



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

The theme for our November meeting is: "A Favorite Holiday Car (you pick the holiday)".

Railfair was the first of this season's events. The next one was in Mesa on Saturday, November 2nd, for the annual Pioneer Park fundraiser where the mobile layout was on display. We'll have the modules at both the TCA Toy Train Show swap meet December 7th followed by the Methodist church Christmas party on December 14th. The mobile layout will be on display at the Cal Stewart meet on Saturday, November 23rd, as well as at the evening Adobe open houses December 6, 7, 13 & 14. We need each member to look at his or her personal schedule and to then volunteer to help as able. No one is being asked to go above and beyond but we do need help staffing these events. Even volunteering at just one event helps us take toy trains to the public. Please contact Jack Eaton at 623-249-7297 or jeaton9@cox.net and let him know when and how you can help.

Elections for the four officers and three BoD members are happening. The nominating (and thus tabulating) committee is Dave Brown and Bill Lazenby. Voting is underway. We're using the electronic balloting with snail mail ballots available for those that need them. If you haven't gotten either an e-mail ballot notice or a snail mail ballot, please let Paul Boston (paulboston@cox.net or 602-370-0780) know as soon as practical.

Our annual raffle drawing is scheduled for the November meeting thus getting tickets now is a great

time to buy. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets will be available at the meeting.



The In-the-Heat swap meet was this past summer. Unfortunately, they chose to hold another meet scheduled for the same day (again) as our November monthly meeting. At the last meeting, as a courtesy to our members, we decided to delay the November meeting start time by one hour starting at 11 rather than 10am. This will give our members time to attend that meet if they wish and then attend our meeting. We'll still plan to have the hall open about 8:30 with donuts available thus giving members and guests a little extra time to visit and run trains. The goal is to still end the meeting by noon.

Over the past year plus, we've brought either the O-gauge or S-gauge modules or the kid's layout to the meeting to have trains running. And while this pro-

vides members an opportunity to run trains, it also creates an undesired problem. In short, someone has to pick up the module trailer and transport it to the meeting where whatever is to be used is set up. At the end of the meeting, the process is reversed. We actually end up spending more time in set up and tear down than we do in running trains.

I'm proposing we return to our days of "yesteryear" when we simply assembled sectional track into whatever shape we wanted, ran our trains, and then disassembled the track until the next time we wanted to "play" with our trains. In simple terms, I'm suggesting each member so motivated bring a simple oval of track and a train to run on the track along with a transformer. We have a lot of floor space for those who want the floor. We have numerous tables available that can be pushed together as needed for those who want to run on tables.

This process will allow us to have more than just two trains running and allow for multiple gauges at any given meeting. If this concept makes sense to you, please bring track, train and power source to the meeting. Let's see how many trains we can get running at a meeting.

See you at the meeting and please bring a favorite holiday car.

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.

November 22 - 24 - Cal Stewart meet - Ontario, CA GCMR trailer will be operating

November 23 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - S-ga modules Theme: A Favorite Holiday Car (you pick the holiday)

December 7 - Arizona Toy Train Show, Glendale, AZ See the flyer this issue.

December 8 - Desert Division Christmas Party - All GCMR members invited. See the reservation form this issue.

December 14 - GCMR layout display at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church

January 10 - 11 Gadsden Pacific Winter Swap Meet, Tucson. Go to <http://www.gpdtoytrainmuseum.com/trainmeets.htm> for more information

February 22 - GCMR Armory Swap Meet, see registration form this issue.

MEETING NOTES

+ Jack Eaton has various sign up sheets for members to sign up to participate and run trains at various locations.

+ Our next event is on November 2 at Pioneer Park in Mesa. John Draftz reported there is a train Swap meet at Adobe Mountain on the same day

+ Cal-Stewart swap meet is November 23 in Ontario, California. Dave Brown and George Bean and company will transport the mobile unit there

+ Adobe Lights Members needed to run trains on Dec 6, 7, 13 and 14 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

+ Art Triant discussed the upcoming TCA Arizona Toy Train Show set for Dec 7. Swap meet will be a Christmas theme show. Volunteers are needed

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+ ABTO the G-Gauge group will be having various open houses at members home on Dec 7, 8, 14 and 15. Contact Glen Saber for further information.

+ The TCA Desert Division Christmas party is on December 8. All club members are welcomed

+ Paradise Valley United Methodist Church Dec 14. Both S & O gauge modulars will be there

+ Dave Brown will have an open house today to see his layout

Show & Tell

+ The theme was: Holiday or convention car

+ Bill Richardson brought in an S-gauge orange caboose and boxcar. It was from a Speed Queen Set. You bought a washer and dryer you got an American Flyer train set

+ Dave Brown had his die cast trolley car that he brought, as he wanted to win the drag race today that did not happen

+ Bill Rodgers wanted to show his prized collection of three Weaver Shamrock Tank Cars

+ John Draftz showed his Plastic Model S-gauge Derrick car

+ Paul Boston brought in his G-Gauge Convention cars that are an orange boxcar and silver tank car. Paul has attended several G-Gauge conventions thought out the USA

+ The November meeting theme will be Christmas/Holiday Cars

Old Business

+ Next month's meeting will be on November 23 but will start at 11am so members can attend the swap meet at the North Phoenix Baptist Church

+ John Draftz reported no new information on our permanent location at Adobe Mountain Park

+ Glen Saber reported on the up-coming GCMR Swap meet on February 22. Members are be asked to drop off fliers to hobby shops, etc near their homes

+ Glen also discussed the annual raffle ticket sales that are still in the red. The drawing will be at the next meeting November 23rd. Will we break even?

New Business

+ The trailer is in need of two tires prior to the California trip. George Bean will get it done.

+ Racks for the modular units need to be re-adjusted

+ Elections for 2014 officers have on the ballot:

President - John Draftz

V-Pres - Jack Eaton

Secretary - Barbara Turner

Treasurer - Glen Saber

Paul Boston explained the Electronic Balloting process. If you receive THE MAIL LINE via e-mail then you will receive an email ballot. Paul and Peter Atonna send out snail mail ballots to members who do not have e-mail or wish to receive a written ballot

+ John Draftz discussed various ways the GCMR can get more members and also how to get current members more involved.

RODS AND STEEL WHEELS RUN

It was a cool morning as the group gathered for run in early November. The last few time, we used the O gauge and S gauge modules. This year we used the trailer display and had a great day of running trains. The crowd enjoyed all the trains going this way and that, and with the hot rod, food and music a good time was had by all. The shade structure though small kept most of the layout in the shade and us cool as by the afternoon, things did heat up even for November. I would like to thank Bill Lazenby, Bill East, Jack Eaton, Rod Johnson, and George Bean for all the help and fun that we had that day. Those who organized the event were also happy to see us this year again. Look for the new placket to be mounted as a thank you for our continued help in raising funds to move and cover the engine here at Pioneer Park in Mesa.



2014 GCMR SWAP MEET

by Glenn Saber

It's time for the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders to start getting ready for our February 22, 2014 Armory Model Railroad Show and Swap. All members are encouraged to put on their volunteer hats. The Armory has been booked as well as all tables and chairs and vendor applications and public flyers have been printed. Vendor applications have already been handed out at the recent Adobe Mountain and Gadsden Tucson swap meets with more to be distributed at the upcoming Bethany Church and TCA swap meets.

Last year, I received complaints that our public swap flyers were not adequately distributed and several important hobby stores never received any flyers.

This year, we will be assigning a club member that lives near a hobby store to be that store's swap representative. It will be the responsibility of that member to make sure flyers get placed and to check stock from time-to-time. It is important to get the word out to the public as their participation is key to keeping our vendors very happy and the associated entrance fees make up a huge portion of our income.

Even though poorly attended in 2013, the End-O-Swap auction is being run again this year. I believe with repetition, this auction will gain momentum and, eventually, become an anticipated staple of the Armory meet.

2014 swap hours are from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. With the auction that follows, this makes for a long day for vendors and volunteers. Possibly for 2015, the swap will be shortened by one hour to 1:00 PM.

There will be a GCMR pre-swap dinner on Friday night, 6:30 PM, November 21st, at the Red Wok Buffet, 3434 E Thomas Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85018 - one of the highest rated Chinese buffets in Phoenix.

There is a large meeting room for us to gather in, so anyone who would like to socialize can show up and pay their way. A raffle may happen if there is enough attendance. An RSVP would be helpful.



201 HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 8, 2013

Mesa Marriott
200 N. Centennial Way
Mesa, AZ 85201

4:00 PM: Meet and Greet (cash bar available)

5:00 PM: Dinner

Fellowship, Food, Favors, Raffles, Auctions and Fun!

Chair: Ralph & Sally Treichel

Reservation deadline: November 30, 2013



-----Cut here and send with check-----

Make check payable to Desert Division TCA and send this form and check to:

Ralph Treichel
16802 N. 1st Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85023

Adults: \$25.00

Children 12 and under: \$15.00

Children 2 and under: Free

Please print names of persons attending, giving ages of children 12 and under.

Member: _____ Spouse: _____ Guests: _____

Adults @ \$25.00 _____

children 12 and under: \$15.00 _____

Total enclosed _____

Please Check One: "O" Gauge Member Gift ____ or "S" Gauge Member Gift ____

Tables will be set for eight people. Thank you.



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ANNUAL RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE

\$1,000.00

GIFT CERTIFICATE TO

ROY'S TRAIN WORLD

Certificate Good Towards Retail Prices Only – Sale Items, Consignment Items and Roy's Bonus Money Excluded

OR \$800.00 IN CASH

SECOND PRIZE

\$500.00

GIFT CERTIFICATE TO

AN AFFAIR WITH TRAINS

Certificate Good Towards Retail Prices Only – Sale Items and Consignment Items Excluded

OR \$400.00 IN CASH

THIRD PRIZE

\$100.00 CASH

1 TICKET = \$10.00 3 TICKETS = \$25.00

CONTACT GLENN SABER AT: 602-956-6695 - OR EMAIL AT: INFO@GCMRR.ORG
DRAWING ON NOVEMBER 23, 2013 - NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN



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cost of admission**

One coupon per party

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Trains will always attract kids, so it is great when GCMR members take our layouts out to events to share our trains with the public. Here is the trailer at the Rails, Rods and Steel Wheels show.