



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

The club's next public event will be Railfair weekend Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13. We'll have both the mobile layout and the modules in operation. Please look at your schedule to see how you can help.

The theme for our May Memorial Day meeting is "Space a/o Military Trains/Accessories". What do you have that helps remind people of what Memorial Day is about?

For National Train Day, we had the mobile layout up at Williams and, as always, it was a success. A write-up and photos appear later. The modules were scheduled for Chandler's Arizona Railway Museum but, due to lack of enough volunteers, we had to cancel their appearance. Perhaps next year.

The BoD is providing donuts for the regular meetings. There will be a "free will" donation container available to those who want to help offset the cost. Beverages (coffee, juice, etc) will be on a BYO basis.

The BoD has been discussing the module situation. We have a trailer in which to store them but the trailer needs minor repairs. It could also use a painting to reflect the GCMR and its mission. To protect the modules in transit, storage racks will need to be built. The modules themselves will need minor repair once the racks are ready. And while the mobile layout is the dominant attraction, the modules get their share of acclaim. What does this mean to

you as a member? We need to hold one or more work parties over the next several months – ideally before Railfair in October – where we can bring the modules to the display level we want them to be. Dates have not yet been set so we can adjust to your availability. We will talk more about this at this month's meeting. Please give us your suggestions.

The "pole barn" at Adobe is still in the discussion phase. Before we proceed further, we need to clarify issues such as funding, maintenance, use, etc. To that end, we need you, the members, to give us your input. How can we best proceed? What are your concerns? Anything we do at Adobe is not in any way to imply that we're "moving" the GCMR to Adobe forsaking the east valley. The goal is to simply take advantage of the public exposure Sunday afternoons and with it, the attraction of new members. The more members we have, the more we can do to take toy trains to people.

### MEETING NOTES

#### Old Business

+ GCMR annual raffle ticket sales are on going. The drawing will be held at the November business meeting. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

First prize: \$1000 gift certificate at Roy's Train World or \$800 cash

Second prize: \$500 gift certificate at An Affair with Trains or \$400 cash

Third prize: \$100 cash

+ Jack Eaton reported that the GCMR Mobile Unit is at Ruiz Custom Upholstery for the waterproof

covering that will protect the unit from the elements. The design of the covering will also provide a partial covering for some shade during the hot months. The mobile unit will be ready by next week. The total cost \$1,140.

+ Paul Boston has updated the club web page. All members were asked to review the page and give ideas on what should be on there.

### New Business

Dave Brown reported that the mobile unit run at the Paradise Valley United Lutheran Church for the P&P was a great success. [P&P Club borrowed the mobile unit.]

+ Dave will be talking with P&P, TCA and McCormick / Stillman Park to set the date for the three club picnic in March 2014.

+ GCMR will have the monthly meeting in November on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

+ John Draftz discussed the issue of late membership dues. There are still out standing membership with no contact from members if they are going to renew Renewal form should be in THE MAIN LINE Board of Directors will discuss and report back to membership.

+ Rod Johnson discusses refund policy. Rod will send a copy to Peter Atonna to publish in THE MAIN LINE for the membership. It will be voted on at the next meeting.

+ Out of Town Trips for the Mobile Unit There was a lengthy discussion on whether to take unit to out of town or state trips due to the axle/tire issue. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Dallas Dixon, seconded by Katie Elgar that Cal-

Stewart should be on the list of events the mobile unit goes to. Tires on unit will be inspected on a regular basis and changed when needed. Members present approved with one opposed.

+ President Draftz asked the membership if they have a tow package on their vehicle if they would consider towing the Mobile Unit or Trailer if needed.

+ Adobe Mountain RR Park President Draftz discusses the site inspection the Board of Directors had at Adobe earlier this month. All members are asked to go to Adobe and check the park out. Glenn Saber discussed a Pole barn structure [30 x 40] which could be used to park the mobile unit and trailer plus we would be able to open the unit up for the public to view. President Draftz discussed the positive aspects of GCMR having the exposure to 1,000's of people who go to the park each Sunday during the winter months. More information will be provided to the membership as we proceed further.

+ Modular Trailer and Racks The trailer itself is in need of a makeover. There are holes in the floor, the skylight is leaking, paint and bodywork is needed. GCMR Decals need to be added once we get the trailer looking good. Next issue is that we need to build inside racks to store the modular sections inside the trailer

+ National Train Day on May 11 Dave Brown will be taking the mobile unit to Williams. John Draftz will be transporting the modular trailer to the Chandler RR Museum to set up the O & S modules. Members are requested to come to Chandler if they can help out

+ The Beat the Heat bus trip to Prescott will be on August 17th. (See the flyer in this issue) More info to follow.

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## Show and Tell

+ Paul Boston showed his 1927 American Flyer three rail tinplate cars that have been in his family for several years.

+ Bill Lazenby showed off his Ready Made Train – 027- four car mini passenger cars. They are very detailed and are only \$39.99 for two

+ Jack Eaton showed Norfolk/Southern heritage pins. For the Railroads they took over, NS has T-shirts and RR Patches also available.

+ Bill East brought in his 1958/9 American Flyer tank car. Car is rare and is worth over \$450 in today's market

+ John Draftz showed his wind-up streamlined Lionel Lines Locomotive. John notes that he does not have the key. Anybody have one.?

## **NATIONAL TRAIN DAY 2013**

by Glenn Saber

As many club members know, we have been taking the trailer layout to Williams each year to participate in the National Train Day activities held at the Grand Canyon Railway's depot.



The weather was perfect this year in Williams for NTD as the "Fun With Toy Trains Team" of Dave and Judy Brown, Herb and Rebeca Andreen, Glenn Saber and guest Larry Messing displayed the GCMR mobile layout. Avoiding conflict with Mother's Day

Sunday, this year's Grand Canyon Railroad event was limited to only one day, Saturday, instead of two. The group told us that the Sunday operation seemed to conflict with Mother's Day events, so dropped it back to just the official Amtrak NTD date.

Beyond toy trains, this fun event also displayed several pieces of full-size railroad equipment, steam engines, antique tractors, firetrucks, autos, "hit-and-miss" engines along with other oddities and a reenactment of driving the Golden Spike to commemorate the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869. Amtrak chose National Train Day to be celebrated on the weekend that is closest to this May 10th date.



Attendance was very good with the layout putting on a great show and receiving tons of compliments. There were hardly any derailments - however the HO loop was inoperative as a rail had detached from one of the Bachmann snap-tracks and we had no replacement section. Also, this was the first time the mobile layout had been opened and closed with its new, snap-on protective cover. Most of the process was self-explanatory. However a few snaps did detach from the trailer and the four triangle end covers need new wider bottom tracks. Since the trailer was under a tent, the awning portion of the new cover had not been used.

Also, GCMR operators were treated to a few available complimentary hotel rooms and tickets for the "Cataract Creek Rambler", a 45 minute out-and-back ride on one of Grand Canyon's trains. If you have never attended the William's National Train



Day, it is a great reason to get out of the valley heat for a weekend for some toy train camaraderie.



## **BEAT THE HEAT MEET**

by Peter Atonna

Have you marked your calendar for this year's edition of the Beat the Heat Swap Meet in Prescott? We hope so. After all, the Valley's temperature has already hit 100 degrees, and Prescott will be looking really good very soon. This year's event will be held on August 17th. Our event is sponsored by the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club and features 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.

Each year we have been selling out our sales tables so you will have a great selection of trains. Admission is \$5 with kids under 12 free with an adult. The show starts at 9am and runs to 1pm. Table reservations are close to selling out, so if you are looking to sell, please get your reservation in ASAP. They are \$25 each and that includes one admission and must be paid in advance. Dealer setup is 7 - 9am. Send your reservation with your check to Dick Gauge, 1972 Oak Hill Circle Prescott, AZ 86301. If you have questions, call him at (c) 802-272-1352 or email to: [vttoaz@cablone.net](mailto:vttoaz@cablone.net).

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. If you like train watching, there are a couple of superb locations near Williams and Ash Fork. Just check with me for some good locations.

Outdoor activities - The Prescott area is a jumping off point for camping and fishing in the Bradshaw Mountains, 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.

Young's Farm - The Mortimer Nursery family has reopened the historic Young's Farms and will have a crop of corn ready this summer. So check it out on your way home.

Open Houses - The Prescott area is home to a number of home layouts and we are happy to share some of the best with our visitors. Eight 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 (note: Mike is open from 3 to 7pm)

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

Ray Dextraze - As you know, Ray was not open last year as he sold his collection of early 20th Century American and European toys and trains. Well, Ray could not let those shelves stay empty and has begun acquiring new items in his area of interest. He invites you all to come by to see his "new" collection.

Marlin Benson - Three train rooms filled with trains and displays. His high rail layout occupies two rooms. A Large Scale loop lines the walls and a Christmas theme layout are included in one train room.

Stan Cedarleaf - An outdoor Large Scale layout over 100 feet long with multiple trains running. Be sure to enjoy the “crows nest” viewing spot.

Warren Webster - Another outdoor Large Scale layout, just down the street from Stan with multiple loops and spectacular wooden bridges in a delightful outdoor setting.

Peter Atonna - Large O gauge high rail, fully sceniced layout. Displays of prewar and postwar trains.

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

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.

## BEAT THE HEAT BUS TRIP

And for those who would like to “leave the

driving to us” Dave Brown is now taking reservations for the bus trip to the meet. For the regulars, you know this is a great way to go to the meet and selected open houses and enjoy the comradeship of sharing the day with your fellow train fans and their spouses. You can even preorder a lunch which will be waiting for you at the meet. If you have not taken advantage, be sure to get your name on Dave's list.

## MORE OF DAVE BROWN'S PHOTOS

Al Richmond of the Arizona State Railway Museum has acquired several pieces of equipment. Here is a Shay being stored at the Grand Canyon Railway. The second is another Shay at the Georgetown Loop Railroad in Colorado.







# **"BEAT THE HEAT" SWAP MEET & LAYOUT TOUR TO COOL PRESCOTT, AZ**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013**

- LET THE GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS DO THE DRIVING
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- VISIT SEVERAL TRAIN LAYOUTS AFTER THE SWAP MEET
- A FAMILY EVENT – ANTIQUES, SHOPS, DINING ALL NEAR BY

**PICK-UP SCHEDULE:**

6:30 AM – ARIZONA MILLS MALL

7:00 AM – PARADISE VALLEY MALL

7:30 AM – METROCENTER MALL

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## **WINNERS!**

### **Raffle prizes**

**Dallas Dixon won the Lionel Covered Hopper**

**Ken Barnes won the T.V Car**

**Bill East won the Lionel Reefer Car**

**Katie Elgar won the Missouri/Pacific Searchlight Car**

**Rod Johnson won the Great MTH Layout DVD.**

**Bill Rodgers won the American Classic Car & Trailer**

### **Mystery Prize**

**Ken Barnes won an American Flyer Talking Station**

**Rod Johnson won \$25.00 drawing**





**PRESCOTT'S**

**BEAT THE HEAT**

**Model Trains & Old Boys' Toys**

**SWAP MEET**

**Saturday August 17, 2013 9 AM - 1 PM**

**At the Prescott Activity Center 824 E Gurley St**

**Presented By:**

**The Central Arizona Model RR Club**

**Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 and under Free**

**Contact: Dick Gage (c) 802 272-1352 CAMRRC Treasurer**

**Mike Nelson 928 445-7634**

**Table Reservations \$25.00 per table in advance**

**Table Sales are Subject to Availability**

**1 Free Admission with Each Table**

**Dealer Setup Time 7-9 AM --- No Early Public Admission**

**The CAMRRC is Not Responsible for Lost or Stolen Items**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tables \_\_\_\_ (Limit 4 Tables per seller) @ \$25.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Helper Name \_\_\_\_\_ @ 4.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

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Lunch Reservations (Sandwich, Chips, Soda) \_\_\_\_ @ 7.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks to CAMRRC and mail to.....**

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The GCMR gang had another great time at this year's National Train Day in Williams. The trailer was parked right next to the Information table so we had great exposure for every visitor. Glen Saber shot this photo and there is more about the event inside.