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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Draftz

Elections are coming up this month. For those wanting a paper ballot, Peter will be mailing one to you; otherwise Paul will be setting you up for electronic voting as we have done for the past years. If you have questions about either, contact Peter (928-636-4228 or mjatonna@gmail.com) or Paul (602-370-0780 or paulboston@cox.net) as appropriate. The candidates are: President – Dave Brown; Vice-president – Barbara Turner; Secretary – Bill Richardson; and Treasurer – Glenn Saber. The candidates for the two BoD positions are Janet Mattern and Tony Saulina.

Our fall picnic-potluck was October 18th and, despite the weather, was a success. The members decided at the last meeting to eliminate the April picnic due to other events and have just the fall picnic. Pending a last minute change to the contrary, it will be the third Sunday in October starting about 5:30. The location has yet to be determined.

The drawing for our **Annual 1K Raffle** was held at our October meeting. The first prize of \$500 cash was won by Bill East who also won the second prize of a K-Line ABA diesel set. The third prize of \$100 cash was won by Glenn Saber. Congratulations to Bill and Glenn.

Our next public venue will be at the annual Rails, Rods & Steel Wheels show at Pioneer Park in Mesa on November 7th from 10am to 3pm. The mobile layout will be on display with set up starting about 7

am. It will probably be history by the time this gets out so “thanks” to those who helped.

The mobile layout will be going to the Cal Stewart Meet November 20-22. Let Dave Brown (480-650-5336 or eaglefour@juno.com) know if you're thinking about going.

The mobile layout will be operating in the AMRS area from 5:30-8 pm during the Adobe evening lights events on December 4-5, 11-12, & 18-19. A couple of people each evening can handle the running. The live steamers have thousands of people showing up for rides thus there's the chance to get new members for GCMR. Contact George Bean (623-975-3823 or geowbean@verizon.net) to let him know if you can help out.

The annual GCMR/PnP/TCA party will be December 6th. More details below.

The modules will be set up and operating at the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church: on Friday evening, December 11th, from 6 - 8 with set up starting about 4. Again, George Bean (623-975-3823 or geowbean@verizon.net) is coordinating the staffing. It takes about 4-6 people to make the set up go quickly.

This will be my last president's message since I am stepping down after this term. My thanks to you the membership for your support these past four years allowing us to achieve many things. Dave Brown has agreed to serve as your president – a position he has been in before – thus I am confident we'll see the GCMR continue to grow and take our hobby to the

public. Please give him and the other officers your support helping out as you are able.

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 - No Meeting, going to the other events this month.

November 21, 22 - Cal Stewart Swap Meet, Ontario, CA featuring the GCMR layout trailer.

November 28 - Desert Division Turkey Auction, Phoenix. Info: www.tcadd.org

December 6 - Joint train clubs Christmas party. Mesa Marriott Hotel. Registration form in this issue

December 11 - trains running at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church Scottsdale

January 23 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

January 30 - Desert Division auction, Phoenix. Info: www.tcadd.org

February 6, 7 Great Train Show - Arizona Fair Grounds, Phoenix. Info: www.greattrainexpo.com/index.html

MEETING NOTES

+ New Member Introduction: John Zaval

+ Upcoming Events: Pioneer Park, Mesa Nov. 7th Mobile Layout Setup 7 am, Running Trains 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

+ Cal Stewart Ontario, CA Nov. 20, 21, 22 Notify Dave Brown ASAP if you are going.

+ 2015 Holiday Party, Mesa Marriott Dec 6th See the Mainline for details

+ Paradise Valley United Methodist Church Scottsdale - Run Modules Dec. 11th Setup 4:00 pm run until 8:00 pm. Need 4 to 6 members. Contact George Bean geowbean@verizon.net. 623-975-2823

+ Adobe Evenings Mobile Trailer Friday & Saturday 5:30 to 8:00 pm. 4th & 5th of Dec., 11th & 12th, & 18th & 19th Contact George Bean

Show & Tell

+ Ralph Trichel - Rotating Coke Bottle Car & Coca Cola Box Car (beverage cars)

+ Glenn Saber - Halloween Munsters On30 train

+ Tony Saulina - Dr. Pepper & Tropicana Cars, Nabisco car and a Jamison Whiskey Car

+ Item of Note: Bob Denison has a number of Dept. 56 items for sale if members would be interested.

Old Business

+ Railfair: Dave Brown noted that it was a good time and the Fair was very busy from 10 to 5 both days. The BBQ's were great. All buttons on the mobile layout were working. We received our \$100 compensation for our efforts. Art Triant suggested using a "dump" car for donations; i.e. you put a donation on the car and it dumps into the Jar---good idea.

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+ Social Pot Luck last Saturday: George Bean said attendance was good despite not very friendly weather.

+ Status of 501 (c)3 Application: John Draftz noted that we're very close to submitting our application.

Elections: Nominations are set.

- Dave Brown President
- Barbara Turner VP
- Glenn Saber Treasurer
- Bill Richardson Secretary
- Tony Saulina Board Member
- Janet Mattern Board Member
- John Draftz Board Member (Past President)

+ Mobile Trailer and Modules: George Bean and Dave Brown say that, overall, the trailer is in good shape. The buttons work. We need a Mobile Trailer Chairman. Dave indicated that the modules came together well and operation was fairly smooth. On the mobile trailer watch grabbing kids on the button accessories. One loose hand, and the item is out of service. John Zaval suggested using see through plastic barriers if possible. Something to look into.

+ WPA Building at the Fairgrounds (Possible Permanent Location): This facility needs a lot of work before it would be suitable.

+ Monroe School (Possible Permanent Location): Now this is now a Children's Museum and use of the location will take a lot of investigation.

+ Trailer Storage: Ralph Triechel noted that a retail outlet at 21st Ave. and Bell is abandoned and has a large garage door that would accommodate the Mobile Trailer.

New Business

+ Paul Boston started the GCMR website ten years ago which he hosted under his umbrella with other sites such as the one for the P&P railroad club. Paul is now giving up his position as the GCMR webmaster and

transfer of ownership and hosting of the site has to be transferred to GCMR, and a new webmaster assigned. One of the key uses of our website is receiving applications and assignment of tables for our two major swap meets. If we keep the same website vendor the cost is \$10/month with an annual fee of \$17. Historical data is also kept on the site such as Mainline issues as far back as 2009. Paul used his Apple computer and notebook so the software change is a consideration if we go to Micro-Soft, Glenn Saber agreed to look into it.



Sam McElway at show and tell

+ A \$100 or so for a new tire is needed for the mobile trailer. A motion to authorize this expense was withdrawn after it was noted that this had already been approved in a previous meeting.

+ John Draftz mentioned the idea of recognizing a member or members as "Member/s of the Year." After the beginning of the year send email suggestions to John.

+ A new Statuary agent for our website is needed since Paul Boston is giving up the job. Barbara Turner is his replacement and needs to get the signature changed. A suggestion was made to check the Articles of Incorporation on this issue.

+ A discussion evolved over eliminating one of the social potlucks either the Spring or Fall

event. The decision was to hold the potluck only in the Fall on the 3rd Sunday in October.



Bill Richardson at show and tell

+ A discussion of the major prizes on our existing raffle was brought to the floor. two Proposals were made for cash only three prizes of 600/300/100 dollars and only one prize being cash in the “pot” so to speak of Of the tickets sold, 90% would be for the winning member and 10% for the club. No decision was made and the issue is tabled.

+ A discussion on a permanent location was brought up with the issue of balancing our expenses with that of our profit, if major expenses occurred in securing a home so to speak. No motion or decision was made.

+ The upcoming “Great Train Show” at the fairgrounds was mentioned with the cost of \$65 per table for selling seemed pretty high. There is to be an educational exhibit and there will be a \$100 honorarium to attend for two days. The dates are the 6th & 7th of February 2016.

+ George Glas noted that the Sun City RR Club has a wonderful new layout that one should see if you get a chance. George might have mentioned it, but the video on their website indicates a two rail track which seems to be HO gauge.

MY RECENT CLUB ACTIVITY

by John Horvath

This was my first attendance at a club activity since I took my ankle out in July of 2012. It was also the first attendance by family members; Ian, Vera, Gauge, Nelson, Wayne, Bryce, Renee at a train club event. (Except I believe Bryce attended a club swap meet some years back.) A picnic held indoors at a member's church. Wise, choice, but it prevented using the club's trailer layout.



Two club members brought and assembled two oval tracks. Kids concentrated on the O gauge oval. I took pictures of them at the On30 oval that had a beautiful John Wayne set on the circle. A Beep I brought powered the O gauge oval after an accident took out the power that was brought in by a club member. Great time as

always. Attendance was light because of the weather. Streets were full of water over the curbs up to near center line of the street.

Annual Raffle Prizes

1st Prize Bill East: \$500

2nd Prize Bill East: K Line F3
ABA Diesel Locomotive Set

3rd Prize Glenn Saber: \$100

WINNERS!

**Bob Prehara: Lionel Beechcraft
A/C Flatcar**

Dave Brown: Track Signal MTH

**Larry Melvin: K Line Log Dump
Car**

**Glenn Saber: Lionel Double Door
Frisco Box Car**

**Art Triant: Lionel Box Car Pi Card
Novelty**

**Ralph Triechel: Lionel Illuminated
Bumper**

Mystery Gift

**Bob Prehara: Lionel MaXi Stack
Pack**





TIME TO GET OUT!

by Peter Atonna

At last the usual interminable Phoenix summer is over! (OK, here in the North Country, we too can look forward to Fall weather!) It is time to get out and do some railfanning.

This summer, when in Tempe, I actually drove to Maricopa to satisfy my curiosity as to what Amtrak did for a station there. And despite it being 104 that day, I did drive down the UP main line to shoot a few freights roaring by.

So, with the train watching bug not satisfied, a couple of weeks ago, I drove north to the BNSF transcon to a couple of my favorite train watching spots on Old Route 66 between Ash Fork and Seligman. And boy was I rewarded. Eastbound and west-bounds were coming at 5 - 10 minute intervals!

These are great spots. The first is on a highway overpass where the old one is still there adjacent to it. So you can watch trains coming from several miles in either direction.

The second is on a slight hill east of Seligman where the tracks go through a cut, directly below. From there you can watch trains coming from the west, down the hill to Seligman and then up the hill to you.

Here are a couple of shots from the day. At this location, I ran into another railman already set up to get his photos.



Then on the way home, I took one of our area's most beautiful back country roads, Williamson Valley Road through rolling ranch country and through the foothills in the National Forest that lies to our west.



2015 HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 6, 2015

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!

Chairs: Sally Treichel, Barbara Lautazi and Shirley Hunter

Reservation deadline: December 1, 2015



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Thank you!

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Inside your editor tells of a fall railfanning day and a beautiful drive home. Here is a bridge over a creek in the Prescott National Forest that capped a great day of train watching.