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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Draftz

Our annual fall mini-meet was September 22nd. Attendance was down but good sales were made. Our goal is to do what we can do to simply get the word out. Please share your thoughts at the October meeting on how to do this.

The 2019 Winter Cactus will be February 16th with setup the day before. We already have about 25% of the 152 available tables "sold" for the meet. See our www.gcmrr.org site for details and the table reservation form.

This month's meeting will be October 27th and it will be our pizza meeting. The theme is "beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc)".

Elections are coming up in a couple months so consider serving as an officer or board member.

The drawing for our **Annual 1K Raffle** will be at our October meeting. First prize is \$600 cash, second prize is \$300 cash, and third prize is \$100 cash. Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, or 10 for \$50. Contact Glenn to get yours.

See you on the 27th.

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 - Annual Raffle drawing. Pizza meet - bring beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc)

October 22 - 28 Maricopa Live Steamers annual fall meet - Adobe Mountain Railroad Park

October 27 - Fall Sahuaro Central swap meet - Adobe Mountain Railroad Park

November - No regular GCMR meet

November 17 - Desert Division Turkey Auction - Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Catalogs \$5

November 17-18 Cal Stewart Meet, Glendale, California, info: www.cal-stewart.org

November 24 - Desert Division Turkey Meet - El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium, Phoenix (flyer this issue)

February 16 - Winter Cactus Meet (flyer this issue)

RAILFAIR REPORT

by John Draftz

The 2018 edition of Scottsdale's Rail Fair was different.

Bill Richardson and John Draftz took the trailer to the McCormick park Friday afternoon and began initial set up. After opening up the wings, it was noted that hurricane Rosa and the moisture she

brought had rusted several parts of the track. Even though the trailer was covered and thus sealed, the moisture in the air still got inside the trailer. A lot of elbow grease and a belt sander solved that problem in time for all seven loops to have trains running both days.

Then of course there was the major rain storm that hit the area about 3am between Saturday and Sunday. The good news was that Sunday was dry enough for running when Rail Fair resumed.

The mobile layout, as usual, was a major attraction with both little ones and their not so little parents having fun watching trains run and pushing one of the eight buttons and making accessories work.

Special thanks go to the following who were present to help operate the layout: Dave Brown, John Draftz, Bill East, Rick Fortmeyer, Janet Mattern, Larry Messing, Bill Richardson, Glenn Saber, and Earl Woody.

CAL STEWART IS COMING

This swap meet has been an institution for many years and this year's event is coming up next month. For those who may not be aware of the history of this swap meet, here is a short history taken from the Southwestern Limited, The TTOS Southwest Division's newsletter. - Ed

The Cal Stewart meets were named after a real person, Don Stewart, who was a Nor-Cal club member and one of the organizers. Two Cal-Stewart meets were established in 1974, one in the spring in the San Francisco Bay area and one in Southern California in

the fall.

The idea was to reach out beyond the local areas and bring a greater number of those interested in toy and model trains together to buy and sell trains but also to set up layouts and run them. There are a lot of different interests in the train world and you will see them all such as antique toy trains, scale models, large and small trains and loads of accessories.

Those with similar interests get to know each other and many lasting friendships have been formed over the years. It's a whole different experience from the for-profit train meets. Don Stewart didn't live to see the meets which became a reality, so they were named in his honor.

RAILFAIR PHOTOS

Dave Brown shot some absolutely great photos at the GCMR trailer during Railfair. Here are a few of them.



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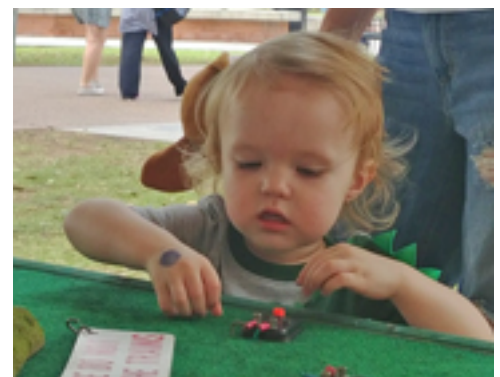
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Gordon De Ruiter and Jack Eaton were added to the Memorial plaque



A full time job? Bill Richardson keeping the gateman going.



And what does this do?

2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 2, 2018

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Phoenix

320 N 44St Phoenix AZ 85008

4:00 PM: Meet and Greet (cash bar available)

5:00 PM: Plated Dinner

Reservation deadline: November 28, 2018



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

Angelo Lautazi
6109 E Sonoran Trl
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Adults: \$30.00
Children 12 and under: \$15.00
Guests are Welcome. (same cost as members)

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

Entree Choices: Please enter your selection with the number of dinners next to the entree.

Oven Roasted Turkey w/ gravy and cranberry sauce	How many ____
Sliced Rancher Choice of beef w/ red wine demi	How many ____
5 Cheese Baked Lasagna (vegetarian)	How many ____
Children's dinner - Chicken tenders, french fries & fruit cup.	How many ____

All plated meals will include a Salad, dinner rolls, a potato or pasta side, a vegetable, Ice Tea, Coffee and a selection of Holiday Desserts.

There will be a spouse's gift and a member's gift for all attendees.

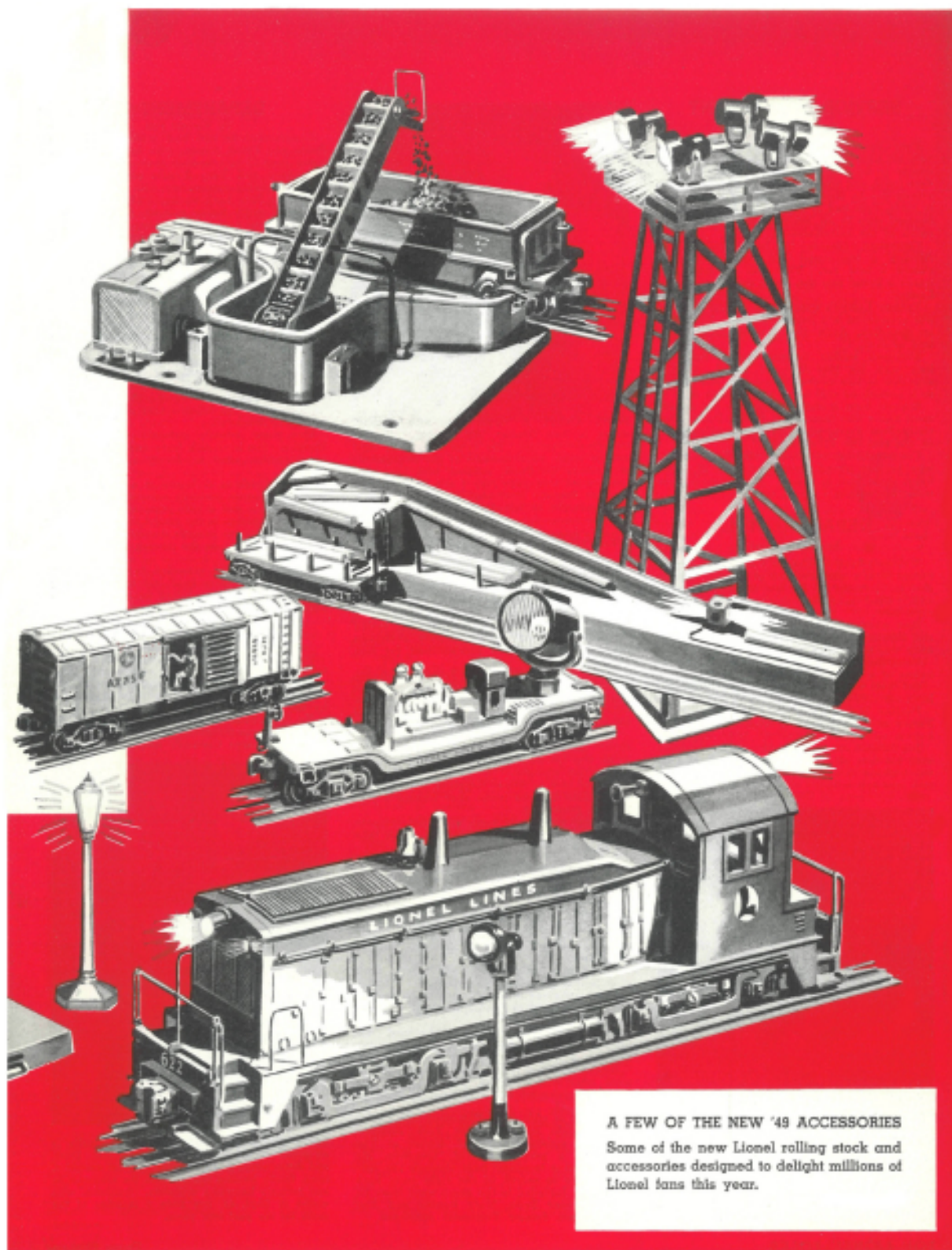
Adults @ \$30.00 _____

children 12 and under: \$15.00 _____

Total enclosed _____

Guest - no affiliation _____

For this month's Lionel's All Aboard tour, we see another view of the heady postwar days when Lionel continued to introduce new locomotives, rolling stock and accessories. Here is an internal exhibit to employees of 1949 items. Note that some of these are more accurate than those illustration shown in the consumer catalog which showed conceptual sketches, is the Lionel Lines lettering rather than NYC on the NW2 switch engine. Still it shows the Lionel logo



A FEW OF THE NEW '49 ACCESSORIES

Some of the new Lionel rolling stock and accessories designed to delight millions of Lionel fans this year.

THE MAIN LINE

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Dave Brown took some excellent shots of our visitors during this month's Railfair at Scottsdale Railroad Park. It is clear that toy trains still hold a fascination to both youngsters and we elders. Here Bill East is making sure all are happy with GCMR's exhibit.