



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

MAIN LINE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

September is time for our fall mini meet. If you want a table, please let John Draftz know ASAP! Those tables not taken by the Saturday before the meet will be open for Paradise and Pacific people to grab. On the day of the meet, if there are any tables left, it will be first come, first served. So don't wait too long.

October starts train season with Railfair at the Railroad Park on October 8 and 9. We will setting up on Friday and help will be needed. On the weekend, bring trains to run! There will be lots of room on our layouts. Paradise and Pacific always says come play trains. On Saturday we also can help TCA with their trailer. After the run on Saturday, the parks train clubs will have a Bar-Be-Cue at the Stillman ramada. This is a great weekend to run trains and meet some people you don't know and spend lots of time talking trains.

One change in upcoming train season. The Christmas run at the church in Paradise Valley will not happen this year. The problem is a budget problem for the church. Our running is a freebie, but the bouncy house seems to be the problem. As a result of this we will be free to help TCA running trains at their swap meet. As of right now, Chris Allen can't tell us if it will be their trailer or if we will use the O gauge and S gauge modules. Our trailer will be tied up at Adobe Mountain park so it's out of the picture. More on this as we get closer to December 10, the date of the TCA swap meet. This is a one day meet.

Now for a club history lesson. This goes back a long time, during the days when we were still in TTOS as the AT and NM division and later the Grand Canyon Division. In those old days, our club and Desert Division worked together on the Christmas Party. The Desert Division collected the money, made the arraignments, bought the gifts, ran any raffles and auctioned off the centerpieces from the tables.

All the money went into a big pot and expenses were paid out of that pot. The difference between income and outgo, usually a loss, was divided evenly between the two clubs. At that time both clubs had about the same size membership in the local Phoenix area. And like now, many members belonged to more than one club.

This changed when we left TTOS National. The Desert Division has been eating that loss alone since that time. As times progresses and inter club cooperation grew. Paradise and Pacific started being invited to the Christmas club to increase the fellowship. This year Desert Division is planning to give a better member's gift at the party. This bigger expense along with the cost of the Lady's gift has lead to some in Desert Division to ask why are non-members getting the same gifts as our members?

This is the same as our club asking why are we subsidizing non GCMR members on the bus trip, hence the \$5 extra charge to non GCMR members on the trip. The Desert Division doesn't want to lose the good camaraderie that has been built over the

years and will continue to invite everyone to the Christmas Party so they can join the fun.

What does this mean? If you are a member of the Desert Division, you will get the gifts as usual. If you ARE NOT a member of Desert Division you will not. According to the Desert Division Christmas Party Committee, there will be left over gifts. If you would like one, they will be sold at the end of the Christmas Party as in the past. If you have any questions on this, please get in contact with me, and I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Enough for now, so lets have some fun with our trains.

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 24 - GCMR fall Mini-Meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, please see the President's message.

October 8, 9 - Railfair at Scottsdale Railroad Park

October 22 - 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 in September at tcadd.org.

December 4 - Christmas Party, GCMR, P&P and TCA all welcome. Registration form in the next month's issue.

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

MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

Board Of Directors Meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

Glenn Saber reported to the BOD that the mobile layout trailer is done and looks good. B&M Bumper replaced the axle with a new one from Rockwell that is properly clocked. Bill Richardson and Glenn Saber picked the trailer up Friday and returned it to Adobe Mountain Railroad Park. Total cost was \$798.00.

Glenn Saber reported to the BOD the final Cactus Summer Meet profit number of \$2162.00. Not as high as we have had at other swap meets, but still profitable.

Bill Lazenby informed the BOD that we may want to advertise our swap meets in the Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) magazine. All we would need to provide the LCCA is a table and two chairs at our swap meets. This seems like a great way to advertise our swap meets and our club without breaking the bank. Treasurer Glenn Saber will get a vendor advertisement and a regular advertisement ready for them.

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President Dave Brown reported to the BOD that the Beat the Heat bus trip final tally showed a \$169.72 loss. Also, we will be re-thinking the number of pick-up stops the bus makes next year to shorten the day a little bit.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Dave Brown would like to schedule a trailer work party for September 17th. New electrical connectors for the accessories and a new Z4000 transformer need to be installed. Also, a new spot for the spare tire needs to be determined and fabricated. John Draftz will check with Adobe for work space.

Barbra Turner informed the BOD that Dwane Turner may soon need to be relieved of his duties as raffle prize coordinator due to his job conflicts.

August General Membership Meeting:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next month is the GCMR Fall Mini-Meet from 9:00 - 11:00 AM at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. 11:00 - 11:30 is clean up and at 11:30 - 12:00 PM there will be a short membership meeting. Be there!

Treasurer Glenn Saber gave the treasurer's report. The report specified the amounts in the checking account and the PayPal account. He also stated that our \$750.00 deposit fee to the North Phoenix Baptist Church for the February 2017 swap meet has been paid. According to Glenn everything is paid. The report was accepted by the membership present.

Secretary Bill Richardson gave the secretary's report. Motion was made to accept previous month's Membership Meeting minutes as published. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Glenn Saber reported that the new replacement axle from Rockwell and installed by B&M Bumper took six weeks but looks good. There is now at least two inches of clearance between the tire and the underside of the trailer on both sides, and the trailer rides level. Total cost which includes three new wheels, three new tires, lugs, two axles, and labor was \$798.00.

The final statistics on the Cactus Summer Meet indicate 129 tables sold, 359 people thru the door, and a profit of \$2162.00. Member Roger Bourque spoke about making the meets more interesting for kids, and about how raffle prizes get kids involved. Member Chris Allen then talked about the TCA's experience with train "shows". There was more talk about our club joining with a charitable organization and donating some of our swap meet profit to that organization. There was discussion about trying to get the Boy Scouts, 4H, and Girl Scouts into model railroading. The Boy Scouts even have a merit badge.

President Dave Brown informed the membership that the "Beat the Heat Meet" bus trip incurred a \$169.72 loss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Lazenby informed the membership about his idea to advertise our swap meets in the Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) magazine. All the LCCA wants from us is a table and two chairs at our swap meets. This seems like a great way to advertise our swap meets and get the word out.

George Glas informed the membership of the NMRA's plans to be in Sun City for a few days in March of 2017. There will be workshops and other toy train related activities. He will keep us informed as plans firm up.

There is interest in getting Casey Cactus tee shirts. There will be a report at the next meeting.

Barbra Turner is the GCMR statutory agent, and must turn in a form with her signature and her contact info.

George Bean is still the GCMR's representative at Sahuaro Central out at Adobe Mountain Railroad park.

President Dave Brown is trying to schedule a trailer work party for September 17th out at Adobe Mountain Railroad Park at 7:00 AM. Most of the work is electrical in nature (transformers and connectors). Check with Dave to see if he can find enough volunteers to make this happen. Getting this done before October's Railfair would be best.

SHOW AND TELL:

The theme this month was Guess the Heat. Glenn Saber brought his McCoy TTOS circus train car with "84". Bill Lazenby brought a "91". John Draftz brought his #19194 for a "94". Janet Mattern brought a 6464 "97". Dave Brown brought in his P&P Shamrock Milk tanker car "98". Bill Richardson brought in his American Flyer Franklin #788". At 11:00 AM the reported temperature in Phoenix was 90 degrees. So the closest without going over winner was Bill Richardson. The winner received six monthly raffle tickets and one of those tickets actually won a prize this month.

NEWS FROM UTAH

by Rod Johnson

I sort of hooked up with the Utah TCA club finally after all these years spending the summer here.



In Evanston, Wyoming (about 70 miles East of Salt Lake) the event is "Roundhouse Days" and the Utah club sets up their modules and runs trains for the public in the beautiful, totally renovated section of the old UP roundhouse. It now serves as a community center, exhibition hall and whatever. It turned out to be a pretty darn good train show with a number of clubs in the area displaying their stuff. As always, these train guys---like ours, are a friendly and a fun bunch.

LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION WINS AN AWARD

August 18: Valley Metro's Central Mesa light-rail extension is being named project of the year by the Arizona Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

The annual transportation award looks at projects that are developed, owned and maintained by public agencies. Projects are evaluated based on all aspects from design and construction to implementation and completion. The award also looks at project collaboration and whether or not it is completed on schedule and on budget.

The recent honor recognizes the Central Mesa light-rail project, a 3.1-mile extension to Mesa. The project opened seven months ahead of schedule in August 2015 and was completed on budget.

AMTRAK AT THE GRAND CANYON

by Peter Atonna

Last month saw the celebration for the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. Arizona, more specifically, the Grand Canyon, was the site of one of the celebrations held across the country.

In addition to waiving the entry fees for the week, several park related organizations set up tents at the bus drop off area of the Grand Canyon Railway's historic depot. But for me, the highlight of the event was a visit by Amtrak's history train. This train, contains several exhibit cars depicting Amtrak's over 40 year history. The train has been traveling the

country since the anniversary in 2011 but this is only the second time it has visited Arizona.

In addition, the GCR ran its early train to the canyon during the celebration with steam each day.

So, I suggested to Mary Jane that the proper way to see the Amtrak train was to ride to the Canyon by train! Dome tickets purchased, we drove (for us, 45 minutes!) to the GCR station in Williams to catch the 9:30 am train.



It was a beautiful day and from the dome, watching the locomotive ahead is a sight I never tire of. Here we are in Coconino Canyon ready for the final climb up to the Rim and the historic Grand Canyon depot.



We pulled in on the track right next to the Amtrak train, but once our train was unloaded, it had to back to the Mastic spur. There the crew refilled the steamer's tender with water for the return trip. But

we also had to clear our arrival track as following us was the second day train from Williams. There are two tracks at the depot long enough for a two train day, but the Amtrak train was occupying one of them!

So, the second day train, after unloading pulled onto the second track at Mastic to then let ours back to the depot after servicing the loco as we would be first out in the afternoon. (I mention this as this type of operation sort of gives me ideas for train running on my layout!)

The exhibits in the Amtrak train were fascinating and reminded me how much that railroad has evolved, not only in equipment, but in car design but also in staffing and furnishing's styles. Here is Mary Jane at the entry and a small sample of the exhibits.



Through the cars were HO model displays of the wide variety of passenger cars that run, and have run on Amtrak.



One of my favorites was was of a signal display.



But my real favorite was this 3D model of the front of the new Amtrak electric going into service on the Northeast Corridor. I even tried to talk the attendant out of it - got nowhere. But wouldn't that look great in my train room?

DAVE BROWN'S TRAVEL'S PHOTOS



RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Monthly Raffle prize winners:

Jack Eaton - Lionel 6-19996 Toy Fair 2001 boxcar

George Glas - MTH 30-74184 New Years 2005

Janet Mattern - Lionel 6-16264 Red Wing Shoes boxcar

Dave Brown - Battery operated Great Land engine and 3 HO cars

Bill Richardson - American Flyer 48569 Buttermilk flatcar

Bill Richardson - Lionel 6-12832 block signal

Bill Richardson - Waterford crystal train engine

Mystery Raffle prize winner was Bill Lazenby - Lionel 6-14083 Pedestrian Walkover

Monthly 1K raffle winner was Bill Richardson (what again ???) - who won 3 more tickets for the 1K raffle.



TCA DESERT DIVISION ANNUAL TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2016

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Formerly known as the Turkey Meet



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SAT, DECEMBER 10, 2016

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Admission \$6 - Families \$10
Children Under 16 FREE w/Adult**

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Table Top Auction

SETUP 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

TABLE REGISTRATION – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

NAME _____

TCA# _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the TCA & the Desert Division Train 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. Vendors not participating in the Table Top auction may, at their own decision, close at 1 PM

Signed X _____ **Date** _____

Make check payable to: Desert Division TCA

Mail Table Registration to: Ray Pomper, 1825 E. Laurel St., Mesa AZ 85203-2132

More info: Ray Pomper 480-837-0154 or Chris Allen 480-820-9559

NO MAIL REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 26, 2016

\$25 per 8' table

(Bring table cover if desired)

Tables @ \$25 each _____

Special Requests? _____

REGISTRATION NAME BADGES

1 or 2 Tables = 2 Free Badges

Name 1 _____

Name 2 _____

3 or more tables = 4 Free Badges

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Name 4 _____

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free registration are \$5 each

THE MAIN LINE

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The Grand Canyon Railway's steam powered day train parked next to the Amtrak traveling history train at the depot at the Grand Canyon. See Peter Atonna's article about his visit to the train in this issue.