



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

The holidays are here and a wrap up of 2017 is in order. We've had four great swap meets, several train runs, great meetings, hot dogs and apple pie, the Beat the Heat bus trip, and at the October meeting, Bob Prehara won the \$600 grand prize of our annual raffle.

At that October meeting we also had our Pizza Lunch. Our attendance was a little smaller than expected due to other events that came up. One other thing that happened, the old "O" gauge modules have been scrapped and the Lionel Fast track LCCA standards have been adopted to make this system to be easy and light. This will start next year under John Draftz as I'm stepping down as President.

The holiday season includes a few events coming up. November 18th there is the TCA's swap meet. The Saturday after Thanksgiving, TCA is have a train auction, and the 3rd of December is the three club Christmas party.

If train running is your thing, our trailer will be running trains out at Adobe Mountain for the first three Friday and Saturday nights of December. If you want to run, check with Jack Eaton, he is in charge of scheduling people for that event.

Don't forget to vote. All offices are open for write in people, and we have three people running for two board spots this year, so vote. Bill Lazenby has sent out electronic ballots to those with

e-mail. I am checking with Bill Richardson about members who don't get e-mail.

As for the people running:

Pres.	John Draftz
V.P.	Jack Eaton
Sec.	Bill Richardson
Tres.	Glen Saber

Board (vote for two): George Bean
Janet Mattern
Rick Fortmeyer

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year at all, and on to 2018!

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 18 - Cal Stewart swap meet, Glendale, CA

November 18 - Desert Division Swap Meet, El Zariba Shrine, Phoenix. See dealers form this issue.

November 25 - Desert Division Turkey Auction, Shepherd of the Valley Church. Admission w. Catalog \$5

December 3 - Desert Division Christmas Party and Dinner: GCMR members invited. See reservation form this issue.

December 9, 10 and 16, 17 - Arizona Big Train Operators Christmas layout open houses. For info and maps: <http://azbigtrains.org>

January 27 - GCMR Meeting - Out Saviour's Lutheran Church

February 17 - Cactus Winter Swap Meet, North Phoenix Baptist Church - see registration form this issue

MEETING NOTES:

Board Meeting

The S gauge modules need maintenance. The cost depends on the type of maintenance needed. A work party was not scheduled at this time.

New O gauge modules were discussed. John said the fairgrounds person said she would like the meet in November after the fair to discuss that site as possible permanent location for the GCMR. The module topic will be postponed until the January '18 meeting.

The Rails, Rods and Steel Wheels show at Mesa's Pioneer Park is probably cancelled due to park maintenance.

John reported that we have almost 30 tables sold of the 150 available for the Winter Cactus meet in February.

It was noted that the mini-meets are popular but only net a small amount of income.

The topic of meet/mini meet advertising was discussed. We need to find ways to get more public to attend without having over crowding issues. No way was identified. This needs to go to the members.

We will continue to have the Annual 1K Raffle. The prizes will be: 1st - \$600, 2nd - \$300, 3rd - \$100. We need to find ways not to loose money. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

On the ballot for 2018 are: President - John Draftz, Vice President - Jack Eaton, Secretary - Bill Richardson, Treasurer - Glenn Saber, BoD at large (two positions) George Bean, Rick Fortmeyer, Janet Mattern. Dave Brown will serve as Past President.

Skirting for the mobile layout and modules was discussed. The problem is that train patterns are not fireproof. George will check on possible retardants.

The need for signs by the mobile layout buttons to show the accessory being controlled was discussed. the subject will be presented to the members to see if anyone would make the signs.

Membership Meeting

Officers running for 2018 were announced: Pres. John Draftz, V.P. Jack Eaton, Sec. Bill Richardson, Tres. Glen Saber, Board (vote for two): George Bean, Janet Mattern, Rick Fortmeyer

Guest (and new members) introduced: Roxanna McElwee

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Glenn noted that we have received our Railfair money plus donations.

Board of Directors

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Announcements:

- + Pioneer Park is under maintenance, thus no Rails, Rods and Steel Wheels this year.
- + The TCA swap meet is November 18th
- + The Christmas party is December 3rd.

Show and Tell:

- + Dave Brown brought a spike with a small train on it, a narrow gauge spike and a plastic display
- + John Zaval brought a Santa Fe wiping cloth
- + John Draftz brought a switch lantern

Old Business:

Ballots - Dave will work with Bill Lazenby to get the ballots ready. Persons running for office were announced. Also, Dave Brown will be on the Board as Past President.

Adobe Mountain - The MLS Christmas night light runs begin November 24th. We will have the mobile layout on display Friday - Saturday from 5pm to 8pm on December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16. Jack has the sign up sheet.

Permanent Location - John Draftz will meet with a State Fairgrounds person next month to discuss a possible location for us there.

Winter Cactus Meet - We have almost 30 tables sold already of the 150 for the Winter Cactus Meet in February. Terry G's site has a date error, Glenn will contact him.

New Business:

Ladies Gift - We are guests at the TCA Christmas party. The TCA has decided to eliminate the men's gift and limit the ladies gift to TCA member ladies in attendance. At this moment, no one could identify a non-TCA lady who might attend. The decision was that Dave will coordinate with the TCA to see if we could arrange to have a gift for our non-TCA ladies who might attend and have TCA bill us for the gift(s)

Advertising - The topic of meet/mini meet advertising was discussed. We need to find ways to get more public to attend without having overcrowding issues. Need to get our member's ideas.

A COUPLE OF YORK DELIGHTS

by Peter Atonna

The Scenic Express booth at the York show is always a delight to paw through. The variety of scenic items they offer is beyond belief. But what caught my eye this last month was two very cute mini displays. I am sure they have been there for some time, but I could not resist sharing a photo with you.



VIDEO LINK

by Peter Atonna

I recently discovered this link to a video highlighting several scale O gauge layouts. Now, we tinplaters may scoff at O scale, but in my opinion, a well done layout in any scale is a delight to view - particularly in our scale. So, enjoy:

<https://vimeo.com/172830025>

WINNERS!

Raffle:

Dave Brown - Lionel boxcar
Bill East - Flyer tank car
Jack Eaton - Lionel LCCA gondola
Katie Elgar - Lionel reefer
Bill Richardson - Flyer caboose

Mystery Box:

Bill Richardson - operating Lionel Halloween tower

Annual Raffle:

1st - Bob Prehara - \$600
2nd - John Draftz - \$300
3rd - Dana Price - \$100



Dave Brown with a tiny train on a spike



Dana Price with his \$100 raffle winnings



John Zaval displaying his Santa Fe cleaning cloth



John, did you spend your winnings already?

2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 3, 2017

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!

Guests are Welcome

Reservation deadline: November 29, 2017



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

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

Angelo Lautazi
6109 E Sonoran Trl
Scottsdale AZ 85266

Adults: \$25.00
Children 12 and under: \$18.00 Children age 2
and under: Free

Guests are welcome. (same cost as members)

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

**This year, instead of a Members Gift, we have decided to roll back the admission price
to the 2004 cost of \$25.00 for adults.**

There will be a spouse's gift for Desert Division members.

Adults @ \$25.00 _____

children 12 and under: \$18.00 _____

Total enclosed _____

Guest - no affiliation _____

Please Note: Only Desert Division members will receive a spouse's gift.

Holiday Committee: Barbara and Angelo Lautazi and Shirley and Fred Hunter

**"ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS"**

THE CACTUS WINTER MEET

SATURDAY, FEB. 17TH, 2018

9 AM - 1 PM \$6/PERSON \$11/FAMILY

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GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

To reserve your space and required admission name
badges, submit this form by February 10, 2018

No refunds after February 10, 2018

Set-up opens at 6:00 AM Please print form legibly.



Name _____	
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____	Email _____
Security: I will abide with badge identification and entrance requirements. Buying, selling, ethics and behavior: In case of dispute, the Meet Chairperson and/or impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairperson shall arbitrate the dispute and render a timely decision and I hereby agree to be bound by such decision. I will not pack until 1:00 PM. Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.	
Signature _____	Date _____
Make check payable to: "Grand Canyon Model Railroaders" Mail to: John Draftz, 1507 W Willow Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029 or Credit cards accepted via PayPal - Visit www.gcmrr.org Email: info@gcmrr.org Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457; Glenn Saber 602-956-6695	

\$25 per 8' banquet table

(Bring a table cover, if desired)

How many tables? _____

Amount enclosed? \$ _____

Request? _____

Will you participate in the auction? _____

Seller? _____ Buyer? _____

Admission Name Badges

1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.

First and last name please

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

3 or more tables = 4 badges max.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

More badges available at \$5.00 each

Name Badges **REQUIRED** for your security

THE MAIN LINE

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Halloween is over, but for some reason your Editor just really enjoys this holiday. Maybe it is because it has no pretensions. It is just an excuse to fantasize, have fun and enjoy guiltless candy. Anyway, each year I redo one of my layouts our local Prescott mall that a group of we tinplaters open to the public monthly into a total halloween experience. On the mall's halloween night for kids, we had 1500 folks through our exhibit!