



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Draftz

The October meeting theme was "beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc)". A special thanks to those who brought in cars and to John Zaval who got the pizzas.

Critters found a way to set up "mousekeeping" in the mobile layout and the several wind storms have damaged the fabric garage beyond repair. The BoD is evaluating what to do next. More later.

The Paradise Valley United Methodist Church: has asked us to again run trains at their Christmas party on Saturday morning, December 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10am - noon with set up starting about 8am. Our modules aren't an option but TCA has agreed to display their mobile layout. A special thanks to TCA for their help.

The mobile layout will be on display at the Adobe park during the evening lights events for three Friday- Saturday weekends (Dec 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21). We would like to have 2-3 members each night from 5:30-9pm to 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 when they come over to the

AMRS area. Rod Johnson is coordinating the staffing. Please contact him (602-625-4168) or [crodrjohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:crodrjohnson@hotmail.com) to let him know how and when you can help.

Elections are coming up and the nominating committee has prepared a ballot. The voting will be sent to you via computer. Contact Bill Lazenby (602-558-9222) or [blcycle@msn.com](mailto:blcycle@msn.com) if you're having issues. Those that get snail mail will get a paper ballot. If you haven't received a ballot by December 1<sup>st</sup>, please let me know.

The **Annual 3-2-1 Raffle** drawing was made (\$300 first, \$200 second, \$100 third) along with the red and blue ticket raffles. The winners are noted below.

As a reminder, your 2020 GCMR dues are due by year end. Please make arrangements to get them paid before January or at the latest, at the January meeting. In this newsletter is the membership renewal form. Also, you can see our [www.gcmrr.org](http://www.gcmrr.org) site for details.

As another reminder, the joint clubs Christmas dinner will be Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The form with details is in this newsletter.

The 2020 Winter Cactus will be February 22<sup>nd</sup> with setup the day before. We already have about 20% of the 152

available tables "sold" for the meet. See [www.gcmrr.org](http://www.gcmrr.org) site for details and the table reservation form. Note that February has five Saturdays and the meet is the fourth one. And your dealer's reservation form is also in this issue.

October was our last regular meeting of the year. With that said, have an enjoyable and Happy Thanksgiving!

## MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

### Board Of Directors Meeting:

#### OLD BUSINESS:

John Draftz started the meeting discussing our Mini-Meet raffle prizes. This time we put out eight prizes with four people winning, and a "need NOT be present to win" rule. This seems better than the "must be present to win rule".

There was also some discussion about changing the prize to be a railroad ride like the Verde Canyon. The decision will be made next year by the new BOD.

According to John Draftz we have about three people in the GCMR that are receiving a hard copy MAIN LINE news letter. We handle these three members manually. With all things considered (paper, ink, postage, etc.), we now spend about \$0.75 per hard copy. So our cost is down to just over \$2.00 an issue.

Scottsdale RailFair folks did not receive our FAX informing them about our participation at RailFair. This caused some confusion about whether we would be participating this year. But after all was said and done, we were back in our

usual spot at the usual time. Moral of the story is don't send new guy "Daryl" a FAX next year.

We did have a problem with some desert rodents deciding that our mobile layout would be a good winter home and our fabric garage blew down and destroyed itself. Both of these issues will be for the new BOD to resolve next year. John Draftz mentioned that maybe the trailer could fit in an inter-modal container which he believes runs about \$3,000 dollars.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Paradise Valley United Methodist Church at 4455 E. Lincoln Drive has asked GCMR if we could run trains for two hours at their "Christmas Wonderland for Families" celebration on Saturday Dec. 14th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Our mobile trailer will be busy at Adobe Mountain, but it appears the TCA trailer will be available for use. This will need to be coordinated with Chris Allen of the TCA. Vice President, Rod Johnson will coordinate our staffing.

The Board has determined that our minimum dues should be \$20.00.

John Draftz has asked several people if they would run and serve on the BOD.

### General Membership Meeting

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bill Richardson gave the Secretary's Report noting we currently have 47 club members.

A motion was successfully made to approve the August meeting minutes as printed in the September Bulletin. Treasurer Glenn Saber was absent so there was no Treasurer's Report.

### Board of Directors

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There will be no November or December GCMR Membership meeting.

The next membership meeting will be January 25, 2020.

Bill Lazenby announced that the Paradise & Pacific RR club will be holding a special three whistle tribute for Bill East at noon on Saturday, November 9th. Anyone and everyone is invited to come. It will be in the P&P building at the railroad park.

## OLD BUSINESS

Our mobile layout did make it to RailFair, and as usual was a big success. There was some mix up with our reservation, but it all got straightened out and our trains were running by 9:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday. We did spend a lot of time cleaning the layout because some rodents decided to make their home in our layout. Glenn and Larry brought a vacuum Saturday morning, and Bill Richardson brought a leaf blower. After a few hours of cleaning, we were back in business.

Attendance was good, but probably a little lower than last year. John Draftz will check if the Scottsdale Mechanical Society is still paying us \$100 dollars for our participation. FYI, next year RailFair will be October 3rd & 4th.

Our Fabric Garage out at Adobe Mountain was destroyed by the recent rain and wind storms.

According to John Draftz we have only three members who still receive hard copy Main Line newsletters. This results in quite a savings for the club.

Janet Mattern reported that the Fall mini-meet was not as well attended as the Spring mini-meet, and we did have some empty tables.

At this summer meet, people were looking for "N" gauge. "N" gauge who has that???

Dave Brown reported that the mobile layout trip to Weschester Senior Living went extremely well. The residents there were very interested

and happy that we came. They even fed us lunch. Our trains actually got some people to leave their rooms for the first time in a long time.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Glenn Saber will have the layout plaque updated with Bill East's name added to it.

Note it is time to renew your GCMR membership.

It is also time for the elections of club officers and Board members. We have at least one member running for each position. The ballots will be sent to you in about three to four weeks. The winners will be announced at the Xmas party in December.

GCMR will be running trains for about two hours at the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church at 4455 E. Lincoln Drive. This is their "Christmas Wonderland for Families" celebration on Saturday December. 14th, from 10:00 Am - 12:00 PM.

Since our mobile trailer will be busy at Adobe Mountain at that time, the TCA trailer will be available for use. This will be coordinated with President Chris Allen of the Desert Division and Vice President Rod Johnson of GCMR. Rod has the signup list so let him know you can make it.

The Adobe Holiday Lights display will be held Friday and Saturday nights the 3 weekends before Xmas. GCMR will participate again this year. A lot of people go to this, and it's a good place to find some new members! Let VP Rod Johnson know what nights you can participate and join the fun.

## SHOW AND TELL:

The theme was "beverage cars".

- + John Zaval showed us his "Sprit Train" Loco with the 4 shot glasses.
- + John Kendig brought in his Apache Beer car made by the Arizona Brewing Company.

- + John Draftz brought in his MTH Dr. Pepper tank car.
- + Bill Richardson showed us his On30 Budweiser tank car and his entire "HO" beer train.
- + Dave Brown brought in his wife's McDonald's car, a Coke car with spinning bottles, a diet Coke tank car, a regular Coke tank car, and an iced Coke Bottles car.
- + Katie Elgar showed us a hopper filled with ice from K-Line.



**Bill Richardson, \$300 Annual Raffle Prize Winner**



**Dave Brown, Mystery Prize winner**

## **WINNERS**

### **Monthly Raffle prize winners:**

**Bill Richardson - American Flyer Illinois Central Car**

**Dana Price - MTH RailKing N&W Hopper**

**Janet Mattern - Lionel British Columbia Tank Car**

**John Kendig - Bachmann Plasticville Union Station Kit**

### **Mystery Raffle Prize Winner:**

**Dave Brown - Lionel Nutcracker Operating Gateman**

### **Annual 3-2-1 Raffle prize winners:**

**3rd Prize John Kendig - \$100**

**2nd Prize Dave Brown - \$200**

**1st Prize Bill Richardson - \$300**



**A "punny" joke worthy of Dave Brown**



## 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

It's that time of year again. Dues are Due. GCMR Annual Dues are \$35.00. Please renew by filling out this form and mailing it in or bring to the next meet. Club dues are due on January 1 and are delinquent after February 1.

(PLEASE PRINT!)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in holding a layout or collection open house? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

How would you be willing to volunteer your time to the Club? \_\_\_\_\_

**AREAS OF INTEREST:** If yours have changed, please update

Please circle your areas of interest. You may circle as many in each category as you wish.

### ERA GAUGE MANUFACTURER LAYOUT PERIPHERALS

A-Prewar D-O/O27 N-American Flyer Y-Yes 1-Figures

B-Postwar E-Scale O-Lionel N-No 2-Toys

C-Modern F-Std P-Marx 3-Paper, Books

G-G or #1 Q-Atlas 4-Buildings

H-S, Flyer R-Dorfman 5- Railroading

I-HO S-MTH 6-Other

J-OO T-Williams

K-N U-K Line

L-Z V-Marklin

M-Other W-Other

After completion, please mail it now or bring it to the January meeting along with your check in the amount of \$35.00 made payable to GCMR to

William Richardson  
5623 W. Parkview Ln.  
Glendale AZ 85310

## 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 8, 2019

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Phoenix

320 N 44St Phoenix AZ 85008

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

5:00 PM: Plated Dinner

Reservation deadline: Dec 4, 2019



-----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: \$30.00  
Children 12 and under: \$15.00  
Guests are Welcome. (same cost as members)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Entree Choices: Please enter your selection with the number of dinners next to the entree.

Oven Roasted Turkey w/ Gravy and Cranberry Sauce	How many ____
Sliced Rancher Choice of Beef w/ Red Wine Demi	How many ____
Pan Seared Salmon w/ Cherry Orange Marmalade	How many ____
Eggplant Stack w/ Herb Orzo	How many ____
Children's dinner - Chicken tenders, french fries & fruit cup.	How many ____

All plated meals will include a Salad, dinner rolls, a potato or pasta side, a vegetable, Ice Tea, Coffee and a selection of Holiday Desserts.

# Adults @ \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

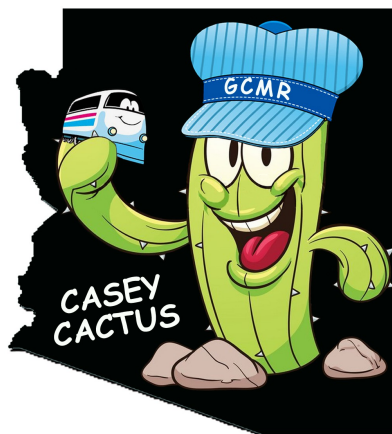
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**"ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST  
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**CACTUS WINTER  
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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020**

**FROM 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Large Farmers Market at the same time!



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5757 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

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Presented by your pal, Casey Cactus, and the

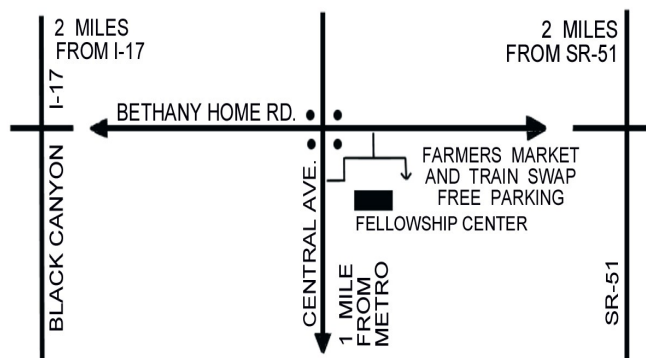
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**Join Our Fun Friday Pre-meet Denny's Dinner !**

Saturday set-up opens at 6:00 AM

**NOTE:** unclaimed tables will be released at 8:00 AM



Name _____		<p><b>\$25 per 8' banquet table</b> (Bring a table cover, if desired)</p> <p>How many tables? _____</p> <p>Amount enclosed? \$ _____</p> <p>Request? _____</p> <p>Will you participate in the auction?</p> <p>Seller? _____ Buyer? _____</p> <p><b>Admission Name Badges</b> <b>1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.</b> <small>First and last name please</small></p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p><b>3 or more tables = 4 badges max.</b></p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p><b>More badges available at \$5.00 each</b> Name Badges REQUIRED for your security <b>GROUPS, CLUBS: PLEASE CALL</b></p>
Address _____		
City _____	State _____ Zip _____	
Phone _____	Email _____	
<p><b>Security:</b> I will abide with badge identification entrance requirements.</p> <p><b>Buying, selling, ethics and behavior:</b> 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. <b>I will not pack until 1:00 PM.</b> Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.</p>		
Signature _____ Date _____		
<p>Make check payable to: <b>"Grand Canyon Model Railroaders"</b> Mail to: John Draftz, 1507 W Willow Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029 or Credit cards accepted via PayPal - visit <a href="http://www.gcmrr.org">www.gcmrr.org</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@gcmrr.org">info@gcmrr.org</a></p> <p>Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457; Glenn Saber 602-956-6695</p>		