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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

Well it's September, that means it's time for the mini meet. If you haven't made your reservation call Jack Eaton NOW! The only other chance will come on meeting day IF there are any empty tables. When sales shut down, we will have a short business meeting, no monthly or mystery raffles, or show and tell. Afterwards, any of you that want to join a group for lunch, it's at "Streets of New York" on 12th Street and Northern. Good luck to all sellers.

October is the start of train season 2017 - 2018, starting with Railfair at the railroad park. We will only be bringing the trailer this year, but there will be plenty of time for everyone to run on that weekend. Set up will be on Friday afternoon and take down will be on Sunday.

After shutdown on Saturday, the live steamers will be hosting dinner at the Stillman Ramada. The cost is \$15. Call or talk to Bill Lazenby.

October is also the last business meeting of 2017, so the annual raffle winner will be drawn at that time.

Going forward through the rest of the year, one announcement is that we won't be going to this year's Cal Stewart meet with the trailer. Several of the main people have ended up with conflicts with that weekend, so we won't be going this year with the trailer. If you need your meet fix, TCA is holding their meet on the same weekend.

Enough for now, see you at the mini meet.

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 23 - GCMR Mini-Meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

October 7, 8 - Scottsdale Railfair - Scottsdale Railroad Park

October 28 - Adobe Mountain Swap Meet, Phoenix
Info: <http://www.arizonamodeltrains.com/am.shtml>

October 28 - GCMR meet with annual raffle drawing - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

November 18 - Cal Stewart swap meet, Glendale, CA

November 18 - Desert Division Swap Meet, El Zariba Shrine, Phoenix. See dealers form this issue.

November 25 - Desert Division Turkey Auction, Shepherd of the Valley Church. Admission w. Catalog \$5

MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

August GCMR Board Of Directors (BOD) Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM at the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church by President Dave Brown. In attendance were Treasurer Glenn Saber, Secretary Bill Richardson, Past President John

Draftz, and BOD members George Bean and Janet Mattern.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Glenn Saber gave a treasurer's report noting the amounts available in our accounts. Bill Richardson gave the Secretary's membership report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Brown noted that the "Beat the Heat Meet" and Bus trip were once again a huge success. 27 initial riders and an additional five people signed up for the tours of the open houses. Because there was a little confusion with vendors grabbing our lunches, next year we may try lunch tickets.

Glenn Saber reported that the Cactus Summer Swap Meet raffle made \$300.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next free GCMR Mini-Meet is scheduled for September 23rd at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Tables are available to GCMR members first. If there is still availability after September 1st, then tables will be given to members of other clubs.

John Draftz reported that 20 tables are already sold for next years Cactus Winter Swap Meet.

There was a discussion about the Insurance forms needed this year for RailFair. Dallas Dixon is working with the railroad park and the City of Scottsdale on behalf of all the clubs to straighten this out.

August GCMR General Membership Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Dave Brown opened the meeting by acknowledging we have two new members:

John Kendig who is another "S" gauger and Bill Mahan who is an "O" gauger. We also had a guest, Allan Jeffries. Allan is interested in "O" "O27" "HO" "N" "G"

Secretary Bill Richardson reported the current membership stands at 47 members. There was no July Membership Meeting due to the Swap Meet so a Motion was made to approve the Secretary's June minutes as printed in the Mainline. The motion passed.

Treasurer Glenn Saber gave the treasurer's report. The report specified the amounts in the checking account and the PayPal account. The report was accepted by the membership present.

Word leaked out that Ralph Treichel was celebrating his birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Ralph!

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer Glenn Saber also stated that the Summer Cactus meet revenue was right on schedule, almost identical to the previous year.

Final wrap up of the "Beat the Heat" bus trip indicated that we only lost about \$45.00. 27 people rode the bus and five additional people went on the layout tours. Because there was a little confusion with vendors grabbing our lunches, next year we may try lunch tickets. Bill Lazenby is the chairman for the GCMR nominating committee for officers. Please feel free to nominate your choice for officers. You can nominate yourself too!

Janet Mattern is handing out tables for the September Mini-Meet. GCMR members have priority until September first, at which time tables will be open to other clubs.

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NEW BUSINESS:

October will be our Pizza Meet. Dave Brown will talk to Streets of New York about possibly supplying the pizza. October will also be our club drag races. So bring your fastest engines, handcars, trolleys, whatever. And don't forget the theme for the October Meet will be "Railroad memorabilia".

Scottsdale's RailFair 2017 is October 7th and 8th at the usual location, McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. This year GCMR will only be bringing the mobile layout. We will not be setting up any modules. The event is advertised from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM both days. This is a very big event with hundreds of people. All club members should try to make it, and bring a train to run.

We always have a good time out there. This is how we bring our hobby to the public. Setup will be Friday afternoon probably about 3:00 PM. Tear down will be 5:00 PM Sunday. Check with John Draftz to make sure nothing changes. Dallas Dixon has been working with the Park people and the City of Scottsdale to resolve the insurance and risk management issues for the various clubs (i.e. the exhibitors). Thank you Dallas. Glenn Saber talked about running a demolition derby at RailFair, but this has not been finalized.

The fate of the future "O" gauge modules has yet to be determined.



In the Heat entries

This August meeting is our "Guess the heat" meeting. It was determined through the magic of the internet, right or wrong, that the temperature at Sky Harbor Airport at 11:00 AM today was 101 degrees.

Which means that our Birthday Boy Ralph Treichel has been declared the winner.

WINNERS:

The Monthly Raffle prize winners were:

Jack Eaton: Lionel 6-29904 Toy Fair 2002

Dana Price: Lionel 6-17515 Norfolk Southern flatcar/tractor

Ralph Treichel: AF 4-9106 NYC 3 dome tank car

Dave Brown: Lionel 6-12761 "O" animated billboard

Bill Mahan: Lionel 9303 UP log car

The Mystery Raffle prize winner was:

Glenn Saber: 23796 sawmill

The Monthly 1K Raffle prize winner was:

John Draftz - who won 3 more tickets to the 1K annual raffle (what again, he must be cheating).

FUTURE MEET UPDATES

by John Draftz

Registrations for the 2018 Winter Cactus to be held Feb 17th continue to come in. We presently are about 15% sold out. Based on last year's event, we expect to sell out the projected 150 tables. Anyone wanting to register early can do so by going to our www.gcmrr.org web site and completing the registration form or print the one in this newsletter.

Due to the projected sell out, the modules won't be there, but we anticipate having the mobile layout present and operating.

DOLLAR RAILRUNNER

Many GCMR members have enjoyed taking Albuquerque's RailRunner commuter train. If you have not done so yet, here is an excuse for a weekend in Albuquerque - Ed

The operators of the New Mexico Rail Runner Express are promoting passenger rail travel with new \$1 weekends, officials with the Rio Metro Regional Transit District recently announced.

During the fourth weekend of every month from August through October, fares will be only one

dollar on each Saturday or Sunday all day long. The promotion applies only to weekend travel during those fourth weekend of the months. The dates include Aug. 26-27, Sept. 23-24, and Oct. 28-29.

Adults and children ages 10 and older are only \$1, while children ages nine and younger are free. The promotion is intended to highlight the advantages of passenger rail travel to popular dining and shopping venues in the New Mexico cities of Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Belen.

The agency's weekend schedule includes five northbound departures from Belen and five southbound trains. Some of the weekend trains operate the entire length of the corridor from Belen to Santa Fe, while other trains run only between downtown Albuquerque and Belen.

THE PINK STEAMER

MINNEAPOLIS — It isn't often that a full-sized steam locomotive bellows out a cloud of pink smoke like the Milwaukee Road 4-8-4 No. 261 belches out a cloud of pink smoke, but, James deRocher and Cynthia Weiland wanted to "go big or go home" when they learned they were expecting their first child and started thinking about how to reveal its gender.

"Over the last couple years, baby gender reveals have gained huge popularity on social media. When we found out we were expecting a little one, I knew it was only a matter of time before Cynthia would ask to do a gender reveal," DeRocher says. "One of my friends had posted a video of blowing colored smoke out the exhaust of his pickup truck, and that's what sparked my idea to do it out the stack of the 261. So when Cynthia told me she wanted to do a reveal, my response was 'That's fine with me, but only if we do it using the 261.' After I explained what I wanted to do, she was all for it."

DeRocher says that he and Weiland spent enough time volunteering with the organization that the rest of the crew "felt like family," and arranged to host the gender reveal party during a work session when the majority of their friends within the group would be present. Volunteers hooked the 261 up to house air and ignited six paintball smoke-bombs in the firebox, then cranked up the blower to send pink smoke billowing out the smokestack.

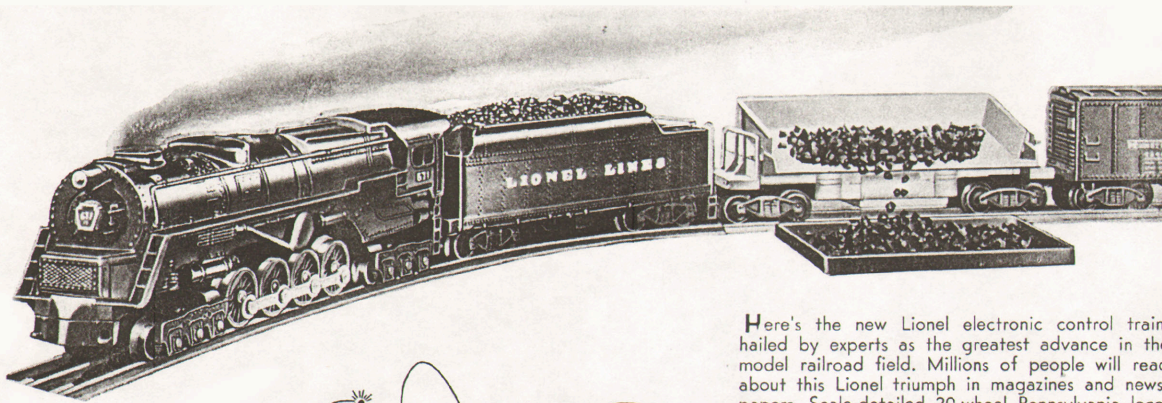
DeRocher says that he became interested in railroad preservation when his father took him to see the No. 261 on display in 1996. Now that he has been involved in the group long enough to be hands-on with many different tasks ranging from painting the coaches to firing the 261, the best part of the experience is watching the children see the locomotive in steam for the first time.

"You never know who will be firing someday," he says, "I hope our daughter will share our passion [for steam] so we can all enjoy it together. I would like to think it will be in her blood but, you never know... hopefully I get lucky! "

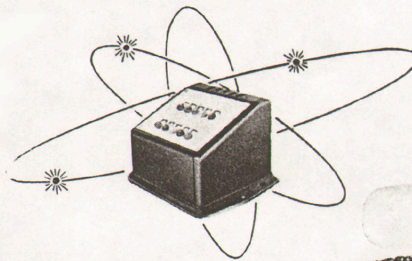


This isn't the first time that No. 261 has played host to an important point in someone's life. In 1990, a couple exchanged wedding vows in the cab. In 2016, another couple used the steam locomotive as a backdrop for their engagement photos.

LIONEL first with **SMOKE!** and **ELECTRONIC CONTROL!**

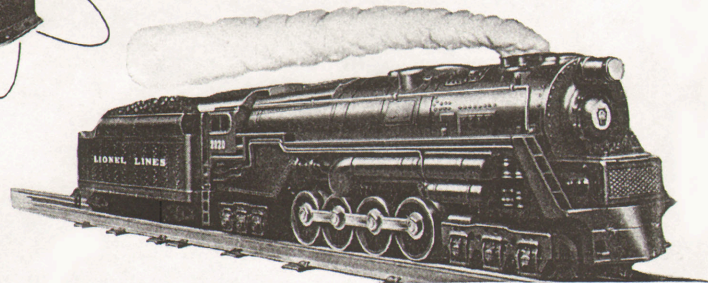


Here's the new Lionel electronic control train, hailed by experts as the greatest advance in the model railroad field. Millions of people will read about this Lionel triumph in magazines and newspapers. Scale-detailed 20-wheel Pennsylvania loco, (below) which puffs smoke, was made from actual Pennsy blueprints. (Turn back to page 4 for photo of this locomotive in Lionel showroom entrance, presented by Pennsylvania Railroad.)

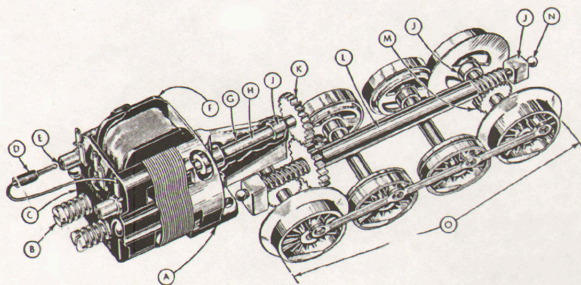


Featured in 1946 advertising are the amazing Double Worm Drive motor (below) and the Remote Control Water Tower (bottom right). The motor is geared to permit realistic starts, stops and running operation, enables loco to start from a slow crawl, then pick up realistically to high power speed.

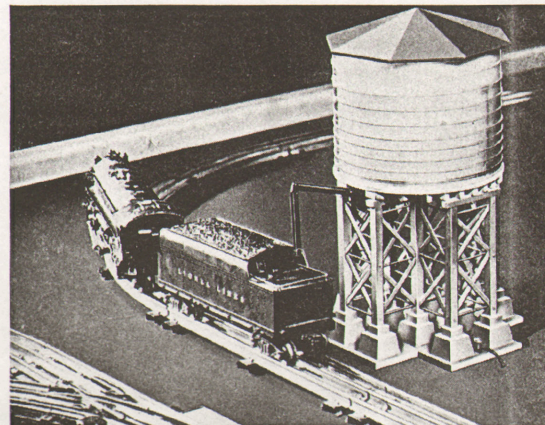
The Water Tower is one of the most remarkable accessories ever developed by Lionel. When the coal tender is backed under it, the spout lowers by remote control and the water level in the lucite tank drops, creating the illusion of water emptying from the tower. Actually, the water is pumped to an inner reservoir, from which it later seeps into the main tank.



**NEW 20-Wheel Pennsylvania Railroad
Steam Turbine Loco.**



**Featuring LIONEL Double Worm Drive
Motor.**



**Brand-New Remote Control
Operating Water Tower.**

Continuing our series of historic Lionel material from their in-house All Aboard magazine, here is an in house ad for new items to be featured in the 1946 consumer catalog. This was the first postwar catalog that featured items that had been developed during the war.

**"ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST
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THE CACTUS WINTER MEET

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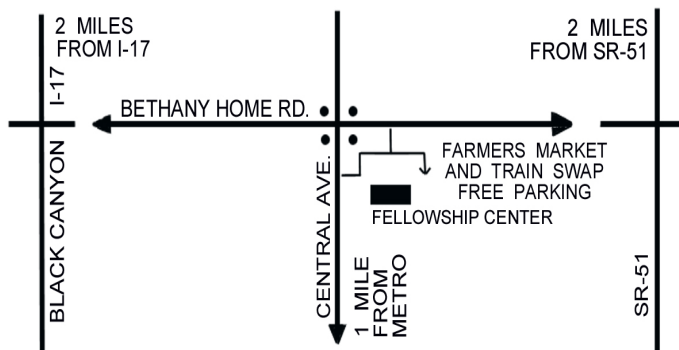
Presented by your pal Casey Cactus and the

GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

To reserve your space and required admission name
badges, submit this form by February 10, 2018

No refunds after February 10, 2018

Set-up opens at 6:00 AM Please print form legibly.



Name	
Address	
City	State Zip
Phone	Email
Security: I will abide with badge identification and entrance requirements. Buying, selling, ethics and behavior: In case of dispute, the Meet Chairperson and/or impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairperson shall arbitrate the dispute and render a timely decision and I hereby agree to be bound by such decision. I will not pack until 1:00 PM. Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.	
Signature	Date
Make check payable to: "Grand Canyon Model Railroaders" Mail to: John Draftz, 1507 W Willow Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029 or Credit cards accepted via PayPal - Visit www.gcmrr.org Email: info@gcmrr.org Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457; Glenn Saber 602-956-6695	

\$25 per 8' banquet table
(Bring a table cover, if desired)

How many tables? _____

Amount enclosed? \$ _____

Request? _____

Will you participate in the auction?
 Seller? _____ Buyer? _____

Admission Name Badges
1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max.
First and last name please

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

3 or more tables = 4 badges max.

Badge Name _____

Badge Name _____

More badges available at \$5.00 each
 Name Badges REQUIRED for your security



**TCA DESERT DIVISION ANNUAL
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TRAIN MEET HOURS

Saturday, November 18, 2017

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Admission \$6

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: Beth Stange, 8619 E. Chaparral Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85250
More info: Bob Herman 480-948-2730 or Chris Allen 480-820-9559

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(Bring table cover if desired)

Tables @ \$25 each _____

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INCLUDES ONE FREE HELPER
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Helper
Name _____

Extra Table Helper Badges are \$6 each

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No, we don't attend the monthly GCMR meetings just to get a chance to bring home a goodie from the raffle drawing. But nonetheless, each month some lucky attendees do bring home some really excellent prizes. So, not a bad reason for attending the monthly meeting after all!