



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

## MAIN LINE

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

The November meeting is a go! The simplified explanation is that with Cal-Stewart having switched to the first weekend in November, that freed up the third weekend. Thus we'll meet the third weekend, the 17<sup>th</sup>, same time, same place. The theme will be "A Favorite Holiday Car". Notice that the holiday is unspecified - your choice. It would be great if everyone would bring at least one.

We were going to try an electronic ballot for the proposed change to the by-laws regarding the policy book but have run into a little delay. Since the election ballot is due out, we'll simply include the by-law change with that ballot to save on mailing expense. There's an opening for a BoD member. If you would be willing to serve, please let Dave Brown (480-650-5336 or [eaglefour@juno.com](mailto:eaglefour@juno.com)) or Bill Lazenby (602-558-9222 or [blcycle@msn.com](mailto:blcycle@msn.com)) know ASAP. It's still not too late to have your name added.

Railfair was a success. We did, however, encounter a problem with the mobile layout namely the summer heat "moved" things out of alignment. A discussion item at this past BoD meeting was how do we protect the mobile layout from the elements? The trailer was recently modified to allow it to fit into a normal garage. The only problem now is finding a garage. Anyone know of a garage with an open stall? Several possible options were discussed but no solution readily identified. A solution may be as simple as an overhead cover to protect the trailer from direct sun and from rain. If you have any suggestions, please contact a BoD member.

The swap meet at Adobe Dam was not only a sell-out but the space where we normally display was sold out, thus our displays weren't needed. We'll see if the same is true next March.

On Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10-3 we'll have the mobile layout or the modules at the annual Rails, Rods & Steel Wheels car show at Pioneer Park in Mesa. This is a fund raiser that benefits the Pioneer Park train and our display helps the cause.

The holiday display at Adobe will be the first three weekends in December. We'll have the mobile layout on display thus will need volunteers to operate it. The dates and times are: Nov 30 - Dec 1, Dec 7 - 8 and Dec 14 - 15. Times are 5:30-8 pm each day.



**The Board is always at work!**

On Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9-3, we'll have the modules at the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church for their annual Christmas display. This year's theme is the Polar Express. If you can help, please send me an e-mail ([jzdraftz@cox.net](mailto:jzdraftz@cox.net)) to let me know. We'd like three or four members at least.

The October meeting featured drag races. The winners are noted elsewhere in the newsletter along with the annual raffle prize winners.

The Christmas party will be Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm. See elsewhere for more details. Last year's gathering was enjoyed by all who attended. Come if you can.



**Trains races at the October meeting**

## 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 10** - GCMR modular train display at Mesa Pioneer Park. (See President's Message for details)  
**November 17** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Theme: bring your favorite holiday themed car (any holiday)  
**December 2** - Joint GCMR - TCA - P&P Christmas Party. Mesa Mariot. See registration flyer this issue.  
**December 15** - GCMR train display at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church. (See President's Message for details)

## OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

**November 24** - Turkey Meet, Scottsdale  
**November 25** - Turkey Meet auction, Scottsdale  
**January 11, 12** - Gadsden Pacific Museum swap meet. Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington. Info: [TucsonTrainShow@gmail.com](mailto:TucsonTrainShow@gmail.com)  
**January 19, 20** - Bostwick Collection Auction - Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 1500 W. Maryland Ave, Phoenix

## MEETING NOTES

### Old Business

+ The Board is still working on the revised Policy Book

+ Change to doing future By Laws changes via electronic voting. Paul Boston noted he was becoming stymied in setting this up for GCMR due to a requirement that he be the administrator of this routine for the P&P but the program will only allow one user. We may have to use the P&P site to do this or another possibility is to use Bill Rogers (Board Member) as the administrator and use his computer. More on this later.

### Board of Directors

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+ Ballot for officers 2012 The question arose as to whether we need to still do a Ballot if there is no opposition? Conclusion: Ballots are still required, but can be mailed with a return envelope or put into the Mainline.

+ Further discussion on member refund/ expense policy. Suggested as a topic for the next Board Meeting.

+ The budget for 2013 was presented by Treasurer Glenn Saber. Highlights included:  
Income & Expenses for Raffle Tickets, etc.  
Swap Meet Expenses & Income  
Profit: Averages about \$3,000 per year, mostly from the annual Swap Meet which is the big income producer. It was noted that even without it, we still break even. We receive \$100 from Railfair plus tips.

#### New Business

+ Ralph Treichel reported that advance reservations are required for the TCA Christmas Party, so the sooner the better. They must be in at least by the Turkey Meet on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November.

He noted that a good time was enjoyed by all at the Christmas Party in 2011.



**Dave Brown's P&P switch engine**

+ The Turkey Meet date conflict and the Christmas party prevents our holding a regular November and December meeting. However, the Cal Stewart swap meet is the first week of November this year so we could meet on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. Dave Brown moved that we should meet on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Approved.

+ It was questioned whether we should consider to meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each November. The consensus was to wait until we see what happens. However, we need to get input from the Cal Stewart meet to see what their schedule will be. (Editor's note: at Cal Stewart, it was reported that they will be moving back to their regular third weekend in November date for next and succeeding years.)

+ Jack Eaton discussed problems with our Mobile Layout. Because the trailer is exposed to the elements it is deteriorating fast. Do we need a permanent cover to be made for the Trailer? Glenn Saber noted that special fabrics are available for a custom cover that could be made. George Bean said that solutions would be either a cocoon cover or inside a shelter. A Standard Inter Modal Container could work for maybe a \$1600 or \$1800 cost. Ken Barnes said he would check on cost and availability of this option. Could we put a Inter Modal Cover on Sahuaro Central property? John Draftz will check on this possibility. This would be a substantial cost and the Club would need to approve this option.



**Glenn Saber's 1918 Electric**

+ The three upcoming events were noted: Saturday, November 10 is at Pioneer Park in Mesa for the Rails Rods & Steel Wheels show. We will be running from 9:00 to 3:00 pm. Will our Mobile Trailer have enough space to get in there? John Draftz will check it out.

+ Dave Brown mentioned the P&P Christmas Festival where we will put up the Modules (S & O Gauge) at the Methodist Church Campus off of Lincoln Drive in Scottsdale on the 15<sup>th</sup> of



December. More on this later.

+ At the Turkey Meet on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November we will run the Mobile Layout on Saturday only, weather permitting. Check with Beth Stange on the location for the Trailer.

+Beth's father recently died, and the club will send her a card. The Jim Bong Christmas Train will be available at the Christmas Church run, check with Ken Barnes. Glenn Saber, Bill East, Dave Brown, Rod Johnson & Jack Eaton said they could be available for this event.

### Show and Tell

Dave Brown: Magna Arizona Engine, P&P No. 7 Engine with boiler and light added

Glenn Saber: 1918 Lionel #156 electric. Glenn said he would use this for the Trolley Races

John Draftz: 1983 Convention Car and two and four wheeled ore cars in Tin Plate. Each tippie (dump) and the banquet car all were in a common design

Rod Johnson: Rio Grande box car in Halloween colors

## **GCMR AT RAILFAIR**

photos by Dave Brown



**The correct posture for setting up the display is critical to a successful weekend**



**Lots of folks enjoyed our layout**



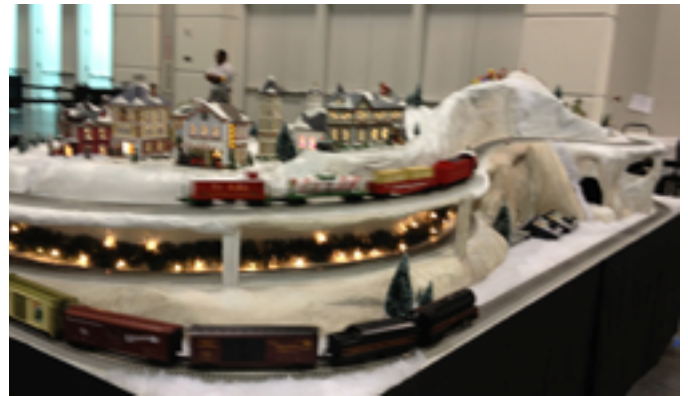
**Even kids thought our modular layouts were "awesome!"**



**Kids still love toy trains**



**The modular layout**



**A neat winter display**

## **NEXT UP: CAL STEWART**

The West Coast public got to enjoy the GCMR modular layout at Cal Stewart in its new venue at the Ontario Convention Center. One of the delights of Cal Stewart is the number of layouts by different groups on display. Here is a sampling.



**Our guys at work**



**Southern California S Gaugers**

**The featured display honored the passing of Dick Meyer, and his Richart Company's beautiful reproductions.**



## WINNERS!

### October Drawings

Sam McElwee  
Ken Barnes

Lionel B&O Boxcar  
Lionel Christmas  
Norman Rockwell Boxcar  
K Line Model Mine  
Lionel Visitor Center  
Box Car

### Mystery Prize:

Bill East

Lionel Operating  
Brakeman Car

### Annual Drawings

\$100  
Lionel Legacy  
\$1000 Gift Certificate  
(for AZ Train Depot)

George Bean  
Jack Eaton  
John Draftz

### Loco Races

First Place:  
Second Place:

Glen Saber  
Shawn Edwards



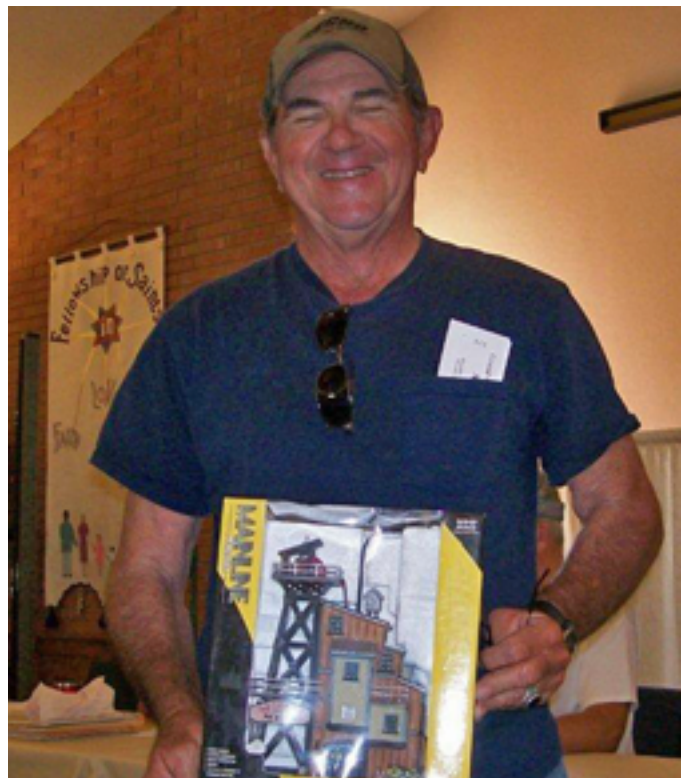
**Jack Eaton is certainly not unhappy with his second place annual raffle prize.**



**A very happy Grand Prize winner!**



**Dave found the only slow K Line drag racer?**



**Jim Bergio with his K Line mine prize**

## 201 HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 2, 2012

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 25, 2012



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Ralph Treichel  
16802 N. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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# children 12 and under: \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you will need handicapped seating.  
Thank you!

## **THE MAIN LINE**

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Here is a part of the GCMR Cal Stewart crew, just finished with setting up our traveling layout and ready for the hundreds of visitors to the show. What a great way to show off the GCMR's public layout, even on the West Coast!!