



# GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

## MAIN LINE SEPTEMBER, 2012

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

The proposed change to the by-laws regarding the policy book was given first approval by the members present at the August meeting. The change is designed to give the members more positive control over future changes. It will now be sent to all members in good standing for a vote and you should be receiving it in the next few weeks. The wording is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Please return your ballot in time for it to be counted at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact a BoD member.

The Beat the Heat bus trip was a success despite a few last minute cancels due to personal situations. The goal for next year is to fill up the bus.

The mobile layout has had some functional upgrades done to it that should reduce wear 'n tear. The upgrades give us better mobility but there is still an expense any time it's used. The discussion at the August meeting was whether to take the mobile layout on long trips, e.g., Cal-Stewart. The consensus seemed to be that there was no immediate problem in taking the trailer to Williams or Chandler for National Train Day (NTD) in May but out-of-state venues may not be an option. One guiding factor was ROI – return on investment. In other words, venues such as Railfair, NTD, and other local events can generate not only public exposure but also new members. Thus, even though there's an expense, we could look at possibly getting a return whereas out-of-state events may not give us the return in which case we would need to somehow be compensated for the travel expense. We haven't

ruled out-of-state trips out but will need to look at them on a case by case basis. George Bean, Dave Brown, Bill East and Bill Richardson will take the layout to Cal-Stewart this November since we had told them we'd be there.

Elections will be coming up soon. The nominating committee is Dave Brown (480-650-5336 or [eaglefour@juno.com](mailto:eaglefour@juno.com)) and Bill Lazenby (602-558-9222 or [bicycle@msn.com](mailto:bicycle@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.

Our public venues begin next month with Railfair on October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and continue every month through May. For us to present ourselves well means each member needs to find ways to help make the event a success. We will have sign-up sheets available at the meetings. As these various events occur, please look at your personal schedule, ask how you can help with the event, and volunteer accordingly. It is not up to a handful of members to do all the work nor is any one member expected to necessarily commit to an all-day presence.

The theme for the September meeting is "beverage cars". Simply bring in one or more of your favorite beverage cars (or trains) and let others know why it's a favorite. September will also be the pizza meet and drag races. Bring what you think will win the race. The winner will get six red raffle prize tickets.

Following is the proposed Policy Book change. (For online readers, the new language is in **RED**, for hard

copy readers, the proposed new language is in **BOLD.**)

## ARTICLE IX. CLUB POLICY BOOK

**SECTION A).** Further interpretation and understanding of the Articles of Incorporation, By- laws, and Club policies can be found in the Club Policy Book (CPB).

**SECTION B).** Changes to the CPB may be proposed by any member in good standing. Such proposed change(s) shall be given to the Secretary who shall ensure that the proposed change(s) be given to the newsletter editor for publishing in the next issue of the club newsletter. The proposed change(s) shall be voted on at the next regularly scheduled, general membership meeting following that issue of the newsletter. An affirmative vote by a simple majority of the members present at that meeting shall be required to adopt the proposed change(s).

## 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.*

**September 22** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - theme: – O-gauge modules; pizza meet - beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc) “trolley” drag races

**October 27** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - S-gauge modules, pizza for all. Theme: Halloween Cars, National Convention Cars

**November 10** - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:TucsonTrainShow@gmail.com)

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

## MEETING NOTES:

Old Business:

+ Dave Brown reported on “Beat the Heat. Had a real good turnout, even with two last minute cancellations, one do to illness and one who was to pay on the morning of the trip due to illness.

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Discussion followed regarding refunding money for medical reasons. Motion to vote on this specific situation was made to return the cost, less lunch, of the bus fare to the person(s) on case by case basis. Motion carried. A policy will be discussed by the BoD.

Dave was given a round of applause for a job well done.



**The S gauge modules running at the August meet.**

+ Status of the Policy Book: BoD will go thru the bylaws and then make a report to the membership.

+ Trailer update: The trailer was inspected by Arizona Axle. The axle is in basically good shape, the spindle is very slightly bent but still usable for local use. The trailer weights 1720 lbs. Tires must be properly inflated at all times (75 psi max). Have tires rated at 8 ply. Don't go over 65 mph.

+ Much discussion on how the club benefits from exposure at Cal-Stewart and other venues not located in the Metro Phoenix area. At this time Dave Brown,

Bill East, Bill Richardson and George Bean will take it to Cal-Stewart for their show November 2, 3, & 4. A motion was passed for the club to reimburse up to one half the cost for gas. BoD to discuss entire issue and report back to membership.

#### New Business:

+ Nominating Committee: Dave Brown and Bill Lazenby have volunteered.

+ By Laws Change: Art. 9 will be modified. Motion to approve by George Bean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Brown. No discussion, Motion carried.

+ GCMR Swap Meet is just six months away!

+ Railfair: October 13 & 14.

+ Williams Train Day, in May, will be on Saturday only and most likely will stay on Mother's Day weekend.

+ 2013 Budget will be reported to the membership. The raffle needs to be reevaluated.

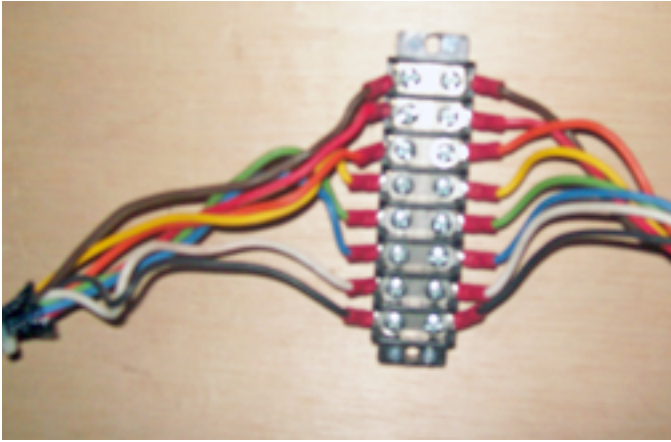
## **BUILDING THE NEW MODULE, PART 2**

by Dave Brown

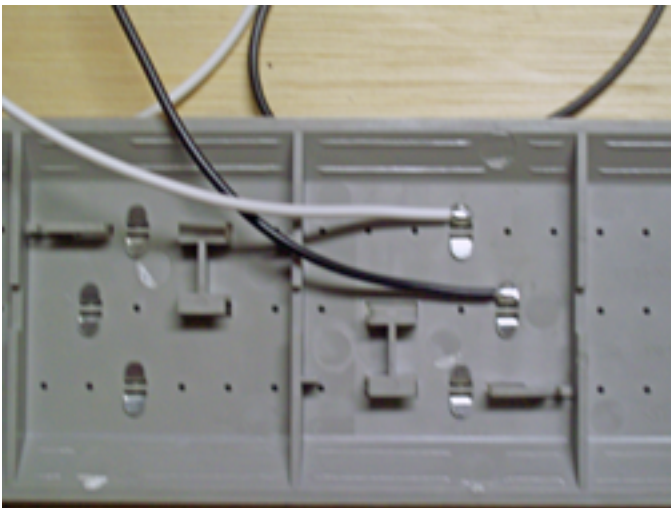
Now that there is a theme for the new module, it is time to lay some track. The idea is to make two sidings off of the inside track facing the opposite direction of the siding on the grain elevator module. This makes for interesting switching problems.



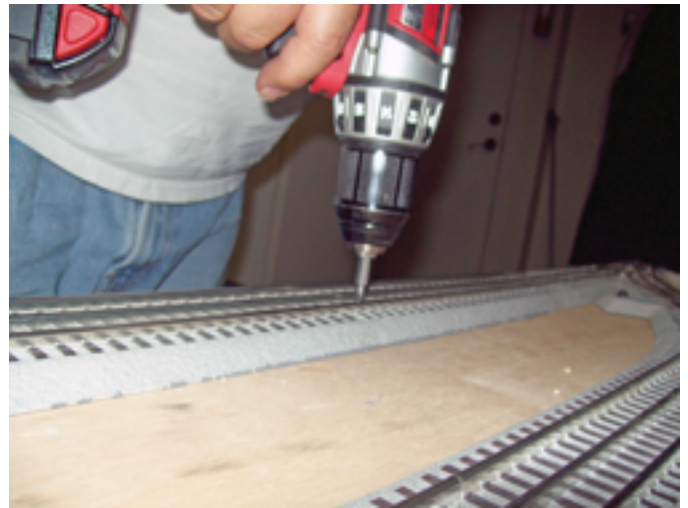
Picture 1 show the track as laid out for the module. This is a rough layout as there lots to do first.



The first thing I mounted was the harness. I used four #4 by 5/8 wood screws to mount the harness on the underside of the module. Remember, the black and white wires are on the outside of the module. Next I soldered wires to the different tracks. I used 18 gauge wires for this. If you don't solder, Lionel makes terminal tracks, just make sure you know which wire is the outside track, and which one is the center rail. Next, I laid the track down to find where the wire holes should go. Using a 1/4 inch bit, two holes were drilled.

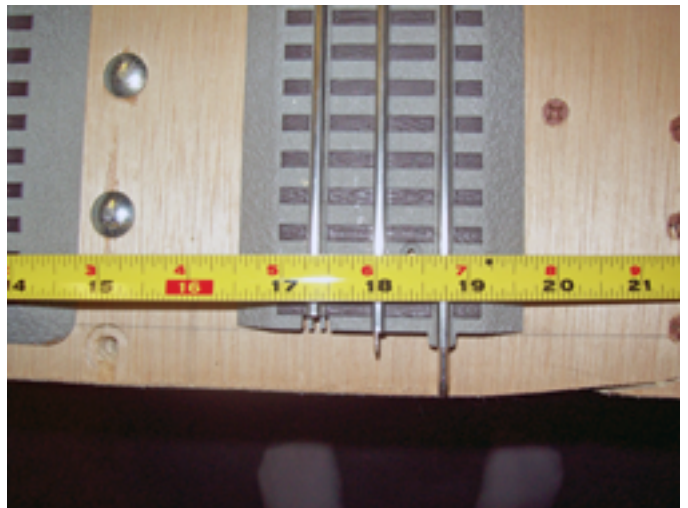


Now comes the mounting of the track. The easiest way to do this is to start on the inside track first. Why, you ask? Well, this track is mounted along the back edge of the module, so it easy to figure out that placement. Again, I used #4 by 5/8 wood screws to screw down the track. One more thing about mounting the track. To make tracks the right length, which is 3/4" inch from the edge on both ends, small



filler pieces of track are used. These pieces of track have no screw holes, so put them in the middle of the run, not on the ends. On the ends, they have a tendency to come off when all the modules are taken apart.

Next comes the time to put down the outside track. Measure 18" from the center rail of the inside track to the center rail of the outside track. Using only one screw on the end that was just measured, do the same to the other end. Double check the first end, and if it is still right, finish mounting the rest of the outside track.



The last thing to do is to add the track wires into the harness under the layout. Now we're finished with the construction phase of the module. Next phase is the landscaping. That will be in part 3.

## MY FIRST BEAT THE HEAT

by Chris Allen

I guess I need to preface my comment with a little caveat, yes I have been to the Beat the Heat Meets before this year. As a matter of fact I can honestly say this is one meet that I always look forward to and have not missed one in more than a dozen years. As far as train meets go, it is one that my wife Laurel also looks forward to. I can't say that about too many of the other train meets or club meetings that I go to. We usually have several guests along for the drive up from the Valley, but unfortunately they don't share my interest in trains, rather accompany her for the day.

Many members have seen me wandering the rows of trains and ask if I came up on the bus, wondering why I haven't left with them yet. Laurel would normally kick me out at the curb in the morning and then disappear, wandering the back streets of Prescott looking for Yard Sales, Flea or Farmer's Markets, Rummage Sales. Well I think you get the picture, anything non-train related for hours on end while I was "orphaned" at the meet all the time wondering if I would ever get my ride back home or more importantly if there was even going to be room in the car for me to sit.

That all changed this year for both of us as for the first time ever we had a sales table at the Meet. I saw many of you this year from across the table rather than in front of one and I must tell you the experience for me was quite different. First, I really couldn't buy any trains. Usually Laurel and I have budgets for what each could spend, but this year since she was by my side for the day, my purchases were rather limited. Next, our lunch menu was also different. Sometimes we would hit Costco for a hot dog and drink while I topped off the tank with a call ahead for a takeout Pizza. Or if we were in a real hurry, we would hit a drive thru burger place in Prescott Valley. This year we stopped for a sit-down lunch and celebrated by spending some of the sales of the day.

As I was watching several sales being consumed to appetizers and side salads I just had to think back other meets and why Prescott is so special. I guess the name says it all. Those of us who call the Valley our home year round really do look forward to the

meet up the hill. By mid August we are ready for any escape and Prescott is just close enough to make the drive and the day very enjoyable. There is plenty to see for the whole family and when our kids were younger we would come up for an over-nighter and enjoy the weekend. Prescott is special and what makes it so are the members of the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club who work hard so we can have a great day. Whether you are selling or buying, the planning involved from the lunches to the layout tours means you can have as much fun as you can legally have with 500 of your closest friends, even if your wife is along.



Paul Wassermann took this shot of Chris and Laurel enjoying Prescott from a different perspective this year

## THE BOSTWICK AUCTION

by Peter Atonna

Long time GCMR member, Allan Bostwick recently moved into a new home and decided that it was time to sell his huge collection of postwar and modern trains. I suggested that the best way to dispose of it, to give him a fair market value for the items as well as to give our Arizona train folks a chance to purchase items, was to have it auctioned off. I contacted our team of Turkey Meet auction experts to see if the Desert Division might be interested in hosting the auction. Fortunately Chet Henry, Chris Allen and Division President, Jonathan Peiffer, all were enthusiastic.

So, with Allan's approval, we have booked the weekend of January 19th. Why the "weekend" of the 19th? Well, because this is such a large

collection that it would not be possible to sell it in a single day. At this time I have inventoried 773 individual items or sets and we are still finding new “goodies” as we go through Allen’s boxes. So, there will be between 4 and 500 lots to sell.

We will hold the auction at the Desert Division’s meeting hall, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 1500 W. Maryland Ave. in Phoenix. Right now, the plan is to sell all day Saturday and finish Sunday afternoon, so we don’t interfere with church services.

I will be putting a catalog together and am planning to have it for sale at the Turkey meet and thereafter. The cost to attend will be the same as the Turkey meet, \$5 for the catalog which is your admission to the meet.

## WINNERS!

**Frank Birney – operating coal dump car**

**Bill Rodgers – Milwaukee Road  
automobile boxcar**

**Glenn Saber - Lionel Visitor Center  
boxcar**

**Bill Richardson – RR framed picture**

### Mystery Prize Drawing

**Ralph Treichel – Standard Gauge RR  
crossing light and an operating boxcar**

### \$25 Drawing

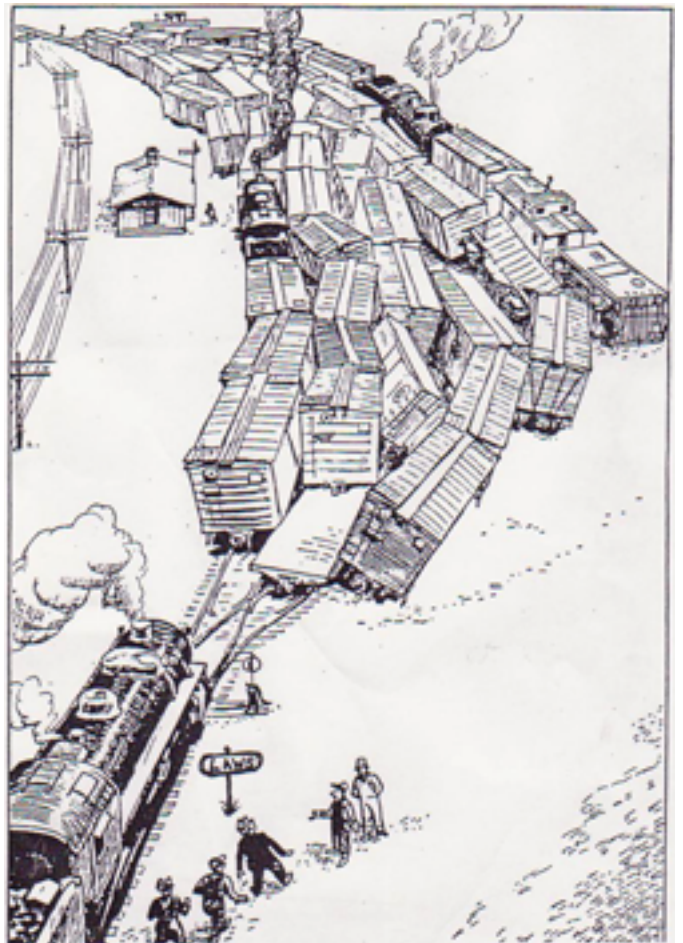
**Bill Rodgers**



Bill likes his prize???



Ralph’s prizes, but doesn’t anybody like their prizes?



Dave Brown’s switching problem for this month

# DESERT DIVISION TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION



## 37TH ANNUAL TURKEY MEET



# TOY TRAINS!



**SWAP MEET**  
SATURDAY-NOVEMBER 24TH  
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



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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 \$ \_\_\_\_

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**For those members who did not make it to the Beat the Heat last month, here is the latest addition to the Seligman and Paulden lines, downtown Chicago! You will have to go to my UTube site to find out how to get to downtown Chicago from Arizona.**