



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

The board decided to try the electronic ballot for the proposed change to the by-laws regarding the policy book. It will be a "shake-down cruise" to see how well the system works. For those members using snail mail, they will still get the ballot that way. The change is designed to give the members more positive control over future changes. You should be getting the ballot soon. Paul Boston (602-370-0780 or paulboston@cox.net) is coordinating the electronic balloting process so if you have questions and/or run into difficulty, please contact him direct for help. As he needs to, he'll forward such queries on to the BoD. Please return your ballot in time for it to be counted at the October 27th meeting. If you have any other questions/concerns, please contact a BoD member.

Elections will be coming up soon. The nominating committee is Dave Brown (480-650-5336 or eaglefour@juno.com) and Bill Lazenby (602-558-9222 or blcycle@msn.com). If you would be willing to serve, please let either of them know. Nominations must be received by the secretary (Rod or Wayne) by the October meeting with voting done in November. There are three openings for a BoD member. If you'd be willing to help with club leadership, that would be a simple, non-threatening way to do so. If you'd like to run for office, just let Dave or Bill know.

Our public venues begin with Railfair on Saturday and Sunday, October 13th & 14th. We've split each day into a first shift (9-1) and second shift (1-5) so that members don't have to commit to the whole day to help unless they want to.

Saturday, October 20th, from 8-3 is the swap meet at Adobe Dam when we'll have the mobile layout and probably the modules in operation. The live steamers' pancake breakfast begins a 7am.

Saturday, November 10th, from 9-3 we'll have the mobile layout at the annual Rails, Rods & Steel Wheels car show at Pioneer Park in Mesa, AZ. This is a fund raiser that benefits the Pioneer Park train.

Saturday, December 15th, from 9-3 we'll have the modules at the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church for their annual Christmas display. This year's theme is the Polar Express.

As these various events occur, please look at your personal schedule, ask how you can help with the event, and volunteer accordingly. These events are an excellent way to help support your club and play with trains at the same time. If you have a train you'd like to run, just bring it. It's called taking turns.

The theme for the October meeting is "Halloween cars and/or convention cars". Simply bring in one or more of your favorite cars (or trains) and let others know why it's a favorite. October will also be drag races (September was trolley races). Bring what you think will win the race. The winner will get six red raffle prize tickets, second place will get four red tickets, and third place will get two tickets.

The Christmas party will be Sunday, December 2nd at 4pm. See the registration form in this issue.



The head table working hard

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 27 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - S-gauge modules Theme: Halloween Cars, National Convention Cars

November 10 - GCMR meeting is canceled. Meeting alternatives will be discussed at the October meeting.

November 10 - GCMR modular train display at Mesa Pioneer Park. (See President's Message for details)

December 2 - Joint GCMR - TCA - P&P Christmas Party. Mesa Mariot. See registration flyer this issue.

December 15 - GCMR train display at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church. (See President's Message for details)

OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

October 13, 14 - Railfair, Scottsdale Railroad Park

October 18 -21 Maricopa Live Steamers fall meet. Adobe Mountain Park

October 20 - Sahuaro Central Fall Swap Meet, Adobe Mountain Park

November 2-4 - Cal Stewart Meet, Ontario, CA

November 2, 3 - Gadsden Pacific Museum swap meet. Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington. Info: TucsonTrainShow@gmail.com

November 24 - Turkey Meet, Scottsdale

November 25 - Turkey Meet auction, Scottsdale

January 11, 12 - Gadsden Pacific Museum swap meet. Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington. Info: TucsonTrainShow@gmail.com

January 19, 20 - Bostwick Collection Auction - Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 1500 W. Maryland Ave., Phoenix



Ken Barnes' beer car display for show n' tell

MEETING NOTES

Old Business

+ Nominations are still open. If any current member would like to run for an office please contact Dave Brown or Bill Lazenby.

+ Glenn Saber is working on the 2013 Budget

+ Dave Brown asked what is happening with running trains at Adobe Mountain. John stated it is up to our club on what we want to do. Discussed possible

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concrete slab or permanent building. As of right now we are storing the trailers there but are not running trains on every other weekend as we did last year.

+ Railfair at Scottsdale McCormick/Stillman Park is on October 13th and 14th. We will have the both trailers there so we need members to run trains.

+ The Board continues to work on the Policy Book.

+ Raffle tickets are still available for the Grand Prize. John Draftz will be taking some tickets to the Sun City Model Railroad Club. If anyone has other options please contact the board.

New Business

+ It was announced that we will be at Pioneer Park in Mesa on November 10 for the Rails, Rods & Steel Wheels car show. Who is going to run trains for the Club?

+ George Bean reported that TCA has donated \$500.00 to GCMR. George also discussed a railroad building that the City of Goodyear owns but would need extensive repairs and money to repair.

+ Electronic Balloting. Paul Boston gave a report on how the electronic voting process works and how it can benefit GCMR in future elections and voting. Paul has set this up for the Paradise and Pacific Railroad Club and it works great. Paul will work with Peter Atonna and set this up.

The club will review results once this is in place. We will use the by-law change vote as a test case, You can still have a write in candidate with the electronic balloting.

+ Future Board of Directors meetings will be held if necessary right after the Membership meeting.

+ Adobe Mountain swap meet is October 20th. We will be running trains, so come run some trains.

+ After discussion with members present, the November GCMR has been cancelled.

+ President Draftz stated he would like to change the format of this meeting and have member Sam McElwee give a report on the current status of

Williams/Bachman followed by the Show and Tell items by Ken Barnes and Ralph Treichel. Change of format approved by the membership.

Sam explained the retirement of Mr. Williams and the buy-out by Bachmann Industries approximately 4four years ago. The quality of the product has continued to be excellent and some positive changes have been made which includes operating cars and different accessories. Another change was the Williams Box which was modernized. Sam noted he has available the 2012 Williams/ Bachmann catalog if any one wants one.

Show and Tell

+ Ken Barnes showed his Beer Box Cars

+ Ralph Treichel showed his Wine Box Car along with his Fanta Soda car.



Ralph with his show n' tell box car

A NEW CHRISTMAS TIME OPEN HOUSE

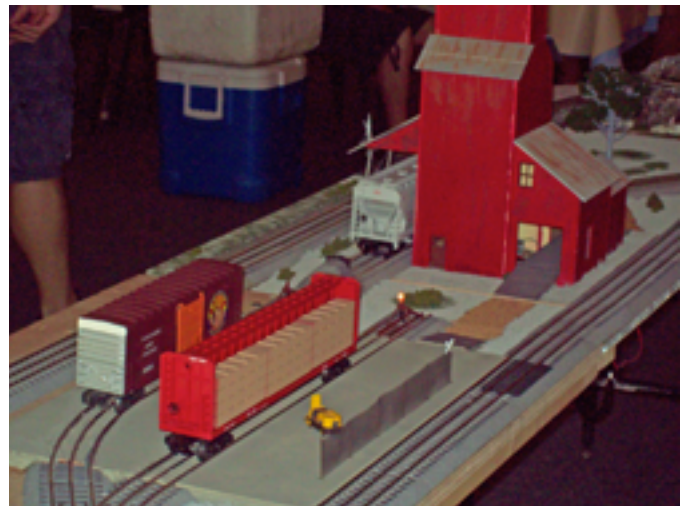
Over the past few years we have run a Christmas Open House at the church where we hold our business meeting. To say the least, the response to all that work was lacking, so much that last year we didn't do the open house. Well this year we're doing the Christmas open house again but not at our

meeting place. For those who didn't know, Paradise and Pacific has for the last few years borrowed our trailer layout and has run trains for the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church on Lincoln Dr the Saturday before Easter. At the Easter Saturday run this year I was talking to one of the people there and explained our failed Christmas open house. That person said they, the church, would be more than happy to have us run trains at Christmas. And he said there would be a BIG turnout for such an event.

With that offer, what can we say? We will have the "O" gauge and the "S" gauge modules at this church on Saturday, December 15 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. We will need people to run trains on the modules AND to have people bring in smaller layouts, whatever you want. Let's do a Christmas Open House like we have wanted to do for a church that will support the event. If you want to be part of this holiday even and bring a layout of your own, please contact Dave Brown so that we can start to get a list together.



The O gauge modular layout was up and running



WINNERS!

Bill Rogers
Katie Elgar

Dave Brown
Glenn Saber

Mystery Prize
Jack Eaton

\$25 Drawing
Paul Boston

Lionel L&N Gondola
Lionel 1982 World Fair boxcar
Lionel I Love CA boxcar
Lionel Katy DD Box Car

RMT Buddy RDC Car



201 HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 2, 2012

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!

Chair: Ralph & Sally Treichel

Reservation deadline: November 25, 2012



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

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

Ralph Treichel
16802 N. 1st Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85023

Adults: \$25.00

Children 12 and under: \$15.00

Children 2 and under: Free

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

Adults @ \$25.00 _____

children 12 and under: \$15.00 _____

Total enclosed _____

Please indicate if you will need handicapped seating.
Thank you!

All Gauges
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Fall Show & Meet

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Operated as a Benefit Fundraiser for
Gadsden Pacific Division Toy Train Operating Museum

3975 N. Miller Avenue Tucson, AZ
<http://www.gpdtoytrainmuseum.com>

Meet to Be Held at a New Location

Tucson Expo Center

3750 E. Irvington Road at Palo Verde

(From 1-10, take East Irvington Road exit.)

Great Location, Free Parking, Snack Bar

Entrance on North side of Building (Banquet Room)



Friday, Nov. 2, 2012

Open to the Public 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012

Open to the Public 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

AUCTION
SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 25TH
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION
CONTACT: BETH STANGE 480-947-5663

REGISTRATION - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY



NAME _____ TCA# _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SPOUSE _____ GUESTS _____

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the TCA Desert Division Turkey Meet in regards to buying, selling, ethics and behavior. I further agree, that in the case of a dispute, the meet chairman, or an impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairman shall arbitrate the matter and render a binding decision. I shall upon the direction of the Meet Chairman, in the case of a disputed sale, refund a buyer's money.

Signed X _____ Date _____

Make check payable to: Desert Division TCA

Mail Registration to: Beth Stange, 8619 E. Chaparral Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

NO MAIL REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 16, 2012

FEES:

Registration* \$5.00

*(1 Registration fee included in First
Table Fee)
(Children under 14 FREE)

Spouse or Guests ____ x \$ 5 ea \$ ____

Table Fee ____ x \$ 25 ea \$ ____

Auction Catalog ____ x \$5 ea \$ ____

TOTAL Enclosed \$ ____

Reg# _____ Date Rcvd _____

Chk# _____ Chk Amt _____

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As you may have discovered, your editor loves layouts - big, small, whatever era, whatever control system. He loves the craftsmanship and imagination put into each one. Here is a shot of the layout by one of the masters of the art, who goes under the handle, Moonson, on the O Gauge Forum. I get inspiration from looking at this quality of modeling, you too?