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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

Well it coming down to the end of the year. The last two train runs were busts. The ASU people canceled their event at the last minute, and the Arizona Train Museum event which was in conflict with TCA's auction and health issues canceled that one.

There is still one last run for this year out at Adobe Mountain. These runs are on two days per weekend, Friday and Saturday on the first three weekends in December. There is also the three club Christmas party on December 11th starting at 4 pm. At the Phoenix Elks lodge at 14424 N 32nd Street.

By now you should have received your ballot for next years officers, please make sure that you return them back

Happy Holidays

CALENDAR

GCMR meets are held at 9:00am in the Parish Hall of Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 1212 East 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 26 - Desert Division swap meet, Shriners Auditorium, Phoenix: see flyer this issue

December 11 - DD Christmas Party, GCMR members invited: see flyer this issue

January 28 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

February 4 - Desert Division Super Saturday auction, info: tcadd.org

February 18 - Cactus Winter Swap meet, see flyer this issue

February 26 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

BOARD MINUTES

by John Draftz

Note: A minimum of 20% of the members in good standing must be present to comprise an official business meeting thus there must be at least eight members present for an official business meeting. There were only six members present therefore an official meeting could not be held. An informal discussion followed.

Treasurer's report was presented.

Announcements:

2023 dues are coming due

ASU West run Nov 5 - we take the mobile layout

ARM run Nov 12 -

TCA swap meet Nov 26 (9-noon)

Adobe Xmas lights Dec 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17
(5:30-8:30) -

We take the mobile layout to the Paradise
Valley United Methodist Church Xmas ? – TCA
layout ?

TCA Christmas party Dec 11

Show-n-Tell – theme: fall holiday

John Draftz - Halloween car

Glenn Saber- Halloween train

Ralph Treichel- Christmas car

Janet gave report on fall mini-meet. Had a
good turnout.

John Draftz gave report on Railfair. Turnout OK
but low. Location was OK but the station area is
best. No permanent location was identified as of
yet.

Glenn Saber encouraged good club prospectus
to help attract offers.

Status of Doyle raised. No one had a recent
update.

Layout plaque updated with Bob Dennison's
name.

Beat the Heat bus tour was discussed.

Concern for cost and thus interest. Facilitating
carpools may be the best option.

John Draftz presented plastic holders containing
pictures of layout operating accessories. Need
to find practical way to attach – maybe under a
button.

Newsletter articles encouraged. Peter can edit.
Photos also help.

Nick Schnakenberg offered use of his garage
for mobile layout. Sloped drive poses a
problem requiring two or more people to
maneuver trailer. Staying at Adobe is best
option for now. John Zaval and John Draftz will
check on the availability and cost of a large
(10x20 ?) storage unit where both the mobile

layout and things in our present storage unit
could be stored.

John Draftz gave a Winter Cactus update.
Have about 20% tables sold. Cactus swap
meet raffle prizes were discussed. Train rides
are limited interest. Keep prizes train related
versus sports, etc. Have 8-10 prizes.

Frequency of the race track was discussed but
no decision was reached.

Snaps on the cover of the mobile layout are not
what was ordered and create a problem using
them. Two options were retrofit cover with
correct snaps or get new cover with correct
snaps. John Draftz and John Zaval will
research.

Need to ensure we have volunteers at the
various venues.

Moving the Summer Cactus was discussed. In
November, the third Saturday at one point was
the Cal Stewart swap meet in LA area and we
avoided that weekend. Cal Stewart has not
been held for some time thus that weekend is
now available. The conclusion/recommendation
is to move the fall mini-meet to the third
Saturday in November. Move the Summer
Cactus to the fourth Saturday in September as
a Fall Cactus. Make July Fourth Saturday a
regular meeting. This possible change effective
2023 has been presented to both North Phoenix
Baptist and Our Savior churches. Both have
made changes accordingly but have left their
calendars with the present schedule just in
case.

It was also noted that the Baptist Church SE
parking area didn't seem to be used by many

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people, thus our swap meet attendees could be allowed to park there rather than in the SW lot. The belief is that such parking would not impact the farmer's market activity. John Draftz will check with the church about that option.

The election ballot "shall be mailed or electronically distributed on or before November 10th by the secretary or newsletter editor to all members in good standing." Nominees were limited. The members willing to serve are: president - John D; vice-president - Dave B; secretary - Rod J; treasurer - Glenn S; BoD members - Terry H, Janet M, John Z. Dave would thus be NOT serving as past president on the board. We've had no other nominees willing to serve at this point.

THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY

By Chris Allen

Let's go back to yesteryear when Phoenix was smaller, quite a bit smaller than you might imagine. Motorola, Intel, General Dynamics, and the U.S. Military were big employers in the area and with the birth of the Del Webb family of retirement communities, the Phoenix area had a large population growth from across the states.

There were several local train clubs, but they were a broad mix of interests. TCA was the first nationally recognized club to form in the area and it needed help from members in Tucson and even El Paso, Texas to get started. TTOS soon followed and at first, the two clubs picked up the "operator" vs. "collector" mindset set that had the clubs at odds with each other. Happily for all that did not last long.

It didn't take long for the newbies to acquire Arizona hospitality and the two clubs quickly began to work together, often sharing members who quite honestly liked to both operate and collect. What a concept!

Both clubs started doing several joint events and the individual Christmas potlucks soon followed and evolved into elaborate affairs. At first, they also included a Train Meet as part of the celebration. Members, we should say wives



to be more correct, started asking us to drop the train show and focus on the party. Focus we did.

The Christmas Party grew because our members wanted to gather together as friends. As the parties grew, so did our club





memberships and members and their wives were given small gifts.

The train sales tables gave way to numerous raffle prizes and the tables themselves were decorated with elaborate centerpieces that were auctioned off at the end of the party to help offset the cost involved and keep the ticket price affordable to those who attended.

At its peak we had carolers singing and even a visit from the Jolly Old Elf himself. Some can remember Tom Stange as being the Santa Claus our children grew up with but how many recall our esteemed editor?



With the demise of National TTOS in Arizona, GCMR picked up where the national organization let us down. More importantly friends are friends and it's not about the organizations we belong to but the fellowship over this hobby that we enjoy. More often than not many of us attend train meets to hook up with each other, the buy and selling of trains just gives us an opportunity to do so.

This year as the clubs continue to stabilize memberships, the Christmas Holiday Party will again be held. There will be some raffle prizes and centerpieces but no personal gifts at the door. We all know the cost of food has gone up recently and have had to modify the event by having it catered. We have worked with this caterer in the past and they have always exceeded our expectations and we look for the same this year.



Consider joining us for a Sunday afternoon of fun and fellowship just like the old days. The event will be held at the Phoenix Elks Lodge on N. 32 St which is centrally located for our far-flung Phoenix metropolitan membership. The reservation form is in the newsletter. We hope to see you there.

THE LAYOUT AT OPEN HOUSES

by John Draftz

We took the mobile layout to the November 12th ARM open house in Chandler.

Unfortunately, the members who knew how to set it up for operation had other commitments thus we had to cancel our participation. This means we missed a great opportunity to show our club to the public and maybe get some new members.

The first three Friday-Saturdays in December from 5:30-8:30 are the AMRS open house at Adobe and our layout is a major attraction. Please look at your schedule and make plans to be there to help run trains for the public even if it's only for a short period of time. If you've never helped before, this would be a good chance to learn how we set it up. You can bring trains to run or run ones we keep with the layout.

SOME SHOTS FROM OCTOBER

by John Draftz





2023 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

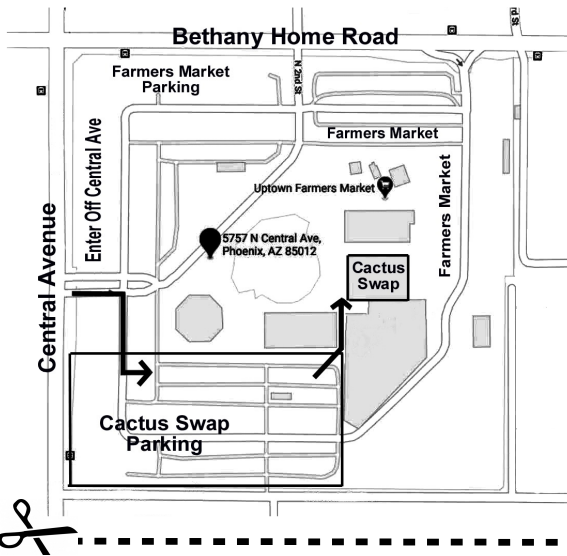
L-Z V-Marklin

M-Other W-Other

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

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26606 S. Sageberry Dr
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“ONE OF ARIZONA’S LARGEST
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS”
**CACTUS WINTER
TRAIN SWAP**
SATURDAY, FEB. 18TH, 2023
SWAP FROM 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



**NORTH PHOENIX
BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP CENTER**

5757 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

Due to Saturday Farmers Market restrictions:
Friday vendor unloading East-side 4 – 6 PM
Saturday vendor unloading East-side 6 – 9 AM

Presented by your pal, Casey Cactus, and the
GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILRODERS

Print legibly. No refunds after Feb. 11, 2023
Table-top auction at 12:00 PM

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Security: I will abide with badge identification 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 12:00 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

\$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 4 tables = 4 badges max.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

More badges available at \$5.00 each
Name Badges **REQUIRED** for your security
MORE THAN 4 TABLES - CALL

Desert Division's 2022 Holiday Party

Sunday December 11, 2022

Elk's Lodge

14424 N 32 St
Phoenix, AZ 85032

4:00 PM Meet & Greet

Cash Bar Available

5:00 PM Dinner



Reservations Deadline: Nov. 28th

Clip here and send with Check



Dinner will be Buffet style with Servers.

Cost of the Dinner is \$35.00 per person.

Please print First and Last Names of persons attending.

Write the Meal# choice after each Name.

Guests are Welcome.

Name	Meal #	Name	Meal #
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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

Meal #1– Mediterranean Chicken (1/4 chicken) How many _____

Meal #2 - Cheese Ravioli with side of Meatballs How many _____

Meal #3 – Baked Salmon How many _____

Meals will include a Salad and Dinner Rolls. Sides will include Roasted Potatoes (for the chicken) , Basmati Rice for the Salmon and Steamed Vegetables for both.

Beverages will include Ice Tea, Coffee and Water. Holiday cake for Dessert .

There will be Raffle Prizes and Tabletop Auctions.

Make Check Payable to : Desert Division TCA. Send form and check to:

**Angelo Lautazi
6109 E Sonoran Trl
Scottsdale, AZ 85266**

Number of Persons @ \$35.00 _____

Total \$ Enclosed _____

Ballroom will be set to tables of eight.

Business Attire is Suggested.

Sedona Railroaders Annual Holiday Train Show

**December 9th to
December 23th
11:00 AM – 4:30 PM**

Sedona Vista Village – Suite D7
Highway 179 & Jacks Canyon Rd.
Village of Oak Creek

WIN!

**Tickets for the
Verde Canyon Railroad**

**Numerous Operating
Model Train Layouts**



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