scenery to the "O" Just contact John.







## BEAT THE HEAT MEET

by Peter Atonna

Yes, this year's Beat the Heat Swap Meet is already gearing up. We hope you will join us for a day or a weekend in Prescott. This year's event will be held on August 18th. Our event is sponsored by the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club and features over 90 tables of goodies, an afternoon of layout visiting and an invitation for you to enjoy the weekend in the Prescott area. The meet is held at the Prescott Activity Center, 800 E. Gurley in downtown Prescott. If you haven't come before, the Activity Center is right on the main street, a half mile after you enter town on SR 69 or 89, just follow the signs to Gurley Street.

You will have a great selection of trains, our tables sold out by the end of June last year (hint, for you sellers!). Admission is \$4 with kids under 12 free with an adult. The show starts at 9am and runs to 1pm. Tables are \$25 each which includes meet admission. Table reservations must be paid in advance.

Send your reservation with your check to Norm Delucchi at 242 Thoroughbred Dr. Prescott, AZ 86301-6688. If you have questions, call him at 928-445-5379 or email to: [npdelucchi@cableone.net](mailto:npdelucchi@cableone.net). Dealers can set up starting at 7am.

To help you plan, here are some of the weekend's activities around the Prescott area.

Shopping - Prescott has one of the finest antique and arts districts in the state. Located conveniently downtown, less than a mile from the Activity Center, the district lines Cortez and Marina Streets.

Museums - Next door to the Activity Center is the Smoki Museum, while downtown is the Sharlott Hall Museum and just north of town is the Phippen Art Museum

Train Rides - Both the Grand Canyon Railroad and the Verde Canyon Railroad are less than two hours from Prescott and would make a great Sunday activity.

Outdoor activities - The Prescott area is a jumping off point for camping and fishing in the Bradshaws, bike riding on many of the area highways and hiking in Thumb Butte, Granite Mountain or the Peavine Rails to Trails.

Farmers Market - Yavapai College, located on Sheldon St. just north of the Activity Center, hosts a farmers market Saturday's 7:30 till noon.

Downtown - Acker On The Plaza: 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. Full day of musical entertainment at various locations on the Courthouse Plaza. Free.

Young's Farm - Good news. For those of you, for whom a Prescott visit tradition was a stop for corn at Young's Farm, the Mortimer Nursery family has reopened the farm and will have a crop of corn ready this summer. Check it out on your way home.

Open Houses - We are happy to share some of our member's layouts with our Beat the Heat visitors. Six fellows have generously opened their layouts and collections for your enjoyment. Time for visiting starts at 2pm on Saturday, after the meet. There will be maps available at the meet registration table.

Mike Nelson - An O scale layout with multiple tiers and an including operating On30 layout. Large collection of O scale locomotives on display (please note: Mike is open from 4 to 7pm)

Jim Hanna - A large HO scale sceniced layout complete with multiple layers and bridges. Jim operates multiple trains with DCC

Marlin Benson - Three train rooms filled with trains and displays. His high rail layout occupies two rooms. A Large Scale loop lines the walls of one train room and a Christmas layer is now open.

Peter Atonna - Large O gauge high rail, fully sceniced layout. The Ash Fork extension is well under way and you can now take a trip to Chicago. Displays of prewar and postwar trains. By the way, if you are coming up on Friday and would like to

come by that evening to avoid the crowds on Saturday afternoon, just send me an email.

Scott Hicks - A garden layout in the large back yard of his historic Victorian home, just walking distance from the Activity Center

Donn Pease - A spectacular new HO layout with it's first Beat the Heat open house. It is modeling the Southern Pacific, starting in Tucson and heading east. Track and a spectacular painted backdrop are in and scenery is under way.

We hope you plan to spend the weekend in Prescott. If you would like a nearby motel for your stay, here are some suggestions (the Prescott area code is 928):

A short distance from the Activity Center are:

- + Heritage House Motel (across the street from the Activity Center) 819 E. Gurley 445-9091
- + Apache Lodge (a genuine 30's motel) 1130 E. Gurley 445-1422
- + American Motel, 1211 E Gurley 778-4322
- + Econo Lodge, 1225 E. Gurley 445-7057
- + Super 8 (on the next street to the north) 1105 E. Sheldon 776-1282
- + Motel 6, 1111 E. Sheldon

If you would like to stay at a beautiful historic downtown hotel, we have:

- + Hotel St. Michael 205 W. Gurley 776-1999
- + Hotel Vendome 230 S. Cortez 776-0900
- + Hassayampa Inn 122 E. Gurley 778-9434
- + Marriott SpringHill Suits in Depot Square 776-0998. Don't forget the downtown hotels are right in the middle of Prescott's arts and antique shopping district.

## **CORRECTION**

Please note that the membership list had an error in Jack Eaton's phone number. Here is his corrected listing:

Jack Eaton (Kathy)  
1813 W. Big Oak St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85085  
623-249-7297 (c) 602-321-4809

## **NATIONAL TRAIN DAY**

by Peter Atonna

The GCMR was well represented as usual at the two NTD celebrations, one in Chandler with the modular O and S gauge layouts and the trailer layout in Williams.

At Williams, several of the regular, and large, modular layouts canceled at the last week, so the number of model layouts was fewer this year. The organizers has hoped therefore to have the GRMR trailer in the Polar room with the rest of the layouts, but it just didn't make the width of the doors leading into the room. So, they were set up under the tent, next to the information booth, in the circle in front of the depot. And that turned out to be the hot spot for visitors as everybody coming visited the layout.

The weather in Williams was beautiful this year and the attendance seemed higher than last year, particularly on Sunday. Highlight of the weekend again was the hourly running of steamer #4960 with the opportunity of detraining for a tour of the locomotive shop. All club volunteers received a free ticket to ride the Cataract Creek Flyer and several took advantage of the shop tour which is rarely available to the public.

It turned out that tinsplate trains dominated the show this year. In addition to the GCMR trailer, Peter had two layouts, his traditional Polar Express layout plus the first showing of a new 4 by 8 portable "theme" layout. This was one of two at the show as Rod Lorenz, a member of a small group in the Prescott building portable layouts to take to shows, schools, etc. had one featuring a farm and construction equipment. Peter's theme was Marx trains with almost all Marx trains and accessories. The last operating layout was Gerry McKenzie's very cute G gauge layout full of carnival operating accessories.



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## **THE MAIN LINE**

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**There was something for all ages at the 2012 National Train Day event in Williams over Mothers Day weekend, highlighted, of course, by the GCMR trailer layout.**