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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Draftz

Our August meeting will be on the 23rd. Please note there are five Saturdays in August and we'll meet the 4th one. We'll start running trains around 8:30am with the meeting starting at 10. The theme for this meeting will be "Guess the Heat". Bring an item for your entry. One entry per member. The last 2-3 numbers of the engine or rolling stock will be your way to guess the heat at 11am that day (we will call the National Weather Service for the "official" number). In case of duplicate numbers, the first one submitted to the secretary gets it. The closest guess wins six red raffle tickets. In case of a tie, both win six tickets.



Who needs a transformer when I have the "power" in my hands?

The Central Arizona Model RR Club's "Beat the Heat Meet" will be August 16th from 9-1 at the Prescott Activity Center on Gurley Street. The

GCMR bus has been reserved and is open to non-members but seating is limited. Dave Brown is the point of contact and he indicated that there would be a layout stop available only for the bus riders. Please contact Dave (480-650-5336 or eaglefour@juno.com) for more details and to reserve your spot on the bus.

We will have a club potluck on Saturday evening, September 20th, at George & Dolores Bean's house (14950 Poinsettia Dr, Surprise). The Beans will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and the club will provide beverages. Members are asked to bring either a salad or desert to share. More details later. The goal is to simply meet each other (and significant others) beyond that of a business meeting.

The September theme was the pizza meet - beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc). With that Saturday now being our mini-meet, the pizza meet will be moved to October to avoid possible problems with the general public being present.

The format of the mini-meets will be:

- 0080-0830 Sellers set up sale tables.
- 0830-0900 Start regular meeting (secretary & treasurer report, monthly raffle ticket sales).
- 0900-1100 Meeting suspended and doors open to the public for swap meet. The public becomes our invited guests.
- 1100-1130 Meet raffle drawing. Sellers pack up sale tables.
- 1130-1200 Regular meeting reconvened (old business, new business, monthly raffle drawings). George Bean

(623-975-3823 or geowbean@verizon.net) is coordinating sale tables. Only members can get one and they're free but the supply is limited. Contact George to reserve one.

Dave Brown (480-650-5336 or eaglefour@juno.com) is in charge of operating display layouts at the meet. Contact him if you would like to set up an operating layout. There will be a meet raffle prize with a must-be-present-to-win drawing at 11am. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3/\$5.

Our next public venue will be Scottsdale's Railfair on October 11 & 12 where we'll have both the mobile layout and the modules on display. Our trailers, engines, and rolling stock are in need of servicing. If you have skill in those areas and are willing help, please let the BoD know.

See you August 23rd at 8:30. Remember to bring a Guess the Heat entry.

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.

August 16 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott GCMR Bus Trip (see the registration form this issue)

August 23 - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - individual modules Theme: Tell us about your entry "Guess the heat meet" - enter with any numbered item. Last 2-3 numbers of the

engine or rolling stock is the way you guess the heat at 11am that day (we will call national weather service)

September 20 - Phoenix Crowne Plaza - Arizona Railroad Show and Sale

September 27 - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Theme: swap meet with the public invited. See the President's Message

October 11, 12 - Railfair at Scottsdale Railroad Park - GCMR layouts on display

October 25 - GCMR meeting, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Theme: pizza meet - beverage cars (beer, wine, soda pop, etc) Drag races

November 22, 23 - Cal Stewart meet, Ontario, CA. GCMR trailer at show

MEETING NOTES

by Barbara Turner, Secretary

Announcements

- The Beat the Heat Meet is August 16th. Dave Brown reported that 11 people have signed up for the bus trip so far. A mystery layout has been added to the bus tour. The layout will be open only for the bus tour. Also, this will be the last chance to view Peter Atonna's layout before he begins renovations.

- There is no new information on the In the Heat Meet.

- The August theme is the annual Guess the Heat Meet temperature. Enter with a numbered it: the last 2 or 3 numbers of the engine or rolling stock as your guess for the temperature at 11:00am. Temperature is per the National Weather Service. The prize for

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the winner is 6 red tickets for the day's drawing.

Show and Tell

- Jack Eaton brought an MTH General engine. It sounded great but to quote Jack "It was a mess."

- Bill Lazenby brought an engine from his childhood, a Lionel Great Northern 44 ton diesel.

- Four kit bashing static displays:

+ George Bean brought an M10,000 he modified. It has an ALCO motor and was powder coated and chrome plated. He also added lights, people, and a smoke unit.

+ John Draftz had a tender with an AMTRAK logo painted on it.

+ Dave Brown brought a module of a petroleum depot that he is working on.

Old Business

- Swap Meet chair: John Draftz will serve as the de facto swap meet chair with the board of Directors assisting.

- John Draftz reported that there is no new information on a permanent location. George Bean reported on his findings on this subject from the west side. El Mirage has a new park. There is also the possibility of a rental building available in El Mirage. Barbara Turner will look at the possibility of something being available in Mesa, possibly in Pioneer Park.

- The mobile layout needs servicing. George Bean will see to the servicing of the O Gauge engines and John Draftz/Bill Richardson will see to the S Gauge. Bob Dennison will provide some needed couplers for freight cars.

- Further action on the trailer work day and mini swap meet was tabled for the BOD.

New Business

- The possibility of an event in Surprise, a December Art Festival, was mentioned. George Bean will look into this.

WINNERS!

Bob Dennison - K Line UP lighted caboose. This was immediately donated by Bob to the club layout.

Jack Eaton - Lionel Operating Dwarf Signal.

Glenn Saber - Lionel Whistling Freight Shed.

Brodee Wood - Lionel US Navy flat car with boat.

Dave Brown - Mystery Box which contained an Atlas RS 4/5 locomotive.

Judy Brown, - 3 raffle tickets.



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As noted at the July meeting, the Beat the Heat bus tour attendees will be visiting not only a special layout, not open to the rest of the attendees, but also, the last public showing of the Atonna's Seligman and Paulden lines as demolition begins following. But, also, and only for those on the bus trip, there will be goodies for sale at the Atonna's that were not at the swap meet.