



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

MAIN LINE

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER, 2024

Volume 33

Number 11

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Our next regular meeting will not be 'til January 25, 2025 at the Our Savior's hall on E Glendale. The theme is "What did Santa bring?" Doesn't have to be 2024.

Some time ago we changed the term of office of the board of directors from one year to two. 2024 marks the end of that second year thus we'll be having an election in November. The offices are: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and three at-large board members. The ballot with nominees have been sent you. It needs to be returned to secretary Chris by December 3. If you haven't gotten it, let me know ASAP.

Members wanted to have races twice a year - March and October - so part of the October meeting was races. The categories were: the fastest stock unit, the fastest modified unit, and the slowest. The word "modified" is understood to mean those changes made to improve the performance of the unit. The winners were Glenn in fastest stock, Dave in fastest modified, and John D in slowest.

October was the annual white ticket drawing. The winners were: Katie \$100, John D \$200 and John Z \$300.

Our Cactus meets are a major source of club income. The Winter Cactus swap meet will be

February 15th, 2025. We already have reservations for the meet and are about 15% sold out at this point. Thanks to Janet Mattern we are now including operating toy train displays during the meet that are very popular with the public and especially the kids.

The public exhibit of the mobile layout was to be Saturday morning, October 19th, at the Brookdale Senior Living facility near 64th St & Greenway in Phoenix. Unfortunately, rain and cold weather forced us to postpone the exhibit 'til April 5th, 2025.

Our next exhibit of the mobile layout is set for the AMRS open house at Adobe. We'll operate it the first three Friday and Saturday evenings in December - 6,7,13,14,20 & 21 from 5:30-8:30. Please look at your schedule and help as many evenings as is practical.

As we display the mobile layout at our regular venues and as we host sellers and buyers at meets, we need to find ways to invite people to join the GCMR. Please continue to give some thought to what can be done to attract new members. Would having a presentation on how best to keep the equipment in great running shape be of interest? What could we do at regular meetings that would motivate people to attend beyond what we already do?

Since this is probably the last message this calendar year, I'll take the opportunity to wish

everyone a blessed holiday and a joyous new year. Keep in training and I'll see you January 25th. Remember to bring a special car, engine, or accessory.

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 23 - Turkey Meet **CANCELLED**

November - December, no regular meeting

January 25 - GCMR meet - Our Saviors Lutheran Church

February 15 - Winter Cactus Swap Meet, North Phoenix Baptist Church

MEEETING MINUTES

by Chris Allen

The secretary reported there are no minutes to approve since the last meeting was the Fall Cactus meet which will be discussed later.

Treasurers report; Treasurer Glenn Saber reported that the CD's were to mature in the upcoming week and that the interest made would be reported at that time. He also noted the complete turnaround in the CD market with short term CD's now offering the best interest rate vs. long term and that he plans to continue investing at the best interest rate possible regardless of term.

General Announcements. The Arizona Railway Museum is still in discussion with the City of Chandler about parking privileges at the newly completed Tumbleweed Park Baseball fields and without adequate parking they had to cancel the Fall Festival.

Arizona Model Railroad Society (AMRS) is planning for a shortened Holiday light season due to the time commitments of their members. They will operate only three weekends, Friday and Saturday December 6&7, December 13&14, and December 20&21, from 5:30 PM until 8:30 PM. This will be our last module setup for 2024. Help is needed for all three weekends. If you can spare one evening and help operate trains please contact John Draftz to sign up.

We will be setting up the trailer at Brookdale north Scottsdale on April 2, 2025. This will be a quick morning setup for the residents to view before and after their lunch.

Show and Tell segment had many interesting trains brought in. Since this was our last meeting of the year and our pizza party, the theme was beverage cars.

+ Mike Darus started things off with his K Line Pepsi Train. K Line made two versions of this set, and both are still very desirable today for those of the Pepsi Generation. Mike related the story of its purchase and his joy in running it.

+ Next up, "no name" Dave Brown had two more K Line cars, the rotating Coca Cola and

Board of Directors

President:	JOHN DRAFTZ	602-942-3457
Vice Pres:	DAVE BROWN	480-650-5336
Secretary:	CHRIS ALLEN	480-820-9559
Treasurer:	GLENN SABER	602-956-6695

Board Members:	
JOHN ZAVAL	602-980-5444
JANET MATTERN	602-569-0568
TERRY HAAS	602-319-0499

Editor: Peter Atonna 928-308-3559 - mjatonna@gmail.com - Website: www.gcmrr.org

Bud Light flat cars. These continue to fetch a premium and Dave is happy with both.

- + Glenn Saber switched things up a bit and went with a Lionel Vat Car.
- + Back with K Line, Katie Elgar had a Coca Cola Christmas Box Car. John Draftz gave a brief background story about the K Line version of the “cola wars” and how Coca Cola muscled K Line into dropping the Pepsi product line. Katie has a modest collection of these Christmas cars and continues to add to them.
- + Herb Andreen broke ranks from K Line but not back to Lionel, instead he had a beautiful Atlas woodside reefer that featured Clicquot Club Ginger Ale. Herb related drinking this soda as a kid and how famous and wide spread the company was.
- + Of course, John Draftz brought us back to K Line and the Dr. Pepper Christmas Box Car from 1995. So many of the items shown today are “relatively new” and yet thirty plus years old.

Old Business: President Draftz brought up the work party needed for the portable layout. The trailer is now over thirty years old and needs some major work. John queried the members present and with most of the members retired, it was decided that a weekday work session was much preferred over a weekend. Glenn has offered the use of his driveway for the work and can take the trailer back to storage in between work sessions. Much work needs to be done with a basic stripping down to the frame and rebuilding large sections of wood that have rotted over the years. The question was brought up what if the trailer wasn't finished by the April run date at Brookdale. Chris Allen offered the use of the TCA trailer on the slight chance it wouldn't be completed. He stated it's not important whose trains we run but rather that we run trains for the residents.

New Business. Fall Cactus had a lower-than-expected admission rate. It was a very warm weekend and several joked that we moved from July to September to avoid the heat, yet it followed us this year. Raffle sales were good considering the public attendance. Janet thanked Glenn for stepping up in her place and running the raffle while she was running trains for the public. John mentioned that Jerry Sienkiewicz had a last-minute cancellation and donated his table registration to the club. Thank you, Jerry! Janet reported that she received several comments about the running of trains during the show. John asked the members if we should continue to do this and sacrifice a few sales tables.

Motion by Dave Brown. I move that we continue to operate trains at future Cactus Meets. Motion passed unanimously. John mentioned the hassle of the vendor check-in on Saturday while the Farmers Market was in progress. Dave Brown, who did back door security reported his problems with the public trying to crash those doors while the vendors are loading in on Saturday morning. John proposed moving the table registration table outside the east doors under the overhang where the vendors could get their badge and make Daves job easier. It was agreed to give it a try for February and adjust as necessary.

Module storage trailer is still on the Adobe Mountain site and needs to be removed by January 1st. John reported that the AMRS wants the module pieces in the trailer. Those will be donated to them following their train show. The other items in the trailer are items that were donated to the club by the family of Bryan Jewell who passed away earlier this year. John reported that the memorial service for Bryan will be on November 2nd and details will be made available to the members once we learn of them.

It was decided that the donation will be offered to the members for first rights of refusal at the

January regular meeting. Any unsold items will be offered for sale to the public at the Winter Cactus Meet. The trailer itself, which was donated to GCMR by the Paradise and Pacific Club, will be passed onto Chris Allen with our best wishes to make it street worthy again after all the years it has sat at Adobe Mountain.

Election of officers for the upcoming election. Mike Darus has agreed to run for President, but our Bylaws require that you be a member for two years before running for office. Mike has only been a member for a little over a year and a half. Motion to suspend the Bylaws and accept Mike's nomination as there are no other nominees. Motion passed by unanimous consent. For the office of Vice President Janet Mattern was nominated and approved. Treasurer, Glenn Saber has agreed to run for that office, no other nominees, approved. For the position of Secretary, John Draftz explained that since he takes the photos and has corrected the minutes, he would like to release his position as Past President assuming a Director at Large and run for that office. Motion passed by unanimous consent. For Directors the names of Dave Brown, Terry Haas, and John Zaval were placed on nomination, Hearing no others from the floor, nominations accepted. President Draftz informed the members that the ballot would be forthcoming and thanked everyone for approving the slate of candidates.

With no other business before the membership the meeting was in recess while we held the train races. Several members competed for the fastest stock locomotive with Glenn Saber again pulling out the victory with his prewar Lionel 156. To no one's surprise Dave Brown grabbed the gold in the modified class, and John Draftz snoozed his way to victory with the slowest train of the day. .

LITTLE BUILDING

by Peter Atonna

As those who have visited here know, my layout is pretty well done and recent changes have been the addition or replacement of buildings, all in the "Douglas" town. So, as I look around the layout for new "projects" I noticed in "Seligman" that first a couple of the larger false front buildings didn't have lights. This is where many buildings are false fronts up against the retaining wall for the upper levels. They got lights.

The buildings are about an inch deep up against the upper level retaining wall. They are essentially a one inch deep box, so adding lights is pretty simple. All recent buildings have used LED strip lights. So mounting one or two - three light strips is easy. All they take is being wired to a full wave bridge rectifier (I bought a good supply of these when All Electronics announced they were going out of business.)



On the inside of the back, I glue a print of a building interior which matches the type of store and found by searching the web. Attach the power to your 12volt AC supply and the building is done.

But, I discovered a small gap between buildings. So, a new building was in order. It is only about 5" wide, so a small, one story building. would be appropriate, Hoping there might be something in my building "parts" drawer I could use. I noticed the remains

of a front for a building kit. Perfect, it was little wider than the space, so cutting it down left a doorway and show windows on either side.

I just painted it and added plain sides, back and roof created the box. You will see only the front.

But, because this was a pretty small box, I decided not to use the LED lights as they would overwhelm the interior so used a pair of small incandescent lights, wired in parallel.

So, for buildings without 3D interiors, I go to the internet to find photos of appropriate real buildings interiors. In this case, it was to be a butcher shop.



A TRICK OR TREAT

by Mike Darus

Here is a photo of my Trunk or Treat that I setup at Trinity Bible Church. I also set it up for Trick or Treat in my driveway at home. The hopper at the end delivered the candy. I also set it up for Trick or Treat in my driveway at home.



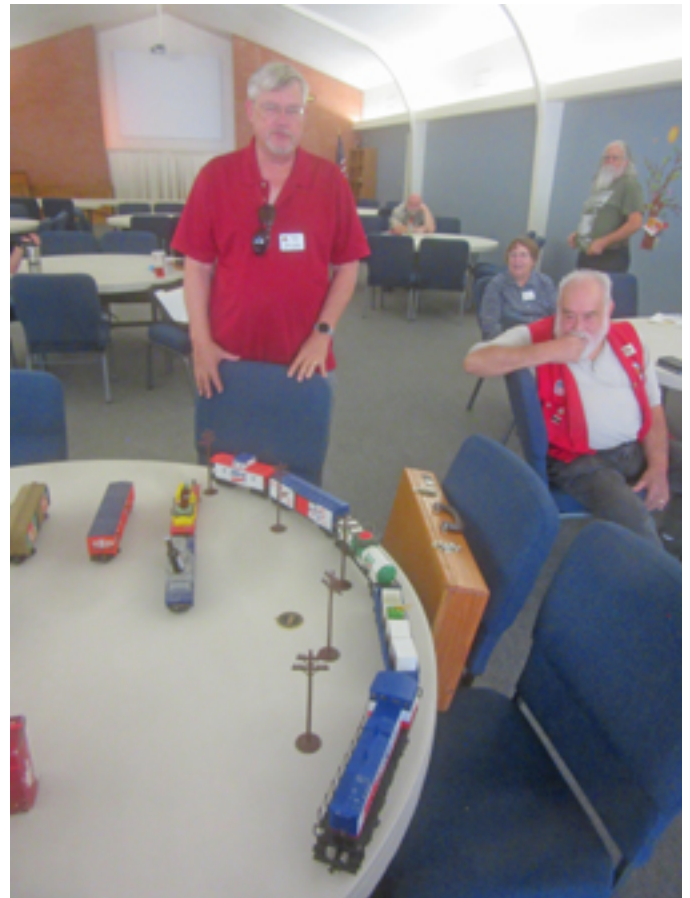
A few shoppers out front completed the building.



by Ken Gear

SEC	W	
	NWK	EWR
A	B	C
2	3	4
5	6	7
8	9	10
11	12	13
14	15	16
17	18	19
20	21	22
	23	

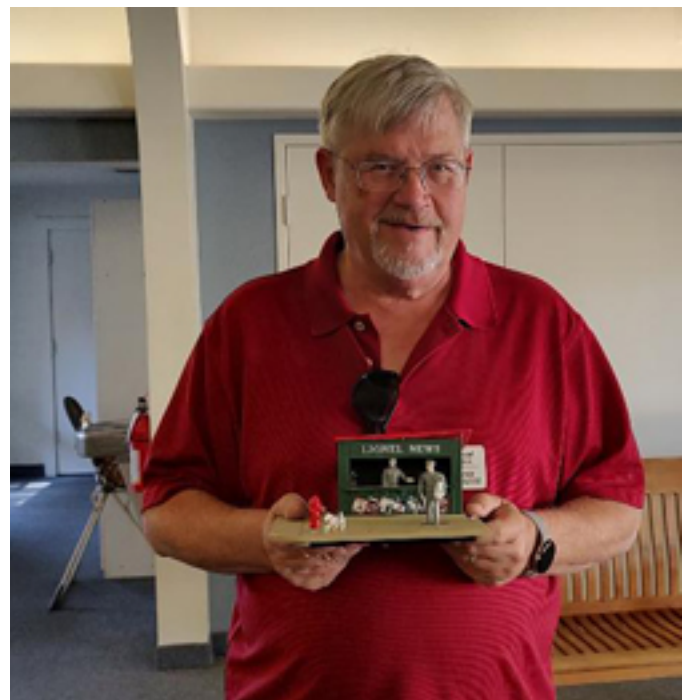
NO CASH VALUE
NTRANSIT 
 For more info
 PROPERTY OF
 NTRANSIT



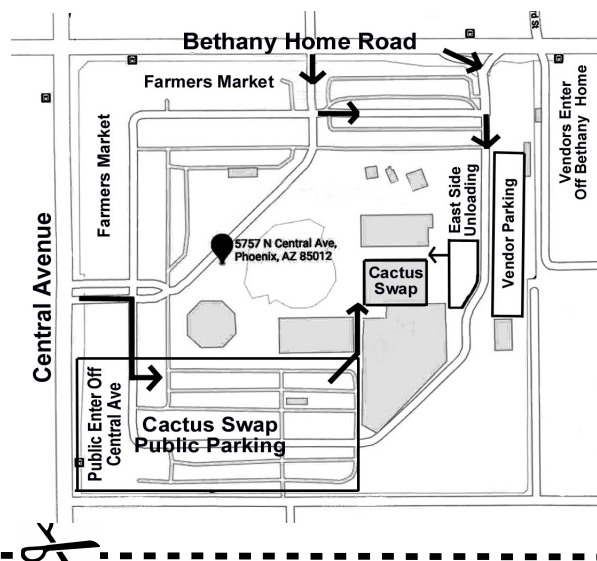
Herb Andreen: Turano Bread Truck
David Brown: American Flyer ATSF Box Car
Katie Elgar: Lionel New York Central operating Ice Car
John Draftz: MTH flat car with Taxi car load.

Katie Elgar \$100,
John Draftz \$200
John Zaval \$300





**"ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS"**
**CACTUS WINTER
TRAIN SWAP**
SATURDAY, FEB. 15TH, 2025
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 RAILROADERS

Print legibly. No refunds after Feb. 8, 2025

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

Name Badges **REQUIRED** for your security

1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.

First and last name please

Your Badge _____

Helper Badge _____

3 or more tables = 4 badges max.

Helper Badge _____

Helper Badge _____

4 BADGES MAXIMUM