



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by George Bean

To start, let me say that this will be my last President's message. As stated in the last message and at the meeting I will not and did not run again for the President's position. I would also like to say that the last year has been fun and we as a club completed quite a few projects. We had a great mid-winter swap meet, completed several projects on the trailer, got the O-gauge modules up and running, and had several learning sections at our meeting. All in all it has been a very full year. I want to thank the entire membership for your support and I know that the next president will get the same support.

We are still looking into the benefits of joining the Adobe Mountain. I think that Glenn is working on that.

We have the Turkey meet coming up and I hope you will take the time to help run the trains in support of the TCA swap meet. Also, don't forget to send in your reservation if you plan to attend the Christmas dinner. The reservation sheet is included in the news letter.

Five of us will be going to Cal-Stewart on Friday, November 18. We hope to bring back some prizes for next year. We have been given two tables at the meet and the club will receive 10% of the sales.

We had the modules at Mesa Pioneer Park to support their drive to raise money to restore the Southern

Pacific 4-6-0 engine. We had five members help set up and run trains. It was a great day and as we run the O gauge modules we find more areas where we can improve on them. I think that I will try to work on two modules myself this winter. Everyone enjoyed the trains and we were told that if we come back next year it would help with the attendance. So we were invited back next year. I told them that we would like to come back. This may turn out to be a yearly run for the club.

I have now retired from the Federal Aviation Administration. I hope to have more time for the train room and the G-scale in the back yard. Delores and I are also looking forward to spending more time in Minnesota in the summer.

Just a reminder, there is no meeting in November or December and don't forget to send in your ballot.

Let me say again, thanks for allowing me to be President this year and I am looking forward to working with the Board and club next year.



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 19 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - **CANCELLED**

December 11 - TCA Holiday Party, GCMR members invited. Reservation form in this issue

January 28 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

February 25 - GCMR Open Mid Winter Swap Meet - Phoenix National Guard Armory

OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

November 18-20 - Cal Stewart Meet, Pasadena, CA

November 26 - Turkey Meet - Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale Go to: www.tcadd.org/forms/TM2011RegistrationFlyer.pdf for a table reservation form

November 27 - Turkey Meet Auction - Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale

January 21 - Gadsden Pacific Train Show - Tucson see flyer this issue

MEETING NOTES

Treasurer's report received as presented.

Old Business

+ Operation of the mobile layout at the Adobe museum has been well received. The museum has allowed us to set up a donation jar that is providing

additional income to the club. The layout is also generating interest by members of the public who may join us. We still need volunteers for the first Sundays in 2012. Contact Rod if you are able to help.



Art Triant with Dallas Dixon's mother, Lilian

+ Cal-Stewart will be Fri-Sun, November 18-20. Since that's the third weekend, we wouldn't have the mobile layout available at Adobe. Plans are to set up the O-gauge modules instead. If that doesn't happen, we simply won't run trains that weekend. An alternative would be to run the mobile layout the second weekend but no decision was made.

+ The TCA Turkey Meet is Saturday, November 26th, from 9-3 at the Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale with set up from 7-9. Art noted that there shouldn't be a problem getting the mobile layout in the building and opening it up. If there is, he'll notify us beforehand. The mobile layout and the module trailer will be moved to the Suites the Friday afternoon before by George and Glenn. Members

Board of Directors

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who can help with set up, operations, and/or tear down should contact John Draftz (602-942-3457 jzdraftz@cox.net).

Our November meeting was planned for the 12th but has been cancelled due to a TCA conflict.

The Methodist church use of the mobile layout and/or our modules in December has been cancelled.

Bill Lazenby is decorating two of the O-gauge corners but health issues may slow down his work.

New Business

Janet Mattern has offered to pay for replacement track for the Lionel tubular O-54 loop currently on the mobile layout (inside O). Lionel has O-48 and O-60 FasTrack and MTH has O-54 RealTrax available. It was voted to accept her offer and replace the tubular O-54 with O-60 FasTrack. George will get the track. Estimated cost is \$150. A short work party (probably on a Saturday) will be held to make the change. Details are still being worked out.

The Rails, Rods & Wheels exhibit will be Saturday, November 5th in Mesa's Pioneer Park at Hobson and E Main from 10-4. They would like us to bring the O-gauge modules. Bob Prehara will plan to tow the trailer. Members who can be there to help are encouraged to attend.

The annual holiday party will be held December 11th at the Mesa Marriott on N Centennial Way. Reservation deadline is December 3rd. The form will be in the November Mainline.

Dale indicated that she will not be doing the coffee and donuts after this year. After discussion, it was felt we should suspend coffee and donuts until such a time as there was a demand for it. Peter will be asked to include a survey question for the members in the next Mainline. Members are asked to let George know their thoughts. A formal decision will be made in January.

+ The World's Greatest Hobby show with manufacturer's booths, displays, and clinics will be in Salt Lake in February. George will put the

information in the next newsletter. There may be a conflict with our swap meet.

+ Our annual swap meet is scheduled for February 25th from 9-3 at the National Guard Armory on N 52nd St. John Prior is the chairperson. Members should let John know how they can help.

+ There will be an NMRA Along the Rio Grande event in Albuquerque next June. George will follow up. At present, we have no commitment to the event.

+ The first two weekend evenings in December, Thursday the 1st through Saturday the 3rd and Thursday the 8th through Saturday the 10th, will be the annual holiday light display and toy train open house held at Adobe Dam from 5:30-8. We had the mobile layout on display last year and are planning to have it on display this year also. We would like to have it working all six evenings but need volunteers to help. The live steamers will be giving free rides to the public during those times to see their light displays. Members who are able to help should contact George.

+ Sahuaro Central is the umbrella organization at Adobe Mountain Park. Under it are N, HO, LGB, and live steam train clubs. They don't have a tinplate facet yet and have asked the GCMR to consider joining. Some of the details are:

- We already exhibit the mobile layout at the museum and receive donations.

- We store both trailers in the museum compound.

- As a member, we would have two representatives on the SC BoD and thus have a say in what happens at Adobe.

- If a permanent building were to be built in the future, we could expect to be housed in part of such a building. In the mean time, we could possibly obtain a construction trailer (or up to a double wide trailer) that could be converted into an indoor operating layout that would be available to members who don't have a layout. Such a layout could be opened to the public in lieu of or in addition to the mobile layout. The museum complex already has utilities in place that we could probably tap into.

- SC assesses each club \$10 per member. Each club decides how to come up with the \$10. Some clubs pass the cost on to the members. Some cover the cost for their members. Splitting the cost is an option, e.g., the GCMR dues would raise \$5 to \$40 and the club would cover the remaining \$5.

- SC BoD members must also be an SC member. This is \$40 annually. It would be best if several GCMR members were also SC members thus able to serve on the SC BoD.

- We currently lease the Our Savior fellowship hall for \$50 a month. It's possible the live steamers would allow us to meet in their clubhouse for our monthly meetings. If so, we would save about \$500 a year.

- The Adobe location is in NW Phoenix (43rd Av & Pinnacle Peak) thus not centrally located. This would require east valley members to drive further to monthly meeting. A quick survey indicated this would not be a problem.

The attitude of the members present was that we should pursue this possibility, gathering as much relevant information as possible and publish the proposal in the Mainline in preparation for a vote in January. Members are encouraged to send in their thoughts/concerns/ideas/suggestions to George either by e-mail or snail-mail so that the BoD can incorporate it into the proposal.

+ The nominees for GCMR Officers 2012 are:

President – John Draftz

Vice-president – Jack Eaton

Secretary – Rod Johnson

Treasurer – Glenn Saber

BoD member (2) – Bill Rodgers & Bob Prehara
(George Bean is on the BoD as past president)

A ballot with submission instructions to Dave Brown will be in the next newsletter.

(Editor's note: Ballots will be mailed directly to members by Rod Johnson. He notes that to be counted they must be returned before the Christmas party on December 11th so new officers can be announced at that time.)

A Note: Word is that tables are either almost or are totally sold out for the Turkey Meet. So, if you are interested in one, call Beth Stange directly to see if there is one still available



DONUTS - OR NO DONUTS?

That is the question.

As noted in the minutes, there is a question as to whether members would like to continue to have donuts and coffee available at meets.

The Board would like to hear from you on this. So, if you would - or would not care to continue to have them at meets, please send an email to the Editor at: mjatonna@gmail.com.

We'll publish the results in the January Main Line.

If you would like them to continue, the next issue will be, "who will step up to do the job?" So remember that in your response.

A final note. The GCMR Dues notices will be included in the Main Line after the first of the year. We hope you find your membership rewarding and hope to renew. And if you have a train friend who you think might like to join, please let us know so we can send him an application.

WINNERS!

Raffles:

George Bean	Lionel 6456-3 hopper
Jack Eaton	Lionel JCL pre-war boxcar
Rod Johnson	Lionel '89 Xmas boxcar
Wayne Ross	Lionel Operation Lifesaver boxcar
Ralph Treichel	Lionel '89 Xmas boxcar
Ralph Treichel	Lionel Purina reefer

Mystery box:

Bob Prehara	Lionel operating Burro crane
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Annual Grand Prize

First Prize:	
Bob Prehara	\$1000 to Affair with Trains

Second Prize:	
George Bean	\$300 to Rail-Tronics

Third Prize:	
David Wildman	Lionel Ford Dealership

THE ARIZONA CENTENNIAL TRAIN



Want to take a trip to the Grand Canyon behind a steam engine while riding on a historic Harriman coach - and pay \$7.50 for the trip? The Grand

Canyon Railway has had their run to the Canyon on February 14 designated as an Arizona Centennial event. And to top off the day, they are charging the same fare as you would have paid to the Santa Fe Railroad in 1912.

But you need to get your reservations soon, before the train is sold out. You can go online at: www.thetrain.com/arizona-centennial-train-8319.html for more information.

GCMR AT RAILFAIR

John Draftz got these shots of the club's setups at this year's Railfair at Scottsdale Railroad Park. Lot of people, lots of fun!



2011 HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 11, 2011
Mesa Marriott
200 N. Centennial Way
Mesa, AZ 85201

4:00 PM: Meet and Greet
(cash bar available)
Santa will be there to see the
children under 12

5:00 PM: Dinner

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

Chair: Ralph & Sally Treichel

Reservation deadline:
December 3, 2011



-----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.

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Adults @ \$25.00 _____

children 12 and under: \$15.00 _____

Total enclosed _____

Get on the Train

New This Show



Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Museum

Seeks Vendors for its

Train Show & Meet

SATURDAY JAN 21, 2012

9:00AM TO 3:00PM

LAS CAZUELITAS EVENTS CENTER

GRANT RD & I-10

TAKE GRANT RD EXIT WEST

TURN IMMEDIATELY SOUTH INTO

PARKING LOT NEXT TO GRANT INN

ENTRANCE BADGE FOR VENDORS AND HELPERS \$5.00

VENDOR/HELPER BADGES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES

EARLY PREPAY: SIX (6) FT. TABLES ARE \$20.00 EA.

ALL TABLES PAID FOR AFTER JAN 9TH WILL BE \$25.00 EA.

TABLES MUST BE PREPAID FOR \$20.00 RATE CHECK PAYABLE TO GPD TTOM

TO: BUD STEWART 13325 E. PLACITA EL ALGODON TUCSON, AZ 85749

Questions? Contact BUD STEWART at (520) 749-0228 (leave Message)

OR EMAIL bud@at.tuccoxmail.com

Vendors, by their participation, are expected to accept and support the newly established train show rules. Set up will be 7:00 am Saturday. A snack bar/lunch counter is available in the hall. Vendors still set up at 3:00 pm will qualify for the raffle. First prize: GPD Ore Car / Second Prize: GPD Box Car

Public is welcome. There is a \$5.00 admission at the door for adults. Children under 13 are admitted free.

To register please cut bottom portion, fill out completely and return with payment to Bud Stewart

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January 21st 2012 Meet Registration Form

Name				
Address				
Phone		Email Address		
Number Each		Entrance Badges	@ \$5.00 ea	
Number Each		Six Foot Tables	@ \$20.00 ea	
	Check Number		Total	

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Bob Prehara is this year's winner of the annual raffle and takes home a gift certificate worth \$1000 to An Affair with Trains. Congratulations, Bob!