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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Brown

ALL HANDS ON DECK, ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!

The next couple weekends will be very busy. On the 19th, we have our winter Cactus Meet and on the following Saturday, weather permitting, is a train run over at the Arizona Train Museum in Chandler.

First, the Cactus Meet. We need people to help in the set up on Friday. Contact Jack Eaton for information on that. On the 19th, we will need help during the seller's setup, security and such. Once the doors open, selling raffle tickets and helping at the front desk.

The following weekend we will be running both the O gauge module and the S gauge module at the Arizona Train Museum in Chandler. We will need help with the set up, running of trains and packing up. These two events are the heart of this club. The Cactus meet gives us the money we need to run the club, and of course running trains is what we do. If you can help, now is the time.

At the Desert Division TCA meet, there was a report on the Worlds Greatest Hobby show downtown Phoenix last weekend. According to those in attendance, the hall was packed with lots of people around the TCA trailer both days. The Super bowl and the Phoenix Open had no effect on the very sizable crowds downtown. After hearing this, we may want to rethink our non-involvement in this event. This looks like a great way to

promote our club to lots of people. This is the thinking of the Presidents of all three clubs: GCMR, TCA and P & P. With this much help, this could be a great show to help all of us. As far as transportation to get there, some people may take the light rail. Then one person could transport trains to the event and pay the parking fee which the club would repay.

These details can be worked out between now and next year. Remember that the next two weekends will be very busy and fun!

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.

February 18 - GCMR Winter Cactus Swap Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church

February 25 - GCMR meeting - NO MEETING THIS MONTH

March 18 - Adobe Mountain spring swap meet

March 25 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

April 1 - All Club Spring Picnic - Scottsdale Railroad Park.

April 22 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Spring Mini Meet.

May 20 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church NOTE DATE CHANGE

MEETING NOTES

by Bill Richardson

BOARD MEETING

Old Business:

The Cactus Winter Meet has 125 tables already sold. Currently we can fit 155 tables. 149 tables for sellers, and 6 tables for administration. John Draftz presented the Board with the LCCA promotion of our Cactus Winter Meet. We have all our raffle prizes ready to go.

Dave Brown re-iterated that the club picnic will be Saturday 4/1/2017.

New Business:

Peter Atonna has informed us that there will be "NO TRAIN DAY IN WILLIAMS" this year.

We will be bringing the module trailer to the Chandler Arizona Railway Museum on Saturday, February 25th. Setup at 7:00 AM. Public from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Jack Eaton will announce GCMR election results at the general membership meeting.

We will supply a \$75.00 gift card for the April 22 Mini Meet.

The May General Membership Meeting will be the 3rd Saturday in May, NOT the 4th Saturday. This will avoid the Memorial Day conflicts.

The June General Membership Meeting will be the "Hot Dogs & Apple Pie" meeting.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Announcements:

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.

It was announced that there is "NO TRAIN DAY IN WILLIAMS" this year.

There will be NO GCMR General Membership Meeting in February. We have the Cactus Winter Meet to keep us busy.

Old Business:

Counting today's table sales, the Cactus Winter Meet is 100% sold. John Draftz urged the membership to contact schools in their neighborhood and advertise the Meet. There is advertisement on Craigslist. Chris Allan agreed to advertise on the TCA Desert Division Facebook page and at the World's Greatest Train Show in February. LCCA is advertising the Meet. Glenn Saber passed out paper flyers to members for the hobby stores. Let's get the word out.

Due to space limitations, we will probably not be setting up the "S" and "O" gauge modules at the swap meet. We may set up the smaller kids layout instead.

New Business:

GCMR will be bringing the module trailer to Chandler to participate in Arizona Railway Day at the Arizona Railway Museum in Chandler on Saturday February 25th. We are planning to setup both the "S" gauge and "O" Gauge modules. Setup is at 7:00 AM. Public from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The Museum is at 330 E. Ryan Road in Chandler.

Board of Directors

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(Look for the very small sign on the east side of the road, when heading south from the SR202) Coordinate with Jack Eaton if you can attend.

The all club picnic will be Saturday, April 1 at the Stillman Ramada in McCormick Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale.

The next GCMR Mini Meet will be in April on Saturday, the 22nd.

The GCMR's May General Membership Meeting will be the 3rd Saturday of the month on the 20th, not the 4th Saturday of the month! This will avoid the Memorial Day conflicts.

July is going to be our Cactus Summer Meet. It will be the 4th Saturday on July 22.

Bylaws may need to be updated regarding the Past President's term on the board.

There was a motion to make Jack Eaton the new Statutory Agent of the GCMR. Motion carried.

GCMR needs to pay the Sahuaro Central dues for our representative. This allows us to park our trailer out at Adobe Mountain.

Jack Eaton announced the results of the GCMR election of Officers and Board Members. The results are: Dave Brown (President), Jack Eaton (Vice President), Glenn Saber (Treasurer), Bill Richardson (Secretary), Janet Mattern (Board Member), and George Bean (Board Member). John Draftz will continue to serve on the Board in his position as Past President.

SHOW AND TELL:

The theme was "what I got for Xmas".

- + Terry Hass brought his Grand Truck Western "G" gauge boxcar and a pillow.
- + Rod Johnson brought his Marklin set from 1937 or 1938.
- + Ralph Treichel brought his flat car from Menards.

- + John Draftz brought his "S" gauge K-Line boxcar and his John Wayne Hurricane Express video.
- + Bill East bought a train picture album with some pictures he took himself.
- + Glenn Saber brought in an "HO" train set from the 60's that he just recently found at a swap meet. It was like one he had as a child, and may or may not be "hard as hen's teeth to find".
- + Dave Brown brought his MTH small Santa Fe 44 ton engine and his six dome tank car made by Thomas Industries.
- + Bill Richardson brought in his American Flyer dual bridge and a Flyer passenger station he recently got from the TCA auction.

BY LAWS CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON

by John Draftz

The Board is proposing two minor changes in the club's bylaws that were given a first reading at the January meeting. The final vote will be at the March meeting. The new language is shown in **Bold**.

The changes state the immediate past president will be a BoD member for just the year following the term of office. A paragraph was added dealing with the budget and CPB. The motion will be to replace the old article III section B with the revised section B.

From:

SECTION B. Board of Directors

- 1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers and three Directors-at-large one of whom shall be the immediate past president.
- 2 In the event the incumbent president is re-elected or is unable to serve as a Director, a third Director-at-large will be elected.
- 3 Directors-at-large shall be at least 18 years of age and a member in good standing for at least one (1) year prior to holding office.

To:

SECTION B. Board of Directors

- 1 The Board of Directors (BoD) shall consist of the Officers and three Directors-at-large.
- 2 **The immediate past president shall be one of the Directors-at-large the year following his or her term of office as President. In the event the incumbent president is re-elected or is unable to serve as a Director, a third Director-at-large will be elected.**
- 3 A Director-at-large shall be at least 18 years of age and a member in good standing for at least one (1) year prior to holding office.
- 4 **The BoD shall govern the Club and shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget. The BoD shall also be responsible for preparing and maintaining the CPB that shall be made available for inspection by the membership. The policies of said book shall not conflict with these By-Laws but may amplify them. The membership shall have the right to amend or rescind any action of the BoD at any business meeting by a majority vote of the members present.**

CACTUS MEET UPDATE

by John Draftz

We currently have 149 tables sold, thus are 100% sold out plus there are sellers on a waiting list.

We have been given raffle prizes from:

Durango & Silverton tickets
Grand Canyon Railway tickets
Verde Canyon Railroad tickets
Model Railroader subscription
Walthers 2017 Reference Book & HO boxcar
G-gauge train set
O-gauge Polar Express set (used)
HO-gauge train set
Train porch sign/bell
Railroad wind chime

I am expecting more from others but need to re-contact them. In addition, there will be train sets and probably dinner theatre tickets.

To make the meet more successful, it's important for everyone to get the word out to the public. The more potential buyers we have, the more potential sales will be made thus more satisfied sellers we'll have. If we can get every public school in the Valley to allow meet information to go home with the students, we should have a great turnout. Please check with schools near you to see what they will allow you to do. Go to www.gcmrr.org to find details about the meet.

And we need volunteers to help at the meet. Please see the signup sheets in this issue and see where you can help.

POSTWAR TIDBITS

by Peter Atonna

I collect historic Lionel literature, including Lionel's Model Builder magazine. It was the standard for the tinplate world from before World War II until 1949. It illustrates a different hobby world than what we now enjoy. One of the tidbits I love to read is the classifieds. Right after the war, everybody was trying to get the new Lionel trains. I find it fascinating what people might want in order to give up their precious trains. Here are a couple of late '40s classifieds:

HAVE: 9 m/m Luger automatic pistol—A-1 shape, 15 rds, of ammo., 53 taps 4-36 to ¼-20 not complete. 11 taper pin reamers, 150 wire drills from 80 wire to 11/32 tool unused. **WANT:** "O" gauge trains or accessories, A-1 shape. Will consider standard gauge outfits. Accept first reasonable offer. Frank Koterba, 409 W. Pearl, Hazel Park, Mich.

WANT: One 260E engine and tender in good condition. **HAVE:** One Lionel Wonder Book, January issue of MODEL BUILDER and February issue of MODEL BUILDER, both 1944 issues. Barry Hughes, 195 Treverton Road, Shamokin, Pa.

FOR TRADE: One Munro table tennis set. Excellent condition. **WANTED:** 027 gauge equipment. Ronnie Lindamood, P. O. Box 823, Pulaski, Virginia.

WILL TRADE: A pair of white mice. **FOR:** Any kind of Lionel train equipment. Please contact Janice Kabert, 1115 Orvis Avenue, Pittsburgh 23, Pa.

In addition to the classifieds, Lionel always offered suggestions as how to increase the “fun” of your trains. This is from an article on how to place a layout around your Christmas tree, featuring all the new goodies you were getting. But to hide them from the kids, you were to cover them with a sheet. Then on Christmas morning:



To unveil the big family gift of the day, rig the wrapping so that the switcher can run up to it, hook on, and pull the wrapping right off.

WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY SHOW

by Peter Atonna

As Dave noted in his President's Message, the WGH show at the Phoenix Convention Center seemed to draw huge crowds. Mary Jane and I were coming to town for a Monday meeting, so came a day early to go to the show on Sunday afternoon. As Dave noted, we thought the crowds might be thin as it was Super Bowl afternoon. But it that was a thin day I am glad we did not go on Saturday.

About a third of the hall had manufacturers booths, another third retail dealers and a third with display

layouts - including our own TCA Desert Division. I did enjoy chatting with the Lionel reps and was lucky to meet one of their technical staff. So, I was able to question him about the upcoming wi-fi ap, the fact that their upgrade modules are not Mac friendly, and the schedule for finally producing their new scale length passenger cars (on that he said they go into production as soon as the Chinese New Year month is over and to expect them Stateside late spring or early summer - I can't wait)

To my delight, one of the Lionel reps turned out to be their club car coordinator, with whom I have been working on the production of the Desert Division's upcoming Albuquerque national convention.

Chris Allen, who in another life is also the Desert Division president, was manning their layout trailer and has people all around it as long as I was there.

Here are some photos from some of the layouts at the show:



Chris and Gordon Wilson at the Desert Division trailer





WINNERS!

Monthly Raffle prize winners were:

Bill Lazenby - Lionel 6-29918 Fast Track boxcar
 Terry Hass - Lionel 6-5721 Reefer car
 Glenn Saber - MTH RK-1036 Warning Bell
 Dana Price - Lionel TTOS 1975 Combo
 Bill Lazenby - Amer Flyer 6-48407 Gilbert Chem car

The Mystery Raffle prize winner was:

Terry Hass - Lionel 6-28724 Veterans car

Monthly 1K Raffle prize winner was:

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



Rod Johnson and Glenn Saber at Show and Tell

**"ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS"**

THE CACTUS WINTER MEET

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

\$6.00/PERSON \$11.00/FAMILY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 2017

(Large Farmers Market at the same time!)

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CACTUS WINTER MODEL TRAIN SWAP AND SHOW

Saturday, February 18, 2017

\$6.00 Single - \$11.00 Family

This coupon good for \$1.00 off cost of admission

One coupon per party

Swap Meet Check List

Note: the various tasks that need to be done for our swap meet are listed below. They have been broken into small time frames so that each member can help without having to commit to the whole day. The goal is to allow each member to find something he or she can do thus contributing to the meet's success.

Jack Eaton, as vice-president, will coordinate the staffing so when he contacts you, let him know how you can help. If you want to contact him first, his contact information is 623-249-7297 or jeaton9@cox.net. Remember, this is your club and it needs every member's help.

Friday afternoon

4:00-5:00 **Set-up**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Task(s): set out raffle prize jars
set up seller tables (tape & letters)
caution tape doors
set up coffee pots
set up kid's layout (& "Brio" trains if used)
store prizes, donuts, and test track for Saturday
ensure PA working to include CDs

Saturday morning

5:30-6:00 Set-up 1. _____ 2. _____

Task(s): set out road signs w/balloons
 plug in coffee pots
 set out donuts for vendors along with donation jar
 set up registration table

6:00-8:00	Set-up	1. _____	2. _____
		3. _____	4. _____

Task(s): set out raffle prizes
have security person at NE door
ensure PA working to include CDs
set up mobile layout (weather permitting)

6:00-9:00 Vendors 1. _____ 2. _____

Task(s): check against vendor list
handle money
give welcome packet and badge(s) (and button if wanted)

8:30-9:00	Pre-sale	1. _____	2. _____
		3. _____	4. _____

Task(s): set up test track where coffee pots were
pre-sell admission tickets to public in line
remove coffee & donuts prior to public entering

9:00-11:00	Layout(s)	1. _____	2. _____
11:00-1:00	Layout(s)	1. _____	2. _____
	Task(s):	ensure all trains are kept running monitor kids use of trains if applicable	
9:00-11:00	During meet	1. _____	2. _____
11:00-1:00	During meet	1. _____	2. _____
	Task(s):	staff PA being a DJ roam floor as ambassador to help as needed – wear red vest if possible solicit membership, sell meet raffle tickets sell annual raffle tickets	
1:00-1:30	Auction	1. _____	2. _____
		3. _____	4. _____
	Task(s):	auction items process sales	
1:00-1:30	Post-meet	1. _____	2. _____
	Task(s):	clean up coffee pots & donut serving area distribute leftover donuts	
1:30-2:00	Dismantle	1. _____	2. _____
		3. _____	4. _____
	Task(s):	pack up kid's layout (& "Brio") collect debris remove table tape pack up letters, etc fold up mobile layout (if used)	



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One of the most delightful exhibits at the World's Greatest Hobby show at the Phoenix Convention Center was this 16 foot long depiction of Disneyland as part of the New Mexico Rail Runner's N gauge modular layout.