



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

## MAIN LINE

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

Well here it is, Train Season! I hope you all got a chance to play trains out at the Railroad park. There were lots of people out there, the dinner on Saturday night was fun and we played on Sunday too. If you missed it, you really missed the party. There's still lots more to come, We're planning a work party the following weekend, and then it's our October meeting.

One event in the talking stage is helping TCA by running trains at their December 10<sup>th</sup> Winter Train Meet. At this time it is unclear whether we will be using their trailer or our modules. Stay tuned for more info on that. Speaking of December, don't forget the Christmas Party in Mesa on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

I just got ahead of myself, one big thing that ends at the Christmas Party is elections for new officers. If you have a desire to help out, make sure you get the word out at the October meeting. This is your club, and new people on the board will bring new ideas and new insights. If the same people stay for a long time running the club, things can get stale. Remember, this is OUR club and every member needs to put in some time on the board! So run for an office.

Next year will have four swap meets, a picnic, a bus ride, and lots of fun for everyone. So get involved, run trains, and help make this a great club.

### 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 22** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

**November 11, 12** Gadsden Pacific Swap meet. Tucson. See registration form this issue.

**November 19** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

**November 19, 20** - Cal Stewart meet. LA County Fairgrounds, Pomona, CA. Note the new location

**November 26** - Turkey Auction - Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Catalog online at [tcadd.org](http://tcadd.org).

**December 4** - Christmas Party, GCMR, P&P and TCA all welcome. Registration form in this issue.

**December 10** - Desert Division Swap Meet - El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium, Phoenix. Seller's registration form in this issue.

**January 21** - Desert Division Auction - Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Catalog posted online at [tcadd.org](http://tcadd.org) about six weeks ahead of the date.

## MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This quick meeting was held immediately after the September Mini Meet. There were approximately 27 members present.

Mini Meet stats. Treasurer Glen Saber reported GCMR spent \$75.00 on a Hobby Lobby gift card and sold \$167.00 of raffle tickets. GCMR also sold a train that was in storage for \$80.00. In addition we gained three new members and \$74.00 for membership dues and badges.

The new members are Dana Price, Carl Morrison, and James Fornabai. Jame's wife Sue Fornabai was the lucky winner of the \$75.00 Hobby Lobby gift card. John Draftz talked about us doing a better job of getting the word out about our Mini Meets. Make sure all the hobby stores have flyers and maybe get some ads to radio stations.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Railfair will be at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park on October 8th and 9th. It is scheduled from 10:00am - 5:00pm both Saturday and Sunday. For those interested, as usual there is a barbecue Saturday evening for \$15.00.

At Railfair, we are planning to set up the mobile trailer and the "O" gauge and "S" gauge modules. Bill Richardson and John Draftz plan to have the both trailers out at the park for setup at 2:00pm Friday, the 7th. Anybody and everybody is welcome to help

us setup on Friday, and help us tear down on Sunday.

President Dave Brown has re-scheduled our trailer work party to Saturday October 15 at 7:00am at Adobe Mountain Railroad Park. We will be working at the "Boxcar Pavilion" which is south of the tower.

The Annual Christmas Party will be December 4th this year. The gift policy has changed this year to a TCA member only gift.

The TCA has planned to bring back the Turkey Meet this year on Saturday December 10th. GCMR may help with running trains on their trailer or our modules.

We are planning to run the mobile trailer the three weekends before Christmas out at Adobe Mountain.

John Draftz mentioned the Arizona Railroad Museum in Chandler has a public train event usually in March. We should decide if we would like to participate, probably using the "O" and "S" gauge modules.

John Draftz also mentioned the "Rails, Rods, and Steel Wheels Car Show" at Pioneer Park in Mesa on November 5th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This event is a fundraiser for the Save Our Train effort in Mesa. We need to decide if we would like to participate, probably using the mobile trailer.

It is that time of year again when we will soon be voting for our club officers and Board of Directors. We need a nominating committee, Bill Lazenby has done this in the past. Check with Bill and see if he is willing to do it again.

### Board of Directors

President:	DAVE BROWN	480-650-5336	Treasurer:	GLENN SABER	602-956-6696
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We need to check with Bill Rogers about new shirts. What store did we get them from last time, how much did we pay, can we use our existing logo again?

## **SOME MINI-MEET PHOTOS**

by John Draftz and Glenn Saber



Getting ready





The folks did come!



A happy John!

## DREAM LIONEL LAYOUTS

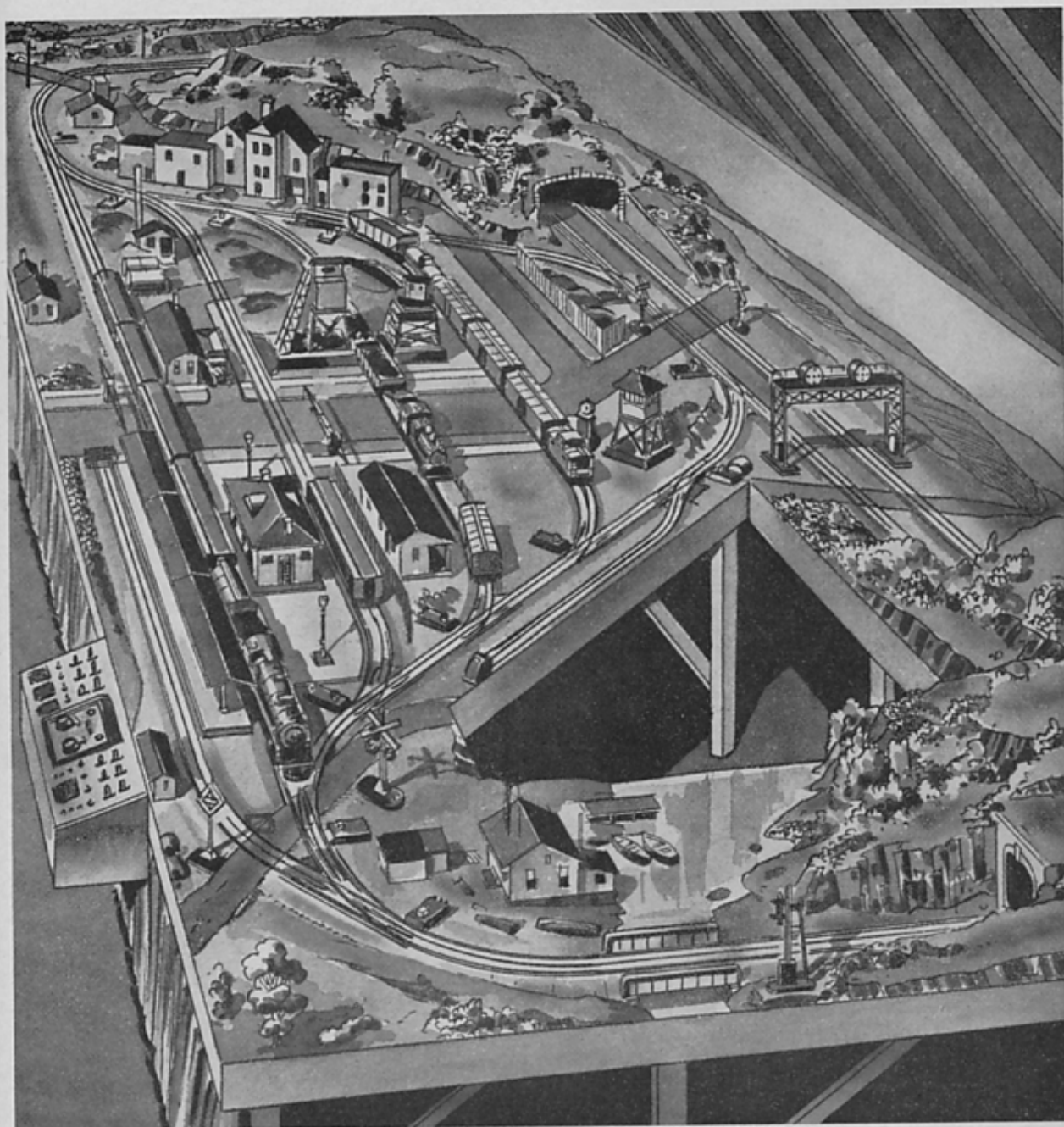
by Peter Atonna

On the next page you will see a copy of a page from an issue of an early war years copy of Model Builder. This was the magazine published by Lionel from the mid '30's until 1949 and was the standard for tinplaters for that time. For example it introduced Frank Ellison, the dean of early model railroad builders and authors.

As some know, I collect Lionel (and other's) paper and have a complete collection of Model Builder magazines. So, occasionally I enjoy thumbing through these issues to get a feel what the hobby was like in those "historic" times.

In this case I am illustrating a feature that Lionel published before and after the war - an imaginary drawing of a layout with a description of how neat it would be to build and run. As you can see, the illustration quality is superb and you can almost see that layout and trains. And what is interesting is that the style really did not change much from pre to post war times. The trains were always drawn as realistic trains, even though in prewar years many were not. But look on this sketch, you will see prewar accessories such as the #440 signal bridge and a diamond shaped crossing sign - and of course a Z transformer.

But what also fascinates me is that from what I can tell, this whole series was drawn by Bob Sherman. Bob was the illustrator for over two decades and produced the artwork for the early postwar catalogs - unequalled by any catalog or manufacturer in my opinion. Bob also did many illustrations in the promotional booklets and flyers put out by Lionel. He was never allowed to sign his drawings, but his style shows through and lets me enjoy, what is in my opinion, the height of toy train graphics.

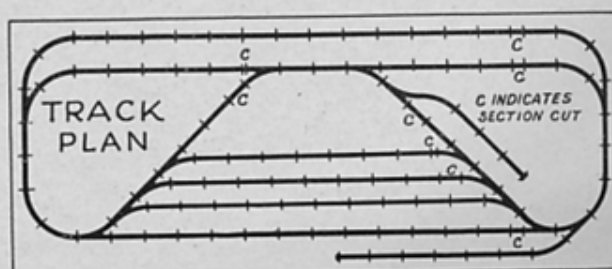


## LARGE ONE-MAN RAILROAD FOR THE ATTIC

THE series of alternate routes or passing tracks situated in the foreground of this model railroad layout make it possible to control the simultaneous operation of two trains and to hold two others in reserve. A well-placed magnet crane is used for transferring freight from cars on one track to cars on another track. Likewise, an electrically-operated coal elevator receives coal from cars on one track and transfers it to cars on another.

At one side of the system, an overhead signal bridge indicates the presence of trains on two parallel tracks by means of light position signals. By throwing a lever the operator can change the signal from the horizontal position, indicating stop, to the vertical position, indicating proceed. The signal is wired into the track circuit in such a way that the changing of the lights automati-

cally controls the motion of the trains. Use of the signal at this point enables the operator to hold one train on the passing track until the single-line main track ahead has been completed.





## Tucson Arizona-Toy Train Show

Gadsden-Pacific Fall Meet November 11-12, 2016

[www.gpdtoytrainmuseum.com](http://www.gpdtoytrainmuseum.com)

Pre-Registration Tables: \$35.00 each if payment is received in advance.

Buy three tables and get fourth table free (for pre-registration tables only if available)

When filling out Event Table Registration Form use the name you like to be called and fill in the name of your helper. Helpers must have a badge.

Location: Tucson, AZ-Tucson Expo Center South Hall, 3750 E. Irvington Road. Just off I-10 @ exit 264 (Irvington and Palo Verde)

Set-Up Time: Set up Friday from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm or Saturday from 7:00 am-9:00 am.  
Overnight security for vendors.

Two Day Show: Doors open for the public:

Friday from 1am -6pm

Saturday from 9am-2 pm

Eight Foot tables: Yes, we have 8' tables!

Electricity available= \$5.00 for pre-registration tables only. Put X in the box below.

Clean facilities, good lighting and reasonable priced snack bar. Nearby restaurants and motels.  
Please contact Jeff Swanson @ 520-310-1392 with any questions.

Make Checks Payable to GPD TTOM

P.O. BOX 85425

TUCSON, AZ 85754-5425

Email: [trainshow@gpdtoytrainmuseum.com](mailto:trainshow@gpdtoytrainmuseum.com)

<b>Tucson AZ-Toy Train Show</b>	<b>November 11-12, 2016 (only)</b>
Name:	Mailing Address:
Email Address:	City: State: Zip:
Phone:	Check Number : Enclosed \$: # of Tables:
Special Instructions:	Electric \$5 <input type="checkbox"/> Helper Name:

It is with sadness that we share with you that Dave Hoverstock has passed away. For the past several years Dave has organized the train show and helped it to be very successful and enjoyable. His hard work and dedication made the show run smoothly and his positive attitude helped build great relationships with the vendors.

The Tucson Train Show will continue with this scheduled meet. If you have previously attended our shows and/or made verbal arrangements with Dave, we are requesting that you contact us to ensure your needs are met. Please return this registration to the address shown. This is an updated address from previous forms. Additionally, please feel free to call or email us with any questions.



## 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 4, 2016

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!

Reservation deadline: November 30, 2016



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

Angelo Lautazi  
6109 E Sonoran Trl  
Scottsdale AZ 85266

Adults: \$28.00  
Children 12 and under: \$18.00 Children age 2  
and under: Free

Guests are welcome. (same cost as members)

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

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

# Adults @ \$28.00 \_\_\_\_\_

# children 12 and under: \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please Indicate Club Membership

Desert Division TCA \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Canyon MR \_\_\_\_\_

Paradise&Pacific \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

The Ballroom will be set with tables of eight.

Please Note: Only members of the Desert Division will receive a member's gift and a spouse's gift.

All guests, regardless of club affiliation, will be able to purchase any extra gifts at the party.

Holiday Committee: Barbara and Angelo Lautazi and Shirley and Fred Hunter

## THE MAIN LINE

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I don't know about you, but I seem to be getting more and more of a kick out of Halloween. So to indulge, I have been redoing one of my layouts at the Prescott Gateway Mall into a Halloween theme for our October and November run days when we are open to the public.

I've also done a short video of it and you can find it on UTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kh0WWaTMtuU>