



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Draftz

Our annual fall mini-meet will be September 22nd. Note there are five Saturdays this month. Janet Mattern (602-569-0568 or tjmattern@cox.net) is coordinating tables. Please contact her to reserve a one. Tables are limited so it's first come, first served. Part of the success of the meet is getting the word out to the public. If you have access to bulletin boards, newsletters, etc., please pass along details of the mini-meet [9-11 Sat 22nd Sep, 1212 E Glendale, FREE admission].

The 2019 Winter Cactus will be February 16th with setup the day before. We already have about 30 of the 150 available tables "sold" for the meet. See our www.gcmrr.org site for details and the table reservation form.

Rick Fortmeyer is our new vice-president. Part of his responsibility is to schedule people to operate our mobile layout at the various venues. Our next one is Scottsdale's Rail Fair on October 6-7. Please look at your personal schedule for those dates and let Rick know how you can help.

Glenn Saber is our new statutory agent, i.e. the point of contact for the corporation commission, and he will keep us informed of an commission contact.

We have a somewhat standard format we've used for our meetings, but we're open to change. If you have thoughts on what else

we could do at the meetings, please let one of the board members know.

See you the 22nd.

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 - Fall Mini Meet

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

November 24 - Desert Division Turkey Meet k- El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium, Phoenix

February 16 - Winter Cactus Meet (flyer this issue)

MEETING NOTES

by John Draftz

The Secretary's report as published was approved.
Treasurer's report was received as presented.

John Draftz noted that the 2019 dues notice and membership renewal form will be coming out soon,. The fall Adobe swap meet is different than the MLS meet, and that our fall mini-meet is next month.

John Draftz had a Flyer S-gauge train on display.

Entries for the Guess the Heat were:

Roger Bourque's LGB caboose with a 92

John Draftz's K-Line boxcar with a 93

Dana Price's entry of a 107

John Zaval's flat car with a 91

Rick Fortmeyer will coordinate volunteers for Rail Fair, Adobe Xmas and our other events.

John Draftz reviewed the Adobe mobile layout work party. He has installed wood block inside the buildings.

The Beat the Heat bus tour was discussed. We lost almost \$400 mainly due to anticipated attendees not being able to attend. We need about 35 riders to break even. Since we have time to analyze this in greater detail over the next several months and identify ways to improve the trip, the issue was "tabled" for now.

Glenn Saber reported on this year's Summer Cactus. We did well money wise and we were only six tables away from a total sellout. The meet has become less of a family event. The pre-meet gathering at Denny's will be held again before '19 Winter Cactus.

Our most popular Cactus meet raffle prizes were the four tourist railroads. The Durango and Silverton only gives one set of tickets per year whereas the other three give two sets. The Verde Canyon tickets are first class. Kalmbach gives subscriptions to MR & CTT for each meet and Walthers gives us a prize

for each meet. There were no other ideas at this time for additional prizes.

The 2018 Rail Fair is set for October 6&7. We'll have the mobile layout there but not the S-gauge modules. The Mechanical Society gives us \$100 for being there. There is a possibility that Rail Fair may be moved to spring but it's just talk at this point. John Draftz noted that other groups are having similar discussions.

The discussion of both O and S-gauge modules will require some extended time and since they aren't needed for public venues at this point. Further discussion will be deferred to a separate meeting.

John Draftz noted the trolley museum is moving to 11th Av & Grand in Phoenix at some point. We may be able to colocate a permanent facility there. For now, it's just a possibility.

John Draftz noted our annual storage fee is due. We pay in advance for 12 months and get 13. He will pay it today.

Rick Fortmeyer was elected to serve Jack's unexpired term as VP.

Glenn Saber was elected to serve as statutory agent. He will process the appropriate paperwork. John Draftz will work with the museum person about a location for the fabric garage. When a site is readied, a work party to erect the garage can be held.

Janet Mattern gave an update on the fall mini-meet but said she would be out of state just before it. Dana Price will be an alternate point of contact and help as needed.

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Bill Lazenby and Herb Andreen will again serve as the nominating committee. The election will be in November.

At 11am, the temperature was 91 thus John Zaval was the winner of three annual raffle prize tickets with an entry of 91.

JACK EATON

by Dave Brown

(as members know, we lost a great friend a few weeks ago, here is a wonderful memorial written by Dave - Ed)

My good friend and train buddy, Jack Eaton, passed away last month. His memorial service was held on Saturday July 28 after the swap meet. Before I tell you of Jack, I would like to pass on the poem on the inside page of the program for his service.

I am standing upon the platform. A steam train at my side fuels the engine in the morning breeze and starts gracefully down the line.

He is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch until at length his smoke hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the land and sky mingle with each other.

*Then someone at my side says, "There, he is gone."
"Gone where?"*

Gone from my sight. That is all. He is just as large in mast and hull and spar as he was when he left my side, and he is just as able to bear her load of living freight to his destined station.

His diminished size is in me, not in him. And just at the moment when someone at side says, "There he is gone!" there are other eyes watching him coming, and there are other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here he comes!" And that is dying.

Henry van Dyke (1852 – 1933)

I met Jack well over ten years ago at of all places the local model train store. There, with an other friend, John Pryor, we invited him to come over to the railroad park and see the Paradise and Pacific layout.

At that time we were still in the bunkhouse, about a 600 square foot room for an "O" gauge layout. Jack was instantly hooked. Jack ask how to join and within two months, he was a member, Like a lot of the members, Jack soon joined the other two clubs, TCA and GCMR. In GCMR he also found running trains for the public on their trailer layout and modular layout great fun, and helped work on both systems for GCMR, as well as the layout for P & P.

One of my favorite memories of Jack was when we took the GCMR trailer to Williams for National Train Day. Jack's old job had required him to drive all over Arizona. As the driver, one can't really enjoy looking at the views along the road. This time he was just the passenger, and enjoyed seeing everything that he had missed over the years. Of course the big thing was running trains for the people, especially the kids. Dinner that night was at a place call "The Historic Brewing Company." It was kinda cold, because Williams is at an elevation of some 7000 feet, and we were eating outside. So both of us ordered the potato soup. I thought no body could mess potato soup. Boy was I wrong. As we left that place, the comment came out that if they keep cooking like that, that place WILL be history! On the return trip, we went through Flagstaff and stopped at Coco's for their broccoli soup and bread which more that made up for the previous nights mess.

When running trains on the trailer, sometimes things slow down, people wise, and then there is time to relax joke around and tell stories. Jack told one of his favorite stories that went like this: As he was getting close to graduating from college he needed a language class to finish. This was summertime, and Jack and his wife had just welcomed in their first baby. So Jack picked up the class catalog looking for a class. Not just any class, a class being taught by a visiting foreign instructor. These kinds of instructors don't like to fail people because they might not be invited back the following years. The class he picked had a foreign instructor, but the class was Polish, a very hard language to learn. After every class, Jack went to the instructor and told her that he needed a B- to graduate so he could get a job and support his wife and new baby boy. When the final came around, to say that Jack bombed it, would be to give him more credit than he deserved. When he went to get his final grade, the instructor looked at

Jack and asked “What is the lowest grade possible for this class?” Jack responded “That would be an F Ma'am.” Then she said “Based on what you have learned here, I think you deserve an H-, but you have a wife and a new baby boy so I will give you your B-.” At this point Jack laughed ending the story.

During my time with Jack, I would give him a bad time about the Diamondbacks, as he was a die hard fan; a hard time about repainting his Kansas City Southern engines Union Pacific; and during lent, Jack would give up sweets and Jack Daniels.

At the train meetings, I would eat a doughnut in front of him or at the end of lent, tell him that they had extended lent for another month. He took the kidding in stride and dished it back with the same joy as it was sent. I will miss our give and take, running trains and joking around.

SOME BEAT THE HEAT BUS TRIP PHOTOS

by Dave Brown

The annual bus group photo while waiting to go to the Atonna basement.



Marlin Benson



Richie Scanapico





observation car, this is like the camera observation car Lionel is coming out with this fall)



Peter Atonna



And the swap meet

BNSF TRAIN

Recently the trainwatcher's world followed the progress around the West of a special train being operated by the BNSF Railroad. What was special about it was that it contains a very long string of classic postwar passenger cars. According to Al Richmond, a member of our Grand Canyon Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, it was a charter train for a select group of executives.

And it made a stop in Williams at the Grand Canyon Railway. According to Al, a smaller set of the cars then made a day trip to the Canyon.

He shot these photos of a very unique train and I thought you might enjoy seeing this. (Note the



CONTROL PANELS

by Peter Atonna

Most GCMR members who have visited my layout know that I have gone through a series of major “rebUILds”. And as I near the end of one of these, I look for smaller projects. So, recently at one of our Central Arizona Model Railroad club meetings, a member, Jim Peterson, brought in a computer generated control panel for our Show and Tell.

It really looked great, the computer graphic was mounted on a sandwich of thin aluminum sheets and a core of some “material” And to top it off, he had it done at a print shop in Chino Valley - the very shop where I have the print copy of this newsletter done!

Now, my panels are the typical homemade variety, done as the best I can - a masonite panel, painted white, with striping tape for tracks and a Brother strip lettering tape for the lettering. It looks OK, but very “home made” And if I make changes over time, well not so good.

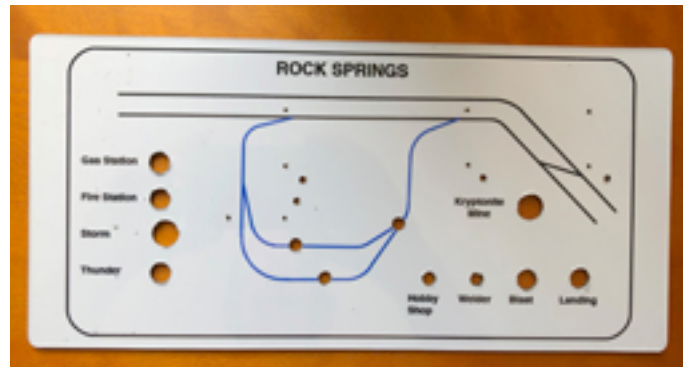
So, I went to Tom’s Print Shop and yes, he does these however you want. So, I did one as an experiment and boy does it look professional. I then embarked on a project to replace all but one of my panels.

I, using my EasyDraw graphics program, then designed two of mine and had Tom print them. And they do look great. But the next step is to drill holes for the various toggles and switches. Here you must be precise and make sure the hole you drill matches the switch. I have three basic sizes, so that was not a problem.

Here is Rock Springs as it came from the printshop



The holes must be cleaned out as the plastic out coating does not drill out cleanly. But a reamer and hobby knife makes that an easy job. The more challenging part comes from disassembly of the old panel and inserting the switches into the new holes.



Rock Springs with holes drilled

Sometimes the wiring just does not match the location of the new holes - quick rewiring cures that but make sure the switch goes into the same location as originally. This is not as easy as it sounds with the panel I am working on now, containing my roundhouse and garden tracks! Each track has an off-on power switch, all nine of them.

But when done, I think you will agree, the professional look of the new panels are worth the effort.



Rock Springs with controls installed

WINNERS!

Monthly raffle prizes and winners were:

- Lionel Susquehanna boxcar - Roger Borque
- Flyer SP caboose - John Kendig
- K-Line CNJ boxcar – Bill Lazenby
- MTH RailKing beacon - Sam McElwee
- Lionel welding car - Dana Price
- Lionel Chessie hopper – John Zaval

The mystery prize and winner was a Lionel truss bridge – John Draftz

The winner of three more annual raffle prize tickets was Janet Mattern.



Janet Mattern

Here are some winners:



Roger Borque



Jack Kendig

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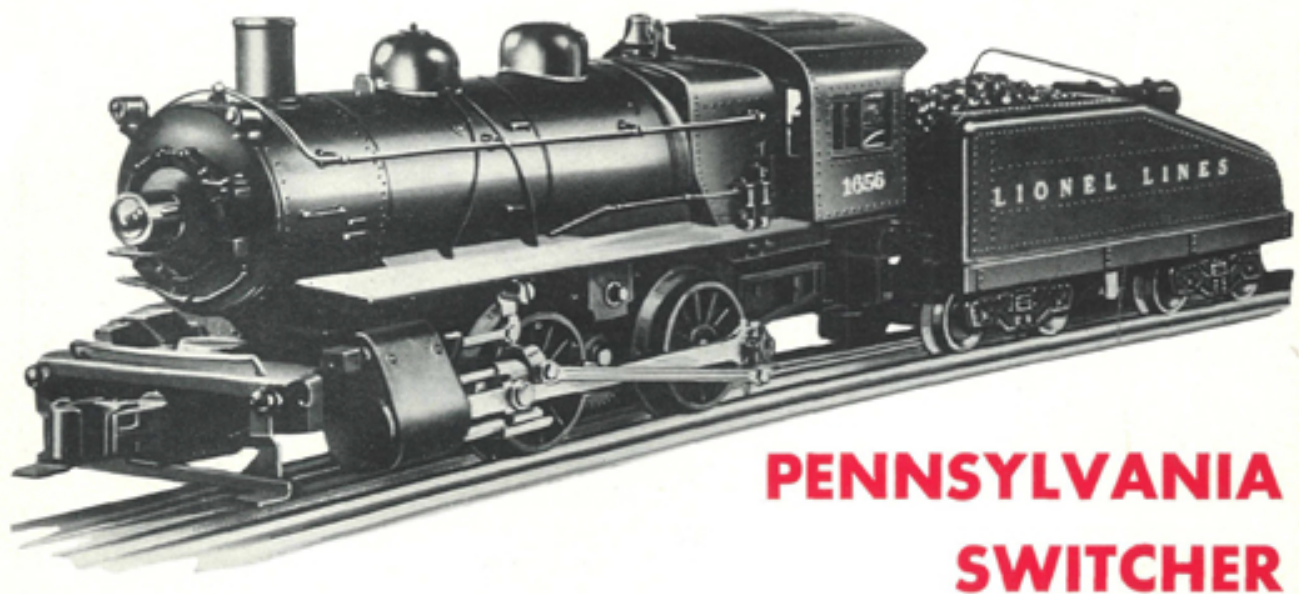


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Another cut from the Lionel employee magazine, All Aboard. As an employee you often got an advance look at the new products coming that year. In this case, an upgraded version of Lionel's 0-4-0 switcher was coming in the fall of 1948.

AN OLD FRIEND RETURNS

to the **LIONEL FLEET - - -**



PENNSYLVANIA SWITCHER

Here it is again, one of the most overwhelmingly popular Locomotives ever manufactured — the Lionel Switch Engine. Absent since 1946, the rugged little "yard goat" reappears heading three freight cars, one of which — the Lehigh Valley Hopper — is a new 1948 model.

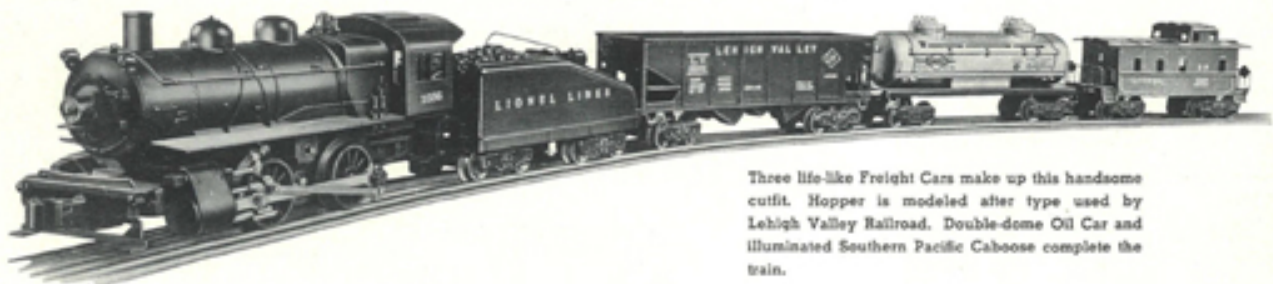
It's small wonder that this powerful workhorse of the rails is a favorite with hundreds of thousands of Lionel fans. Patterned after a Switcher type used by the Pennsylvania and other major railroads,

this Lionel model is familiar to anyone who has seen the busy yards of a big railroad.

There, real-life Switch Engines like this shunt cars to and from sidings, make up trains and perform dozens of other chores.

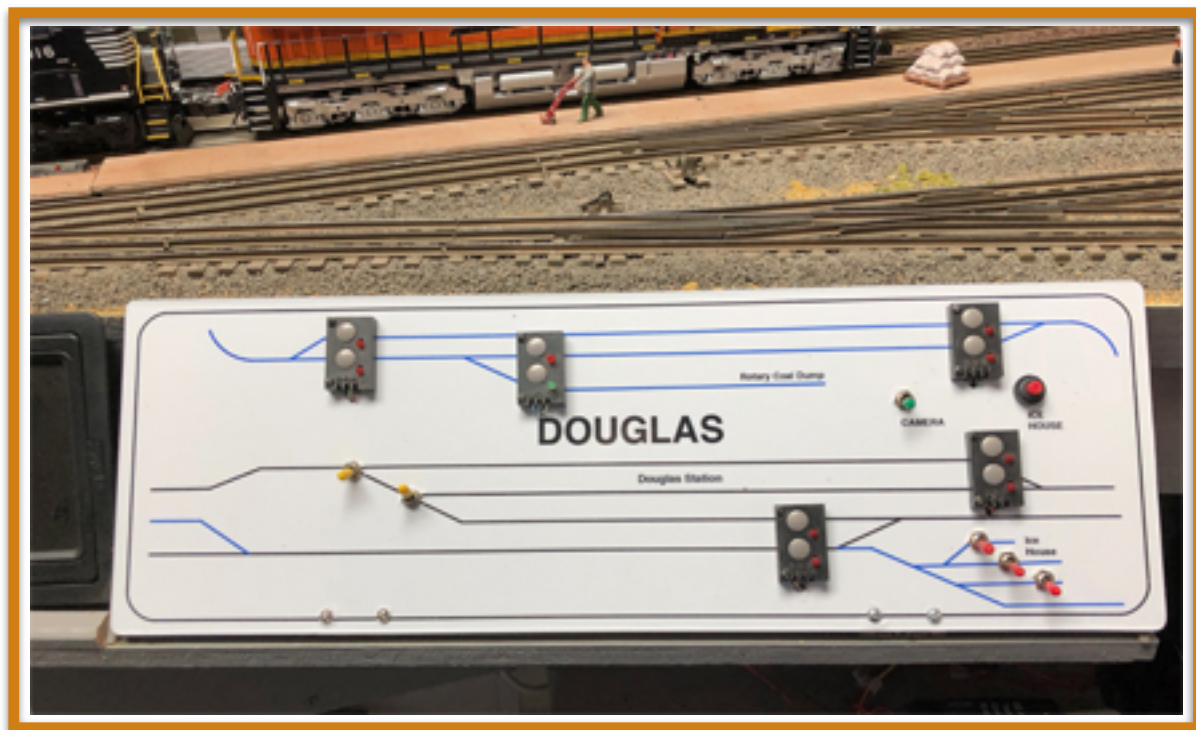
Complete with an automatically-controlled Bell which clangs realistically, the Lionel Switcher has minute detailing. Pilot Coupler enables cars to be pushed or pulled with equal ease. Ladder-back Tender has powerful back-up light for night operation.

DESIGNED FOR "O" AND "O27" GAUGE OPERATION



Three life-like Freight Cars make up this handsome outfit. Hopper is modeled after type used by Lehigh Valley Railroad. Double-dome Oil Car and illuminated Southern Pacific Caboose complete the train.

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A little self promotion here, your editor is in the process of redoing the control panels on his layout. Here is photo of the largest, but not most complex, one to date. See the article in this issue of the Main Line.