



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

MAIN LINE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

The theme for our October meeting is "Halloween / National Convention Cars".

Our first public display of the season was Railfair in Scottsdale on the 12th & 13th. We had the mobile layout and both the O and S gauge modules in operation. See a report later in the newsletter.

Railfair was the first of this season's displays. The next one is in Mesa on Saturday, November 2nd. We need each member to look at his or her personal schedule and to then volunteer to help as one is able. No one is being asked to go above and beyond but to simply do his or her fair share. We do need help staffing these displays. Even volunteering at one event helps us take toy trains to the public. Please contact Jack Eaton (623-249-7297 or jeaton9@cox.net) and let him know when and how you can help.

Elections for the four officers and three BoD members 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 bicycle@msn.com). If you would be willing to serve, please let either of them know. The current nominees are: President - John Draftz, VP - Jack Eaton, Secretary - Barbara Turner, Treasurer - Glenn Saber, Board Member - George Bean, Dave Brown, Bill Richardson. All new nominations must be received by the secretary (Bill) by the October meeting with voting done in November. We'll be using the electronic balloting with snail mail ballots available for those that need them.

The drag races were postponed. If there's enough interest, we can hold them at this month's meeting. So if you have a winning O gauge item that's willing to take on all challengers, plan to bring it and receive its laurels. The winner gets six free, red raffle tickets. A previous free ticket was one of the winners.

Our annual raffle is not a big money maker but it's not designed to be a money loser. With prizes now a choice between the prize and money, there's incentive for others outside of GCMR to get involved. With our current membership size, it's important to try to bring in outside money. The alternative is to reduce the prizes. The drawing is scheduled for our November meeting (just one month away) thus getting tickets now is a great time to buy. Please give me or any board member the name of other organizations so we can find out if they're interested. We'll make arrangements to get tickets to them, but we need names and ideally contact information. The more of their money we get, the better.

See you at the meeting. Bring a favorite Halloween or convention car.

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 17 - 20 Maricopa Live Steamers fall meet

October 19 - Sahuaro Central Swap Meet

October 26 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church - O-ga modules Theme:

Halloween /National Convention Cars

November 8 - Toy Train Show, Tucson Expo Center

Info: David Hoverstock 520-909-0722. email:

TrainShow@gpdToyTrainMuseum.com

November 22 - 24 - Cal Stewart meet - Ontario, CA

November 23 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's

Lutheran Church - S-ga modules Theme: A Favorite
Holiday Car (you pick the holiday)

December 7 - Arizona Toy Train Show, Glendale,
AZ See the flyer this issue.

December 8 - Desert Division Christmas Party - All
GCMR members invited. See the reservation form
this issue.

+ Glenn Saber showed several different cars from
LGB, MTH McCOY and Wilson Bros. They were
circus water cars in S and G gauge. The Wilson Bros
circus train car is very rare.

+ Dave Brown brought in an All Nation Beer car
He then showed off his Bud Light flat car where the
bottle spins. Dave then showed off his MTH Coors
Light Bullet Train

+ Bill Richardson showed off his Beverage Milk
tank car in S gauge.

+ Bill East showed off his 1950 Knickerbockers beer
boxcar

+ Jack Eaton showed his Apache Beer cars made by
Atlas for TCA

+ John Draftz showed is Dr Pepper MTH tank car

MEETING NOTES

Announcements

+ Dave Brown wanted to let everyone know that the
Union Pacific Railroad announced that they would
restore a Big Boy Steam engine that is presently in
the LA County Fair grounds. The Big Boy will be
shipped to the UP Steam Restoration shop in
Cheyenne, Wyoming. There is no completion date...

+ Art Triant discussed the TCA Arizona Toy Train
Swap meet scheduled for Dec 7, 2013 at the
Renaissance Hotel in Glendale, AZ
Volunteers are needed

Show and Tell

Theme this month is Beverage cars

+ Barbara Turner brought two beverage cars from
the New England area. The cars are from the TCA
New England area. If you ever lived in the area, soda
is called tonic.



Barbara Turner sets out her Show and Tell item

Old Business

+ Our next meeting will be November 23, 2013
which is the same day as Cal-Stewart meet in
California and the new swap meet at the church on

Board of Directors

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Central and Bethany Home Rd. Members are asked to come to the GCMR meeting and support your club.

+ John Draftz discussed the building permit fee of \$1,200 to begin our structure at Adobe Mountain. Only one permit is needed provided the work being done gets started at the same time. John is checking with the other groups to see if they will get involved. Right now we are in a holding pattern.

+ We need a work party to work on the trailer and racks---any volunteers?

+ Our annual raffle is not doing well. **It is in need of a green transfusing---STAT.** GCMR is spending a total of \$1,500 on the three prizes and we are in the hole for \$690 so far

+ How do we sell the tickets? What we are doing is not working, We will need to review this process next year to see if it continues.



Glenn does his part to sell tickets at Railfair!

+ Glenn Sabar reported the swap meet is set for Feb 22, 2014 at the Armory. Fliers are made up and ready for the printer. More info to follow.

+ Vice President Jack Eaton discussed several upcoming events that we need members to help

Sign up sheets are on the table or contact Jack directly if you are willing to support your club. Upcoming events include:

Oct 12 & 13 - Railfair at McCormick/Stillman RR Park

Nov 2 - Pioneer Park Mesa,

Nov 22 to 24 - Cal-Stewart, Ontario, California,
Dave Brown Bill East, Rod Johnson, Glenn Sabar, George Bean to make the trip

Dec 7 - TCA Arizona Toy Train Show, Glendale

+ Holiday lights at Adobe Mountain starting every Friday and Saturday night 6 to 8 pm on November 29 through Saturday December 21.

RIDE INTO YESTERYEAR

by Bill East



This August, my daughter and I went to New Freedom, PA to see the Civil War era locomotive and train and to take a ride on it. The train ran from New Freedom to Hanover Junction and back. While we were waiting for the train ride, I talked to the engineer. His name was Steve Merloa. I asked him about the locomotive, a 4-4-0 and lettered for the North Central Railroad that ran from Baltimore to Hanover Junction where it connected with the Hanover and Gettysburg Railroad. The locomotive was built in Elgin, IL and is numbered 17 on the engine and NCRR on the tender. "York" is across the back of the tender.

The locomotive was built by the Rogers Locomotive Co. There were three cars on the train. The first was painted green, the second red and were used in the epic movie, North and South. The third car was a cattle car, rebuilt to carry passengers.



Steve and I spoke about the locomotive and about train clubs. I told him I belong to three clubs. Steve mentioned that he belongs to the TCA.

I rode in the car right behind the engine so I could see how it reacted on the trip and it ran very well. Docents gave a commentary on the train as we passed through the countryside. They gave a good history of the area and the people who lived there at that time. There was a saw mill, a tanning works, grain mills and other businesses in the area.

On our ride back to New Freedom we had an entertainer who sang old railroad songs. He noted in the East, Irish immigrants worked to build the railroads while in the West they were built by Chinese immigrants.

It was a very enjoyable trip.

ANNUAL RAFFLE UPDATE

by Glenn Saber

The Grand Canyon Model Railroaders is proud of its reputation of providing the best monthly, mystery and annual raffle prizes out of all the local railroad clubs ... and the ability to provide these great prizes is because of the support GCMR receives from its membership. However, almost every year, getting the annual raffle to break-even usually runs down to the final minutes prodding members to dig a little deeper to purchase just a few more tickets. That's happening, again, but this year's annual raffle is in big-time, serious trouble.

The 2013 annual raffle cost GCMR \$1,500.00; but we have only taken in \$920.00 in ticket sales for a shortfall of \$580.00. Surprisingly, just 19 of our club's 37 members have stepped up to support this raffle and the Board is baffled. Why would any club member not spend a minimum of \$10 in a show of support and a chance to win either \$1,000 or \$500 or \$100? What also is puzzling; all other clubs we approached have zero interest in this raffle even though GCMR would donate 20% of attributed sales directly back to that club - \$2 of each \$10 ticket sold.

Currently, the odds of winning the annual raffle are not just incredible – they're absolutely stunning – as each of the 19 ticket holders has greater than a 15% chance of getting one of three prizes. Try and find a raffle anywhere with odds remotely close.

The November 23rd drawing date is fast approaching and we need to sell \$580 worth of tickets. That's 24 people buying 3 tickets for \$25 or 58 people buying single \$10 tickets. Once again, please support your club and help Raffle 2013 break even.

If you are unable to attend a GCMR meet prior to the drawing, tickets are always available via mail. Just send your check payable to the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders for the quantity of tickets desired and mail to: Glenn Saber 3415 East Pasadena Avenue Phoenix, AZ 885018

WINNERS!

Jack Eaton—Bessemer & Lake Erie box car

Bill Lazenby---Lionel Nickel Plate gondola

Bob Dennison---3 car Fabulous 50's die-cast automobiles.

Jack Eaton---Rock Island box car

\$25.00 Drawing - Bill East

Mystery prize box

Jack Eaton---Conrail Railking operating paint shop

RAILFAIR UNWIND

by Peter Atonna

Good fortune overcame the disappointment of my giving up a York trip this fall as I was able to attend Railfair for the first in many years. And I have to admit I was blown away by the number of displays as well as the crowds attending. It has to be good for our hobby to see the number of families as well as couples enjoying all things real and model railroading.

I also had not been into the new club building for many months. The progress on the P&P layout is outstanding and clearly was a hit. It was also nice to see landscaping progressing on the HO and N gauge layouts. But the tradeoff for the smaller scale layouts is that even though they each had several trains running, the length of their runs and scenery designs resulted in my having to wait some time to see a train passing by. In contrast, the P&P layout is designed so that you can see almost everything from everywhere. It was always show time for the visitors.

Here are some of my photos from the day:



Flagstaff on the ABTO modules



Peter and Mary Jane ride on a Maricopa Live Steamers train



The GCMR layout always attracted kids



The P&P layout



Janet showed the Coors train at the P&P booth



Guy Stillman's childhood Buddy L set in the depot



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ANNUAL RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE

\$1,000.00

GIFT CERTIFICATE TO

ROY'S TRAIN WORLD

Certificate Good Towards Retail Prices Only – Sale Items, Consignment Items and Roy's Bonus Money Excluded

OR \$800.00 IN CASH

SECOND PRIZE

\$500.00

GIFT CERTIFICATE TO

AN AFFAIR WITH TRAINS

Certificate Good Towards Retail Prices Only – Sale Items and Consignment Items Excluded

OR \$400.00 IN CASH

THIRD PRIZE

\$100.00 CASH

1 TICKET = \$10.00 3 TICKETS = \$25.00

CONTACT GLENN SABER AT: 602-956-6695 - OR EMAIL AT: INFO@GCMRR.ORG
DRAWING ON NOVEMBER 23, 2013 - NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

2013 HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 8, 2013

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 30, 2013



-----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.

Member: _____ Spouse: _____ Guests: _____

Adults @ \$25.00 _____

children 12 and under: \$15.00 _____

Total enclosed _____

Please Check One: "O" Gauge Member Gift ____ or "S" Gauge Member Gift ____

Tables will be set for eight people. Thank you.

THE MAIN LINE

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The GCMR was in full presence during last weekend's Scottsdale Railfair. All three of the club's three layouts: the trailer and the O and S gauge modules - were set up and trains ran all weekend. Nothing brings families and kids like the sound and sight of toy trains running. And it worked, as much as any other display at the park, there were always kids and families enjoying the GCMR's show.