



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

## MAIN LINE

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bill East

We had a nice turnout for the pizza meet and only had to sell one pizza when it was all over. Members brought in beer cars, water cars and milk cars for show and tell. It was a nice demonstration. Dave Brown also brought in a DVD player and played Peter Atonna's disk on the Williams National Train Day event in May. We now have a collection of "O" gauge accessories for the gurney module but we could use some more.

Dave Brown stressed the need for runners in the upcoming start of "Train Season". We start by running trains at Railfair at Scottsdale Railroad Park on October 9 and 10. This is a two-day event and with set up on Friday. The next week we are at Adobe Mountain Railroad Park for the Saguaro Central meet. Following that, we will be at Cal-Stewart meet in Pasadena on November 19 to 21. The next weekend is the Turkey Meet, a two day run the weekend after Thanksgiving, followed by our operating for the church on the first Saturday in December.

Don't forget our monthly meetings at church. October 23 will be our meeting for this month. The "S" gaugers will be setting up and the theme will be Halloween cars, so get into the spirit. Our November meeting will be our drawing for the Grand prize drawing as well as our drag races. So buy tickets, and bring in your fastest engines.

This year, TCA will be charging members of our club the same as their own for the Christmas party. So I hope everyone will come out and support both clubs in ending our year with a great party.

And one more thing, club elections are coming up. If you are planning to run for office, please come to our October meeting. We are a small club, and changes in the board helps to bring in new ideas for all of us, so

please consider running for any of the offices, they are open to anyone, so run for office!

Keep those trains running on time!

### 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.*

**October 23** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

**November 13** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

**December 4** - GCMR Open House at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

### OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

**October 9, 10** - Railfair, Scottsdale Railroad Park

**October 14 - 16** York TCA meet, York, PA

**November 6** - Gadsden Pacific Toy Train Meet, Tucson. See flyer this issue.

**November 6** - In the Heat swap meet, Phoenix, North Phoenix Baptist Church, Central and Bethany. 9am - 1pm

**November 20, 21** - Cal Stewart meet, Pasadena, CA  
Info: [www.ttos-sw.org/cal-stewart\\_rules.htm](http://www.ttos-sw.org/cal-stewart_rules.htm)

**November 27, 28** - Turkey Meet, Mesa, AZ, See flyer this issue

**December 5** - Desert Division Holiday Party, Marriott Hotel, Mesa. GCMR members are invited. More details upcoming.

## MEETING NOTES

+ Dave Brown listed the train activities that are coming up:

Rail Fair Oct 8-10 - Setup on the 8th  
Saguaro Central Oct 16  
Nov 13 meeting (Drag Races)  
Cal Stewart Nov 19-21  
Turkey meet Nov 24  
Train show at the Church  
Christmas party (\$26 each, kids 15)



### Chowing down on some good pizza

+ It was noted that An Affair With Trains is still a Lionel dealer. Also, An Affair With Trains will host our trailer in their parking lot at our convenience.

+ John Draftz indicated the ARMS train club will have an open house on evenings December 9 and 10 just before their toy drive in December. Does the GCMR want to participate with the trailer? We would need at least four people to run at the event.

+ Katie Elgar noted that Bill Schulte used to take trains to a Christmas party for a children's organization. The lack of trains has been noted by the children's organization. Could we do something for them this year? Katie will get more information. Glenn Saber indicates that this would be a kid's hands-on type of layout.

+ Glenn Saber discussed the gurney module and had a Lionel engine-tender set. He is requesting

accessories that could be used. Electrical devices should be the type that don't need attention.

### Show and Tell



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+ Wayne Ross shared his Brewmaster series of wood side beer cars.

+ Katie Elgar showed a K-Line vat car of Miller beer.

+ Ralph Treichel showed a G scale wood side Waudesha brewery cars.

+ John Draftz showed three wood barrel standard gauge cars from the TTOS. The three cars were issued to different groups. One group was the general public, another the committees and a third the officers.

+ Bill Richardson shared a "beverage" car in S that shipped Gilbert's milk. They were a TTOS issue.

+ Bill East shared a Knickerbocker beer car in S gauge.

## A MYSTERY FROM BOB DENNISON

I have recently restored an American Flyer President's Special locomotive for a friend. But it is a strange one and I was wondering if any members might have information on it they could share.

Here are the specifics:

1. The main frame is typical of all Flyer 4-4-4 electrics

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- + Front and rear doors have been repunched to accept brass door inserts
- + All four corners have punching for adding 1" handrails
- + The front and rear corners have the three hole punch for the earlier rod handrails.
- + The ventilators on each side are painted instead of brass
- + There are only two plates per side, one American Flyer and one #4689. There is no "Commander" plate or punching to mount one.
- + The roof has the punching for the #4689 plus the punching for the ringing bell.

2. The pilot trucks differ in that the wheel spacer is bolted to the frame for the pilot trucks. The frames themselves have the punching for the side ladders that is typical of the #4689 President's Special loco. The front wheel spacer has a hand cut slot to clear the swaging on for the eagle's post.

3. The motor is typical except it has the earlier reverse unit with the directional lighting feature. The motor does have the bell ringing mechanism.

4. The body is apparently that of a repunched #4687 (1927) loco as follows:

- + Side and front windows have had the webbing removed and repunched to accept brass window frames.

I have no idea whether this is a prototype or something made up at the factory to use up parts. I know when I got it, what was left of the color was the early side blue. The condition was poor. It looked like it had been in a dishwasher at one time and had pitted rust at the top seam on one side.

If anyone can shed some light on this item, I would appreciate it.

## WINNERS!

Lionel PA Wheel Car	Dave Brown
Lionel Liquefied Petroleum car	Bill East
Lionel REA Reefer	Frank Birney
Lionel Operation Lifesaver	Bill Rodgers
Williams Crisco boxcar	Bill Rodgers
Lionel Trains and Truck	Ralph Treichel

### Mystery Raffle

Lionel Truck w tank car load	Wayne Ross
\$50 Drawing	Bill Richardson



Picking one





# DESERT DIVISION TCA Great Southwest Toy Train Expo



## ADMISSION

EXPO: FREE!

SWAP MEET:

\$5.00 with this flyer

\$6.00 at door

## Mesa, Arizona Celebrating 35 Years in the Desert

### TWO DAY MEET

Saturday	Sunday
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	November 28 <sup>th</sup>
2010	2010
9 am to 3 pm	9 am to 3 pm



Mesa Convention Center  
201 N. Center St.  
Mesa, AZ 85201



[www.tcadd.org](http://www.tcadd.org)

For Additional Information and Registration

Contact: Bob Herman 480.948.2730

# **NOVEMBER TOY TRAIN MEET**

## **TO BENEFIT GADSDEN- PACIFIC TOY TRAIN MUSEUM**

MUSEUM ADDRESS 3975 N. MILLER AVENUE TUCSON (NOT ADDRESS OF TRAIN SHOW)  
MUSEUM PHONE: 520-888-2222 MUSEUM'S WEBSITE: <http://www.gpdToyTrainMuseum.com>

### **OPERATING LAYOUTS**

**ALL GAUGES**

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**RAILROADIANA**

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**SNACK BAR**



**BUY**

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**SELL**

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**TRADE**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2010 9:00AM TO 3:00PM**

(Seller Table Setup: 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM)

Train Show Location

### **LAS CAZUELITAS EVENTS CENTER**

(Behind GRANT ROAD INN Exit WEST off I-10 at GRANT)

**W. GRANT RD. & I-10**

**TUCSON, AZ**

Vendor or Helper Badges must be worn for free admission. All others must pay public admission.  
Vendor's spouse enters free. Vendors may have 1 free helper per 2 additional tables up to 2 free helpers.

### **ATTENTION SELLERS**

**8 FT. TABLES ARE \$25.00 EACH**

TABLE RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID. SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO GPD TTOM

TO: **BUD STEWART 13325 E. PLA. ALGODON TUCSON, AZ 85749**

Questions? Contact BUD STEWART AT 749-0228 (leave Msg.) OR EMAIL [bud@at.tuccoxmail.com](mailto:bud@at.tuccoxmail.com)

#### **The General Public Is Welcome**

**THIS IS TUCSON'S BEST TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET**

**PUBLIC ADMISSION \$5.00 AT THE DOOR**

**FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13 ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

**DOORS OPEN 9:00 AM UNTIL 3:00 PM**



#### **SPECIAL SELLERS ONLY RAFFLE**

**SELLERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REMAIN SET UP UNTIL 3:00 PM**

sellers fully set up at 3:00 pm may win (tables will be inspected to determine eligibility)

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE: \$30 CASH 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE LIONEL GPD ORE CAR**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE: WEAVER GPD BOXCAR**



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If you follow the the OGR 3 Rail forum, you have probably seen the postings by Allen "leavingtracks" of Mountain Home, Arkansas. Allen has some of the most spectacular big city scenery ever on a three rail layout. Recently he caught the morning sunlight illuminating the trains in his train shed. One can almost feel the cool morning air and sounds of a train terminal coming awake.