



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Our October meeting is our annual pizza meet with the theme "beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc)". What do you have that's special, unusual, or just something you want to tell us about?

Our first public display of the season was Railfair in Scottsdale on the 11th & 12th. We had the mobile layout and both the O and S gauge modules in operation. See photos and a report later in the newsletter.

The next public display is the annual Rails, Rods & Steel Wheels show at Pioneer Park in Mesa (526 E Main) on Saturday, November 8th from 10-3 with set-up starting about 7am. We'll only have the mobile layout. Please contact Jack Eaton (623-249-7297 or jeaton9@cox.net) and let him know when and how you can help.

Additional upcoming public venues will be Cal-Stewart in November and the TCA swap meet and Methodist Church Christmas event in December that will involve both the mobile layout and the modules.

A GCMR potluck/picnic for members and guests was held Saturday, September 20th, at George Bean's home. Those present enjoyed the evening and favored holding other similar activities. The goal was to simply meet with each other beyond that of a business meeting. Based on this event, plans are to hold another potluck/picnic in the spring but locate it somewhere on the east side. Additional plans are to take a 1-day bus trip somewhere, e.g., Kartchner Caverns. Overnight trips are even a possibility. If

you have suggestions, please share them with a BoD member.

The annual fall mini-meet was held Saturday, September 27th, in conjunction with our regular monthly meeting. Sale tables were free and for members only based on a first come first served basis. Admittance was free. The goal was to give members a chance to sell "stuff" they don't want and to make the public aware of who we are and get them to join us. There was a \$75 Hobby Lobby gift



card meet raffle prize with a need-not-be-present-to-win drawing at 11am. Tickets were \$2 each or 3/\$5 or 10/\$10. The overall evaluation was that the mini-meet was a success and we made money. The 2015 annual spring mini-meet is planned for our April 25th meeting day. We need someone who would be

willing to serve as the event coordinator. Any volunteers?

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. All nominations must be received by the secretary (Barbara) by the October meeting with voting done in November. We'll again be using the electronic balloting with snail mail ballots available for those that need them.

Our annual raffle is not a big money maker but it's not designed to be a money loser. An alternative is to reduce the prizes. With our current membership size, it's important to try to bring in outside money, i.e. talk with others you know outside of GCMR (for example, other train/railroad clubs) to see if they would buy tickets. The drawing is scheduled for our November meeting (just 1 month away) thus getting tickets now is a great time to buy.

Our 4th Saturday November meeting would be the 22nd which is Cal-Stewart. The following Saturday is Thanksgiving weekend. The hall is available both the 15th and the 29th. What day do we want to meet? The annual, multi-club Christmas party is December 7th. The registration form is in this issue.

See you at the meeting. Bring a favorite beverage 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 25 - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Theme: pizza meet - beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc) Drag races

November 14 - 15 TTOM swap meet - Tucson. See flyer this issue.

November 15th or 29th - GCMR meeting. See next month's newsletter to see which date.

November 22, 23 - Cal Stewart meet, Ontario, CA. GCMR trailer at show

November 29 - Turkey Meat Auction - Phoenix - 300 lots - Phoenix - Catalog \$5 at Desert Division meets or by mail from your Editor

December 6 - Arizona Toy Train Show - Glendale - see flyer this issue.

December 7 - Christmas Party for Desert Division, P&P and GCMR. Mesa. Reservation form in the this issue

MEETING NOTES

Pre-Mini Meet Business Meeting

+ No new information on alternate locations for a permanent display.

+ Pot luck visitation at George Bean's house was reviewed: about twenty people showed up.

+ The idea of a one day social visit trip idea was brought up. Let the board know of any idea.

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Post Mini-Meet Business Meeting:

- + The possibility of a summer armory meet was brought up due to the closing of the In the Heat Meet.
- + Cal Stewart and the mobile layout: questions about a prime mover vehicle for the trailer and will the trailer be there in the future.
- + E-blast (email) was sent for Rail Fair volunteers to help set up and run trains for the second weekend of October.
- + Preparation setup times on the Friday before Rail Fair was discussed, along with the need for a headcount for the Saturday night dinner being put on by another club.



New Business: Mini Meet After Action Review: What went right (Positives)

- + The meet was fun and new people were met by the members
- + Katy Elgar brought home made baked goods
- + Plenty of room for walking around to see the tables
- + Five new members joined the club
- + New customers compared to other meets
- + Free entrance fee
- + Members only tables- no complaints from the members due to being free.

- + Nonmember tables at a price so there are no empty tables.
- + 11 tables filled out of 20
- + More relaxed atmosphere
- + Good opening time and location.

What went wrong

- + No trains were running as indicated per the event flyer



Areas of Improvement

- + More advertisement
- + Flyers at the Amory meet for the next mini meet
- + Need more HO and other scale sellers besides O scale/gauge.
- + Beverages such as bottled water and sodas for the vendors only.
- + Food items to keep the kids from being fidgety- carpet cleaning was brought up in response to this idea.
- + Direction of future mini meets in regard to a larger number of potential customers waiting in line with no shade.
- + Sign in lists for raffle tickets that can be done while people are waiting in line to enter the mini meet.

RAILFAIR 2014

by Jack Eaton

Once again the GCMR presence was a big hit at the Railroad Park on Saturday and Sunday. All three layouts - O gauge, S gauge and the Trailer - were set up and running. The trailer with all seven loops running was a particularly big draw for all to see. The multi gauge aspect on the trailer is quite fascinating. There was minimal down time due to mechanical problems or "Little Hands". All our trains are very visible and easy to enjoy.

It is a real thrill to see all kids - Big & Little - get so excited about trains. It makes all our work just that much more fun. As we all know the key to our hobby is the "Little Ones" and the more we can do to keep the interest in trains alive is a big plus!!

Following are some photos Dave Brown shot at Railfair showing the fascination all ages have with toy trains





TUCSON ARIZONA TOY TRAIN SHOW

Gadsden-Pacific Fall Meet **NOV. 14-15 2014**

PRE-REGISTRATION TABLES: \$35.00 EACH. IF PAYMENT RECEIVED TEN BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT. LAST MINUTE REGISTRATION \$40.00 PER TABLE.
LIMITED HELPER PASSES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE TABLE PRICE
When filling out Event Table Registration Form use the name you like to be called and fill in your helper pass name if needed on special instructions line.

TABLES are LIMITED

Buy three tables get fourth table free!

LOCATION: TUCSON AZ. - TUCSON EXPO CENTER SOUTH HALL, 3750 E. IRVINGTON ROAD JUST OFF I-10 exit 264 (IRVINGTON & PALO VERDE)

SET UP TIME: SET UP FRIDAY FROM 11:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM. OR SATURDAY FROM 7:00 AM UNTIL 9:00 AM. OVERNIGHT SECURITY FOR VENDORS

**TWO DAY SHOW: UP TO TEN HOURS OF SALES OVER TWO DAYS:
FRIDAY FROM 2:00 PM UNTIL 7:00 PM & SATURDAY FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM**

**EIGHT FOOT TABLES: YES, WE WILL HAVE EIGHT FOOT TABLES!
ELECTRIC - OUTLET AVAILABLE ON PRE-REQUEST.**

CLEAN FACILITIES, GOOD LIGHTING & REASONABLY PRICED SNACK BAR, NEARBY RESTAURANTS AND MOTELS.

Make Checks Payable to: GPD TTOM

Mail to: Dave Hoverstock, Meet Chairman (520) 909-0722 or (520) 298-5442
PO Box 17746
Tucson, AZ 85731

E-mail: TrainShow@gpdToyTrainMuseum.com

FUTURE SHOWS: JANUARY 9-10, 2015 MAY 29-30, 2015

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TUCSON ARIZONA - TOY TRAIN SHOW			
Gadsden-Pacific Fall Meet NOV. 14-15 2014			
EVENT TABLE REGISTRATION FORM			
Name	Mailing Address		
Email Address	City	State	Zip
Phone	Check Number	Enclosed \$	# Tables Ordered
Special Instructions:		Helper Name:	

2014 HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 7, 2014

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!

Chairs: Beth Stange and Sally Treichel

Reservation deadline: December 1, 2014



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

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

Sally 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 _____
Thank you!

THE DESERT DIVISION OF THE T.C.A.
PROUDLY PRESENTS
THE ARIZONA TOY TRAIN SHOW

AT
THE RENAISSANCE HOTEL EXPO CENTER
9495 WEST COYOTES BLVD. GLENDALE, AZ.
(EXIT 7 ON THE 101 FREEWAY)
PLENTY OF FREE PARKING

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 2014
9:00AM TO 4:00PM



OPERATING TRAIN LAYOUTS IN ALL SCALES
SNACK BAR IN EXPO HALL
SANTA'S VILLAGE AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
TRAINS AND TRAIN ACCESSORIES FOR SALE
DOOR PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNING TICKETS
ADULT ADMISSION - \$9.00 CHILDREN UNDER 17 ARE FREE



TABLE SELLERS SET UP
FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH 3PM TO 7PM
SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH 6AM TO 9:00AM
HOTEL RATES AVAILABLE : CALL JOHN UPSHUR 480-888-9786
SHOW REGISTRATION CONTACT: BETH STANGE 480-947-5663

SHOW REGISTRATION FORM - Please Print Legibly

NAME _____ TCA# _____
ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
SPOUSE _____ GUESTS _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____

You will receive a confirmation by email only.

I am a Desert Division Member: YES _____ NO _____

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the TCA Desert Division and the Arizona Toy Train Show in regards to selling, ethics and behavior. I further agree, that in the case of 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 the buyer's money.

Signed _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to: Desert Division TCA.

MAIL REGISTRATION TO:

BETH STANGE, 8619 E. CHAPARRAL RD. SCOTTSDALE, 85250
NO MAIL REGISTRATION ACCEPTED AFTER NOV. 16TH 2014

Entry Fees:

Registration \$9.00
(Children under 17 are Free)

Spouse or Guest _____ x \$9ea \$ _____

Table Fee _____ x \$25ea \$ _____
(Tables are \$25 each)

Member's Helper _____ x \$5ea \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Desert Division Members get one Free registration with their Table Purchase.
Member's Helpers fees are \$5.00 ea when additional tables are purchased.

Reg#	Date:
Ck#	Amt:

THE MAIN LINE

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Toy Trains and Kids - A great combination. See Jack Eaton's article and more of Dave Brown's photos from this year's GCMR display at the Scottsdale Railroad Park's annual Railfair.