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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

We've made it to May! We've had our first triple digit high, with lots more to come. We're past our first Cactus Meet and mini meet. Now coming up are the summer holidays of Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. This time is also known as Summer vacation. Train runs dry up and things slow down. But we still have monthly meetings. May's meeting is a week early, that is the third Saturday of May, **THIS SATURDAY!** I hope to see you all there. The show and tell theme for this meeting is military trains. So bring your fighting trains: Army. Air Force, Navy or any subordinate service trains and show them off.

Summer may be a slower time, but that doesn't mean that we are standing still. At the June meeting we will have hot dogs and apple pies for lunch, July is our summer Cactus meet and August brings the Best the Heat swap meet and bus trip. By the way, I have been informed that if you haven't got your table up in Prescott Valley, it is too late. All the tables for Beat the Heat have been sold out and a waiting list is already forming.

However the bus list is just starting. More on that later in this newsletter. September ends the summer season with our second mini meet of the year. And then we start all over again with the start of the 2017 – 2018 train season.

On a sadder note, those of use who have been around the train hobby for some time will remember Bruce

Hendrickson. He was a past President of Paradise and Pacific and could easily be found at all the swap meets selling trains. He passed away suddenly last month. In a new tradition for the P and P, there will be a "Whistle Blow" for Bruce and two other P and P members at noon on Memorial Day at the P and P layout.

Until next month, keep those trains running!

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

June 2, 3 - Arizona Toy Train Show, Tucson. See the flyer in this issue.

June 24 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church: Annual Hot dogs and Apple Pie meeting

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

August 12 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott Valley

August 26 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church



Glenn working the desk at a very popular Mini Meet last month.

BEAT THE HEAT BUS TOUR

by Dave Brown

It's time once again for the "Beat the Heat" bus trip." Why fight the traffic when you can ride up with your friends in a big bus, go to the swap meet and then visit layouts in the central Arizona area in style.

There are four convenient pickup points here in the valley, train videos on the way up and back, an optional lunch (at a nominal cost), a swap meet and several layouts to be seen like Peters Atonna's layout and Marlin Benson's layout.

And how much is this trip? For GCMR members is just \$30 each and Non Members are \$35. The lunches are \$7 and will be ready to pickup at 11:30 at the swap meet. So, come one, come all to our fun event on August 12!

I will have the reservation form starting with the June issue of the Main Line.

CANTENARY

From TrainOrders.com

New Jersey Transit dual-mode Train 3363 to the North Jersey Coast Line lost AC power in C Interlocking on east Long Island RR end of Penn Station. It was ordered to start diesel power to enter the station, load and depart.

Perhaps as a sign of the state of confusion in the NY/NJ area, the NJTransit "Next Stops" sign had a red banner at the top with lettering that read, "attention passengers due to cat in airy problems, all eastbound and westbound trains are subject to 30 minute delay."

I hope the cat got down.

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TEMPE GETS A REAL TROLLEY CAR

PHOENIX — Construction will begin in June on Valley Metro's Tempe Streetcar project after receiving \$50 million in funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's capital investments grant program. The program is included in the fiscal year 2017 appropriations bill recently signed by President Donald Trump.

Securing additional funds will allow the project to begin construction in early June. When completed, the Tempe streetcar will connect riders to Mill and Ash avenues in downtown Tempe, Rio Salado Parkway, Apache Boulevard, and two light rail stations, in Arizona. The corridor will also include parts of downtown Tempe, Arizona State University, Marina Heights, and the Rio Salado corridor.

In addition to next month's groundbreaking, the agency has also approved Brookville Equipment Corp. to build six streetcar vehicles for the corridor. The agency is still reviewing vehicle paint schemes and design elements.

The \$186-million project is being funded through regional transportation-focused tax measures, other local dollars, and federal grant dollars.

The corridor is on schedule to open in 2020.

NOTICE THE DATE!

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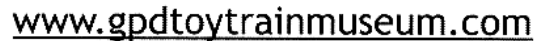
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This spring's Mini Meet proved to be really popular!