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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Our annual fall mini-meet will be September 28th. Janet Mattern (602-569-0568 or tjmattern@cox.net) is coordinating tables. Please contact her or Dana Price (602-909-0657 or lablubboys@aol.com) to reserve one. Tables are limited so it's first come, first served.

The doors should be open about 7am and we'll need help get the tables out and set and stacking the chairs out of the way. Please help if you can.

The mini-meet format will be:

7:00 - 8:15am set up
8:15 - 8:45 short business meeting
8:45 - 9:00am final prep
9:00 - 11:00 mini-meet
11:00 - 11:45 clean up, put tables away, reset the hall

The raffle prize has yet to be finalized but we'll have something.

See you the 28th.

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 28 - GCMR meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Fall mini swap meet – kid's layout & test track

September 28 - NRHS PSR convention swap meet - Sheridan Mesa Hotel

October 12, 13 - Railfair, Scottsdale Railroad Park

October 26 - GCMR meet - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - annual raffle drawing

Theme: pizza meet - beverage cars

October 26 - Adobe Mountain show - Adobe Mountain Railroad Park

November 8, 9 - Gadsden Pacific show - Tucson Expo Center

November 16 - ARHS Swap Meet - Glendale Christian Church

November - No regular GCMR meeting

November 23 - Desert Division Turkey Auction - Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

November 30 - Desert Division Turkey Meet - El Zariba Shrine, Phoenix

MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

Glenn Saber reported to the Board that the Prescott bus trip actually made a small profit of \$24.00 this year. This is mostly attributable to the smaller and cheaper (\$904.00) bus.

Glenn also reported on the profit GCMR made from the Summer Cactus Meet. As it turned out, this summer meet was slightly above average financially.

The number of tickets through the door was 294. This was slightly lower than average. Janet Mattern reported selling 290 raffle tickets, also lower than average.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Draftz announced to the Board that Bill Lazenby and Katie Elgar have each accepted a position on the GCMR nominating committee. As such, they will accept nominations from the GCMR membership for next year's officers and Board Members.

GCMR will be attending Scottsdale's RailFair. It is scheduled for October 12th & 13th. We will need to get the trailer there for setup on Friday October 11th between 3:00 & 4:00 PM.

GCMR will be having a Fall Mini-meet on September 28. There will be a short and quick membership meeting at 8:30 AM about a half hour before the door opens. If we get extra Verde Valley RR tickets, they will become our raffle prize. Otherwise, we'll just use out inventory of prizes.

GCMR is going digital with our newsletter. Members with email addresses will be receiving their Main Line newsletter via Email. There are still be about four members without email who will receive hard copy newsletters. John Draftz will manually mail these copies. This will lower our mailing cost down to about \$3.00 a month.

August GCMR General Membership Meeting

John Draftz acknowledged Brady Lazenby as a guest at our meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bill Richardson gave the Secretary's Report noting there are 47 club members. The June meeting minutes were approved as printed in the July Bulletin.

Glenn Saber gave the Treasurer's Report noting the amounts of money available in our bank accounts. He also noted GCMR's profit for the Summer Cactus Swap Meet. Report received as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Glenn Saber reported that the Summer Cactus Meet went good. As it turned out, this summer meet was slightly above average financially. The number of tickets through the door was 294 (slightly lower than average). The number of tables sold was 133 (slightly higher than average). Janet Mattern reported selling 290 raffle tickets (lower than average). The traveling auction seemed to work better, as we brought the auction to the vendor's table top.

We need to think about how to bring more people in the door. Maybe through social media? Think about it for next time.

FYI, next year the Winter Cactus will be the 4th Saturday in February 22. 2020.

Dave Brown reported on the "Beat the Heat" bus trip. There were 29 people who rode the bus plus an additional 5 who just went on the layout tours. This netted GCMR a profit of \$24.00. We had enough time for about 4 of the layout tours. The bus arrived to the swap

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meet about 10 minutes early, and we all entered through our special door. We watched a video on the bus about the "Big Boys" steam locomotives. There was also a \$20.00 door prize given away to one lucky bus rider, Terry Watson.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don't forget September 28th is the Fall Mini-Meet. There will be a short membership meeting at 8:30 AM before the Mini-Meet. Janet Mattern and Dana Price will be in charge of the Mini-Meet tables. Let them know if you want a table. If the Verde Valley sends John Draftz the tickets, then that will be out raffle prize. October 26th is our last scheduled membership meeting of the year 2019. This may be the race track meeting.

John Draftz announced to the membership that Bill Lazenby and Katie Elgar have each accepted a position on the GCMR nominating committee. As such, they will accept nominations from the GCMR membership for next year's officers and Board Members. This is your club, so please consider running for an office or being a board member.

GCMR will be attending Scottsdale's RailFair out at McCormick Stillman RailRoad Park. It is scheduled for October 12th & 13th from 10:00am to 5:00pm both days. However, the public will start showing up about 9am. So we should be setup and plan to be running about 9:00 AM both days.

We will need to get the mobile trailer there for cleaning, leveling, and setup on Friday between 3:00 & 4:00 PM. Track maintenance should be done Friday before it gets too dark. Please help if you can.

If you are interested, the Live Steamers host a \$15.00 Famous Dave's Barbeque dinner at the park Saturday night. Contact Bill Lazenby for tickets.

John Draftz mentioned that the church's fiscal year has changed. All it really affects is when we pay the rental bill.

SHOW AND TELL:

The theme was "guess the heat" on August 24, as reported for 11:00 AM by the National Weather Service.

Janet Mattern had 97 degrees with her Cheerios boxcar #9700.

Dave Brown had 97 degrees with his TCA miner & burro.

Dana Price had 93 degrees with his 6-28693.

Bill Richardson had 93 degrees with his AF 293 Pacific steam engine.

Ralph Treichel had 100 degrees with his Apache beer car.

Herb Andreen had 99 degrees with his Shamrock 1999 tank car.

John Draftz had 98 degrees with his AF Boxcar.

Glenn Saber had 96 degrees with his "196" MTH water car.

Bill Richardson also brought in three running HO layouts which had nothing to do with guessing the heat.

And the winner was: Dana Price with 93 degrees. Dana won 6 tickets to the monthly raffle.

BIG BOY IS COMING!

The word is out all around Arizona that the Big Boy, on tour over the Union Pacific System, will be taking the historic Southern Pacific's Sunset route through Arizona. It will be making both overnight stops as well as short stops at most towns along the route from Yuma to Lordsburg, NM.

Please note that history has shown that wherever Big Boy stops, there are large crowds. So if you want to catch the train, be sure to plan plenty of time at the stops you plan to make.

Here is the link to the UP Big Boy tour website:

<https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/schedule/index.htm>

BEAT THE HEAT BUS TRIP

There was an almost full busload of folks traveling to Prescott this year to enjoy the Beat the Heat swap meet and visit four of the areas open house layouts. For those GCMR members who did not make the trip, here are some of the shots Dave Brown took of the bus layout visits.



The Annual Group Bus Photo in front of the Atonna's horse barn



Walt Bouman's G Gauge backyard layout



Inside Steve Hatch's guest house and tinplate layout



In the Atonna's basement

Monthly Raffle prize winners:

Bill Richardson - American Flyer 6-49054 Log Dump Car
 Bill Lazenby - MTH RailKing 30-7812 Reefer Car
 John Draftz - Lionel 6-19813 NP Ice Car
 Doyle Bain - Lionel 6-52056 LCCA Tractor Trailer

The Mystery Raffle prize winner was:

Janet Mattern - Lionel 6-14079 North Pole Holiday Pylon

The Monthly 3-2-1 Raffle prize winner was:

Glenn Saber - who won 3 more tickets to the 3-2-1 annual raffle.



RADIUM TRAIN

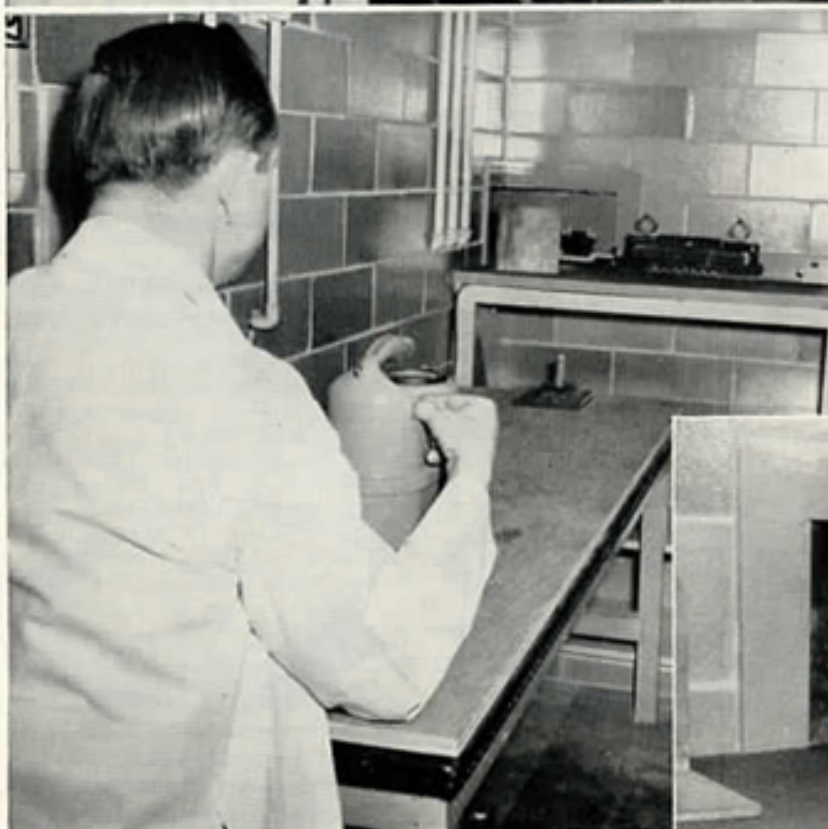
.... a REAL Hotshot

THIS O gauge locomotive and its car make up what is unquestionably the "hottest" train in model railroad-ing. Called the "Radium Train," it began operation Mar. 8 in the radiation laboratory at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, O.

The car carries a load of radon, a radioactive gas derived from radium. The deadly gas is conveyed in a capsule placed in the transformer of the flat car. Although track distance is only 21 ft., the train spares hospital personnel the dangerous duty of carrying the radioactive material from the supply room of the clinic over to the measuring room.

Dr. Otto Glasser, medical physicist at the clinic, says that the train installation is only the beginning of what he hopes to develop into a completely automatic conveying system that will even include automatic loading and unloading devices.

In the top photograph one of the clinic's technicians is seen loading the car. He is using special shielded tweezers to locate the radon "seed" inside the lead-sheathed transformer on the flat car. In the photograph at left below the technician is measuring the strength of the gamma rays after they pass through the lead shield which partly obscures the car. At lower right the "hotshot" is seen emerging from the tunnel between the storage room and the measuring room.



Acme Photos



THE SILVER PLATE ROAD

By Bill McClanahan



Model Train Swap Meet Saturday November 16th, 2019



Vendor Tables \$25.00 each

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and check or money order to:

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TRAIN MEET HOURS

Saturday, November 30, 2019

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Admission \$5

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

VENDOR SETUP 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

TABLE REGISTRRTION – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

NAME _____

TCA# _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Email for table confirmation _____

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.

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: Chris Allen 480-820-9550

\$25 per 8' table

(Bring table cover if desired)

Tables @ \$25 each _____

Special Requests? _____

**YOUR TABLE REGISTRATION
INCLUDES ONE FREE HELPER
NAME BADGE IF NEEDED**

Helper Name _____

Extra Table Helper Badges are \$5 each
Special Requests? - Contact Meet Chairman

NO MAIL REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 18, 2019