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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bill East

By the time you read this message, we will be done with the trailer. We've put on new tires and mounted the spare on the right side. The trailer is painted gray, the same as our shirts, with a new sign that reads "Grand Canyon Model Railroaders" and our new logo. One thing that we need is a home for the trailer. Now that the trailer is short enough to fit into any garage, I hope someone has an open spot to park the trailer out of the weather. If you have one or know of a spot to park the trailer, please let me know.

The second and third tiers have been remade and installed. The HO train has been moved to the second level, running under the third level holding the storage and display tracks. The entire trailer layout has been rewired and is ready to go. The Bill Schulte plaque is now mounted on the layout dedicated to his memory.

At the meeting, I read a thank you note from Beth Stange. She assured me that she would be back in a couple months to take charge of the kids club.

Dave Brown went to a heart Doctor and was rushed into the hospital to have a pacemaker installed. Close call David.

Sam McElwee announced the third place prize for the yearly raffle. It will be \$300 from anything in his stock. Sam also stated that he would like to see people bring in things to show and or sell. I think that would be great.

The theme for the April meeting was "My favorite accessory." David Brown brought in an old tank made from a soup can, spray paint top, a nail, and wooden supports. It was something that he and his dad made together back when David was a kid. This is of course a foundation of model railroading that goes way back.

On May 22, we will hold an auction on things that you want to sell. I hope to have a good auction.

Please bring in anything you need to sell. The "O" gaugers will be running too. The theme for this meeting is military trains, so bring in your army or navy or whichever branch of the military is your favorite.

There is a list for people to sign up for home visitations but so far no one has signed up. It is very essential for those that can open up their homes so those that don't have a home layout can see ideas on how to start and make a layout. Besides, we all enjoy seeing home layouts.

Hope to see all of you at the May meeting.

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.

May 22 - GCMR Meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

June 26 - GCMR Meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

July 24 - GCMR Meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

June 3 - 6 The Big Train Show - Ontario, CA See flyer this issue

June 5 - Tucson - Gadsden Pacific summer train show. Event Center at the Grant Inn. See flyer this issue

June 30 - July 3 O Scale National Convention - Santa Clara, CA Open to all. Swap meet and O, S and HO layout tours. Info:
www.2010oscalenational.com/index.shtml

July 24- In The Heat Swap Meet - Phoenix 9:00am - 1:00pm North Phoenix Baptist Church located at Central Ave. and Bethany Home Rd.
August 14 - Prescott - Beat the Heat swap meet and layout tours. See the bus reservation in this issue.

APRIL MEETING NOTES

Beth Stange sent us a thank you card with a message from Beth. She thanked the membership for their support and indicated that she will be back in a little while to again lead the Kids Club portion of the GCMR. President Bill East read the card to all.

- + There is still a lot of work needs to be done on the trailer before the Williams event, so if you can help it would be appreciated! Trailer wiring should be completed this coming weekend. There is commercial interest in the Sands facility (where the trailer is being refurbished) by a business, so the facility will have to be vacated by the GCMR in the near future.
- + GCMR needs more people to run at the event in Williams. A package will be put together by the Williams Chamber of Commerce for the show participants. Dave Brown suggests that the trailer be closed up over night while at the meet.
- + Art Triant asked about the renaming of the swap meet. It remained tabled for now to allow discussion by the Board.
- + The annual swap meet facility will be reserved in August. Reservations cannot be made earlier due to the Armory's fiscal year policies.
- + Sam McElwee will be providing the third place prize for this years Annual Raffle. It will consist of up to a total of \$300 in merchandise, and will apply to any of the products that Sam carries.
- + Glenn Saber provided a sign up sheet for members that would host an open house after our monthly meetings. If you missed the sign up and would like to offer your layout for an after-meeting tour, please contact any GCMR officer or Glen Saber. At 602-956-6696 or email thmpr@cox.net.
- + Sam McElwee suggested that members bring things for display at each monthly meeting as a means of sharing our hobby. They could be for sale or just for display
- + May is "Spring Cleaning" auction month at the GCMR so bring things you have cleaned out and wish to auction.
- + We are happy to see Dave Brown at the meet after his receiving a pacemaker on April 22. Good to see him.

Show and Tell: Dave Brown shared how to produce a basic trackside tank from a Campbell's soup can with a spray paint can top soldered on. It is one that as a child Dave built with the help of his father.

BEAT THE HEAT IS COMING UP

One of the long standing traditions in the GCMR is to charter a bus for a group to travel to Prescott for the Beat the Heat Meet. It has been a great way to spend the day at the meet, visit an open house or two and enjoy the company of your fellow members and spouses without the hassle of driving and parking. If you have not been to the swap meet in a while or traveled with the group, consider joining us this year. The meet is during the heat of summer, so an excuse to take a trip to Prescott is always in order, but to be able to share it with your GCMR friends makes it that much better.

Following is Peter's article on this year's activities and the sign up sheet is also repeated .

This year's edition of the Beat the Heat Swap Meet is on August 14th. Sponsored by the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club, the meet features a swap meet with almost 100 tables of goodies, an afternoon of layout visiting and an invitation for you to take a weekend in the Prescott area. The meet is held at the Prescott Activity Center, 800 E. Gurley in downtown Prescott. The Activity Center is right on the main street, a half mile after you enter town on SR 69 or 89, just follow the signs to Gurley Street.

Each year we have been selling out 90 plus sales tables so you will have a great selection of trains. See the attached flyer for details and a sales table reservation form. To help you plan, here are some of the weekend's activities around the Prescott area.

Shopping - Prescott has one of the finest antique and arts districts in the state. Located conveniently downtown, less than a mile from the Activity Center, the district lines Cortez and Marina Streets.

Museums - Next door to the Activity Center is the Smoki Museum, while downtown is the Sharlott Hall Museum and just north of town is the Phippen Art Museum

Cowboy Poets Gathering - Week long events featuring western themed poetry, entertainment and music. Held at Yavapai College. For information and tickets: www.azcowboypoets.org/.

Train Rides - Both the Grand Canyon Railroad and the Verde Canyon Railroad are less than two hours from Prescott and would make a great Sunday activity.

Outdoor activities - The Prescott area is a jumping off point for camping and fishing in the Bradshaws, bike riding on many of the area highways, hiking Thumb Butte, Granite Mountain or the Peavine Rails to Trails.

Farmers Market - For those of you who miss stopping at Youngs Farm, Yavapai College, located on Sheldon St. just north of the Activity Center, hosts a farmers market Saturday's 7:30 till noon.

Open Houses - We have seven fellows who have generously opened their layouts and collections for your enjoyment. There will be maps available at the meet registration table.

Mike Nelson - An O scale layout with multiple tiers and an including operating On30 layout. Large collection of O scale locomotives on display

Jim Hanna - A large HO scale scened layout complete with multiple layers and bridges. Jim operates multiple trains with DCC

Ray Dextraze - Early 20th Century American and European toys and trains all displayed in a beautiful setting.

Marlin Benson - Three train rooms filled with trains and displays. His high rail layout occupies two rooms. A Large Scale loop lines the walls of one train room.

Stan Cedarleaf - An outdoor Large Scale layout over 100 feet long with multiple trains running. Be sure to enjoy the "crows nest" viewing spot.

Warren Webster - Another outdoor Large Scale layout with multiple loops and spectacular wooden bridges.

Peter Atonna - Large O gauge high rail, fully scened layout. Narrow gauge is under construction. Displays of prewar and postwar trains.

We hope you plan to spend the weekend in Prescott. If you would like a nearby motel for your stay, here are some suggestions (the Prescott area code is 928):

A short distance from the Activity Center are:

+ Heritage House Motel (across the street from the Activity Center) 819 E. Gurley 445-9091

+ Apache Lodge (a genuine 30's motel) 1130 E. Gurley 445-1422

+ American Motel, 1211 E Gurley 778-4322

+ Super 8 (on the next street to the north) 1105 E. Sheldon 776-1282

If you would like to stay at a beautiful historic downtown hotel, we have:

+ Hotel St. Michael 205 W. Gurley 776-1999

+ Hotel Vendome 230 S. Cortez 776-0900

+ Hassayampa Inn 122 E. Gurley 778-9434

+ Marriott SpringHill Suits in Depot Square 776-0998.

BEAT THE HEAT MEET BUS TOUR

It's that time again, time to "beat the heat" and go up to Prescott August 14 for the "Beat the Heat" meet. We will be leaving from four convenient locations around the valley in a 44 passenger bus with it own bathroom on board. We will get to the meet around 9:30am. Those who don't want to go to the meet will have use of the bus till about 12:30pm to go antiquing around the Prescott area. An optional \$7.00 lunch can be purchased form the people that put on the meet. After that time we will be doing layout tours in the area including Peter Atonna's great "O" gauge layout as well as many of the others that can be fit in.

The first pickup point will be at Arizona Mills at 6:30am, then Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00am, and at Metro Center Mall at 7:30am. The last pickup point will be at the Carefree Highway and I 17 area about 7:45am.

Please fill in the form below. We need your phone number because the person coordinating the pickup point you choose will contact you with instructions on where to meet for the pickup. If you have any questions, call Dave Brown at 480-650-5336. I'm looking forward to seeing you on the bus on August 14.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Pickup Location (please check your location): < > Arizona Mills at 6:30 AM

< > Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00 AM < > Metro Center at 7:30 AM < > Carefree highway at 7:45 AM

Number of Adult riders _____ at \$30 each \$ _____

Number of children under 14 _____ at \$12 each \$ _____

Number of lunches (OPTIONAL) _____ at \$7 each \$ _____

Total. Make checks payable to "GCMR". \$ _____

Mail this form and your check to: David Brown 815 N. 87th Pl. Scottsdale AZ 85257

THE TRAILER TAKES TO THE ROAD AGAIN

By David Brown

After four months of reworking the trailer, May 9th saw the rebuilt trailer hit the road again. To this point the farthest the trailer has ever gone is about 15 miles south of Tucson. This time the trailer went to Williams for National Train Day, a weekend long event. Starting at 2:00pm Friday, Glen Saber picked my trains and me up and we headed to Bill East's home. By 3:00 we had the trailer and started to drive north on I-17. With a couple stops, we got to the Grand Canyon Hotel around 7:00pm.

After dropping off the trailer, we went to the Days Inn to check in. With all the trains unloaded and stored in our room for the night, it was time for dinner. The first idea was the Denny's just down the hill. However by the time we got there, Denny's was filled by a wedding reception. A WEDDING RECEPTION???? How red neck can you get? So instead we went to a local pizza place and had a very good pizza. While eating pizza, we watched as the Suns won their game. Dinner done, the three of us did the tourist thing and shopped Route 66.

Next morning we tried the Days Inn free Breakfast. Let's just say it was only worth the price that they charge, free. We drove into town and to the Grand Canyon Hotel. We squeezed the trailer into the space we were given and somehow leveled it. Bill Richardson soon joined us. He just came in the night before on the Amtrak train in Flagstaff. Getting all the trains running was not too difficult, however there was a problem the "G" gauge train with the front truck of the tender derailing. The most fun came with train wrecks with the "S" gauge trains uncoupling, rear ending itself scattering cars all over the "O" gauge

lines causing even more derailments. Yes we have pictures.

Other than a few wrecks, the trailer worked OK. The two major problems that did show up was that one of the "ZWs" was shutting down with only one train running. Fast rewiring kept the trains running, however this needs to be fixed when we get back. The second problem was a bad voltage drop on the far side of the 0-27 track. We will need to put in a second power drop to fix that.

When people signed in, one of the goodies that were provided was a free train trip on the steam train out to the four-mile marker. The 6:00pm train had a photo run by, so that was the train Glen Saber and Bill Richardson took. Bill East and I stayed behind to run trains on the trailer. At the end of the day, it was time to pack up the trains again, close up the trailer, take the trains by to the motel and then to find a place for dinner. The place chosen was a local Mexican restaurant. Though not as good as the one back here, it was OK.

The next day started out cold. Remember it had been predicted that the valley might make it to the 100's, and here we are freezing our butts off. To make matters worse, that wind was blowing very hard. This meant that the HO train was turned off or derailed because it was blown off the track. The other problem was that the skirting kept blowing up and onto the tracks causing more wrecks. Bill and I took the 11:00am train. Got some good pictures and saw some wild pigs on the trip. After all that hard work running trains, at least we were able to close up early and that got us home early.

If it sounds like we had a lot of fun, we did. So hopefully next year, we can get more people up to Williams next year.

THE TRAILER REBUILD

photos by Glenn Saber





THE RENOVATED TRAILER DEBUTS AT NATIONAL TRAIN DAY
Photos by Dave Brown and Peter Atonna





WINNERS!

Regular Meet Drawings:

Lionel NY & NH Boxcar	Glen Saber
Lionel UP Tank car	Ken Barns
Lionel Passenger car	Gordon DeRuiter
Lionel D&RG Boxcar	David Wildman
K-Line Tank car	David Wildman

Mystery Raffle

Lionel Tie Ejector car	Dallas Dixon
\$50 Drawing	Bill Richardson

Doughnuts raffle	Glen Saber
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ABOUT THIS ISSUE

We are sending hard copies of this issue to all GCMR members as it contains your 2010 membership list. In that way you all will have a hard copy to use during the year.

But, if you regularly receive a hard copy of the newsletter, consider upgrading to getting it by email. That way you will get it up to a week earlier, and all those photos are in living color, too!

The file size is usually 2-4megs, so most mailboxes can handle it, even with dialup.

Just send the editor an email.



Glenn's "prize"



The raffle grand prize

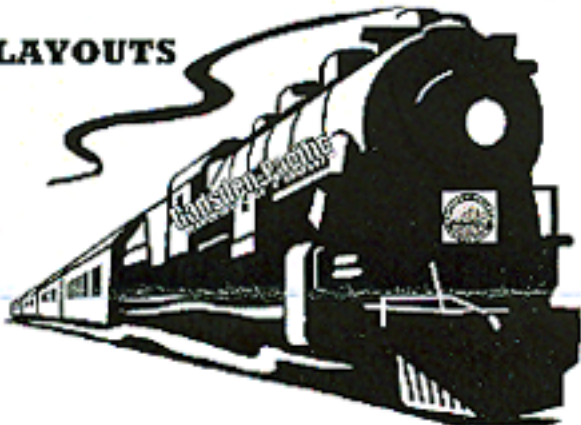
JUNE TOY TRAIN SHOW & MEET

TO BENEFIT GADSDEN- PACIFIC TOY TRAIN MUSEUM

MUSEUM ADDRESS 3975 N. MILLER AVENUE TUCSON (NOT ADDRESS OF TRAIN SHOW)
MUSEUM PHONE: 520-888-2222 MUSEUM'S WEBSITE: <http://www.gpdToyTrainMuseum.com>

OPERATING LAYOUTS

ALL GAUGES
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RAILROADIANA
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BUY
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SELL
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TRADE

SATURDAY JUNE 5, 2010 9:00AM TO 3:00PM

(Seller Table Setup: 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM)

Train Show Location

LAS CAZUELITAS EVENTS CENTER

(Behind GRANT ROAD INN Exit WEST off I-10 at GRANT)

W. GRANT RD. & I-10

TUCSON, AZ

Vendor or Helper Badges must be worn for free admission. All others must pay public admission.

Vendor's spouse enters free. Vendors may have 1 free helper per 2 additional tables up to 2 free helpers.

ATTENTION SELLERS

8 FT. TABLES ARE \$25.00 EACH

TABLE RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID. SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO GPD TTOM

TO: **BUD STEWART 13325 E. PLA. ALGODON TUCSON, AZ 85749**

Questions? Contact BUD STEWART AT 749-0228 (leave Msg.) OR EMAIL bud@at.tuccoxmail.com

The General Public Is Welcome

THIS IS TUCSON'S BEST TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET

PUBLIC ADMISSION \$5.00 AT THE DOOR

FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13 ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

DOORS OPEN 9:00 AM UNTIL 3:00 PM

SPECIAL SELLERS ONLY RAFFLE

SELLERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REMAIN SET UP UNTIL 3:00 PM

sellors fully set up at 3:00 pm may win (tables will be inspected to determine eligibility)

1ST PRIZE: \$30 CASH 2ND PRIZE LIONEL GPD ORE CAR 3RD PRIZE: WEAVER GPD BOXCAR

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HERE IS YOUR EMAILED GCMR NEWSLETTER
A WEEK EARLIER THAN THE HARD COPY
AND IN LIVING COLOR!!



Thousands of people came to enjoy the first annual National Train Day in Williams over Mother's Day weekend. One of the highlights of the show, in addition to the GCMR trailer, was a photo runby by the Grand Canyon Railway's steamer #4960.