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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Our annual swap meet was February 25th. Thanks to all the members who helped before, during, and after. The board had a post-meet meeting to evaluate the meet. It learned what went well and where we can improve for next year. A more detailed report is elsewhere in this newsletter. Next year's meet is February 23rd and should be our best meet ever.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 24th, in the form of the annual, joint P&P/GCMR/TCA picnic. We'll be meeting at the Scottsdale Ranch Park's Ramada #8 at 104th St & Via Linda in Scottsdale (below Shea). More details are elsewhere in this newsletter. There will be table sales from 9-11 (remember, the other train clubs will also be present) with our meeting from 10-11. Regular red ticket raffle prizes, blue ticket mystery prize, and tickets for the annual raffle prize will be available. The picnic lunch will begin about noon which means sale tables need to be cleared at 11am so we can begin the set up.

An item on the March agenda is to revisit joining Sahuaro Central. Please plan to attend the March picnic meeting so that your views may be made known. If you can't be there and want to share your thoughts, please contact me at 602-942-3457 or jzdraftz@cox.net or any board member before that meeting.

Our mobile layouts will be operating during the Sahuaro Central swap meet from 8-2 Saturday,

March 17th. Either the modules or the mobile layout will be at the Falcon Field Open House Saturday, March 31st, from 8-3 with set up from 7-8. Please consider giving some time to one or both of these events. You can tell me or another board member of your availability for Falcon Field at the picnic but Sahuaro Central is the week before our meeting so we need to know by the 15th if possible if you can be there.

We have many great opportunities to grow the membership. We need simply to take advantage of them. Don't be afraid to come up to a visitor and ask, "See anything you like?" or something similar. You'll find they'd love to talk with you about the toys and you'll find you have the knowledge they want to hear.

See you at the swap meet and the picnic.

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.

March 24 - GCMR picnic with the Desert Division and Paradise and Pacific - Scottsdale Ranch Park. See article this month

April 28 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - theme Standard Gauge

May 26 - GCMR meeting - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - theme: Memorial Day patriotic items, military trains and hardware

OTHER TRAIN EVENTS

March 17 - Sahuaro Central Swap meet - GCMR module operation

March 17 - Valley of the Sun S gaugers meeting (see article this issue)

March 24 - Wyoming Division Club Open House - Cornville (see article last issue)

March 31 - Falcon Field layout display

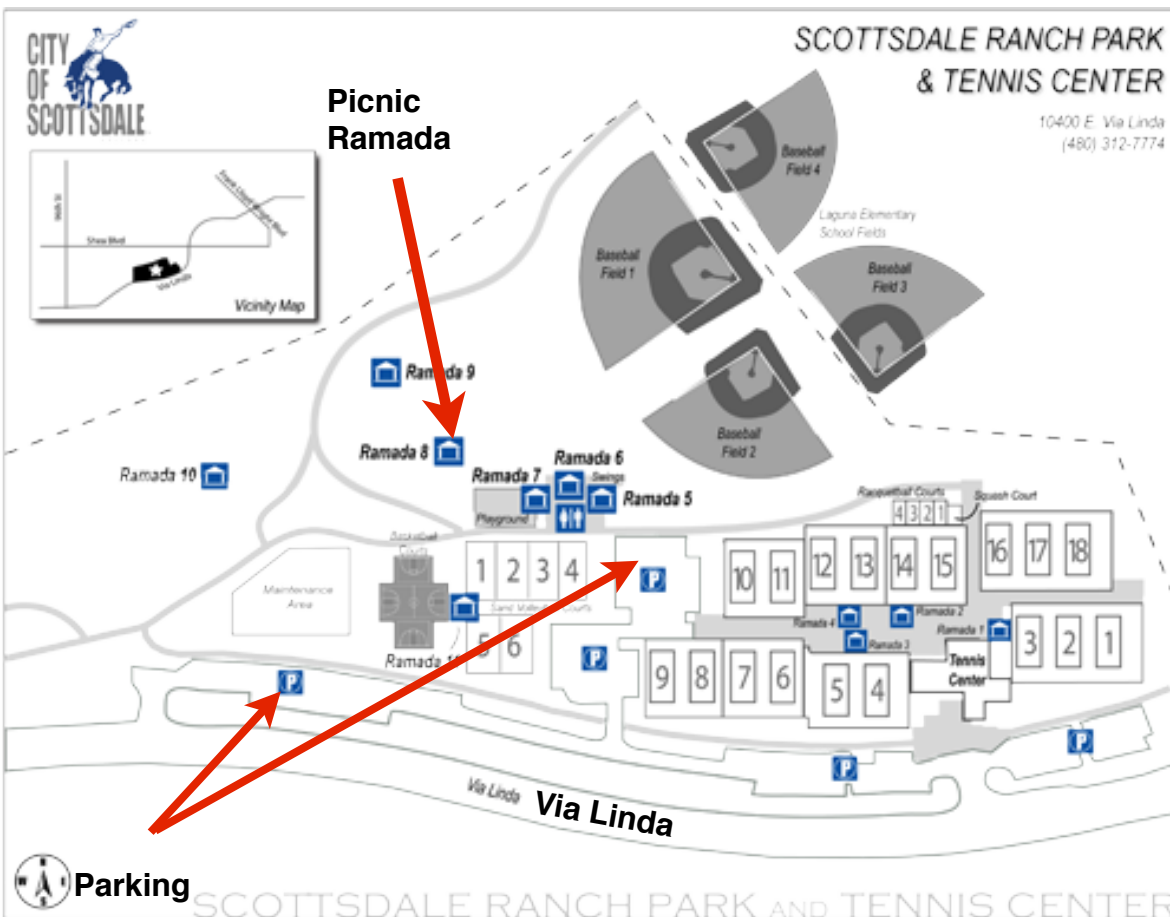
April 19-21 - York meet - York, PA

May 12, 13 - National Train Day, Williams - GCMR layout in operation

PICNIC INFORMATION

The picnic is to be held at the Scottsdale Ranch Park in north Scottsdale. The best way to reach the park is off Shea Blvd, east of 96th Street. Turn south onto Via Linda. We have Ramada 8, located just north of the volleyball and basketball courts. It's a double ramada thus probably has enough table space for everyone. It is, however, limited thus we'll have to ensure all table sales are removed not later than 11am.

There are two parking areas - an east set and a west lot. Everyone should plan to park in the west lot simply because it's closer to the ramada. The toilet facilities are also nearby.



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DUES ARE DUE

This is the last reminder that if you have not sent in your GCMR dues for 2012, you have only a few days left. The deadline for this year's dues is March 31st. So, if you have not done so, please send in your renewal form to Rod Johnson. With our April newsletter, we will also mail to all members the membership list for 2012.

So, if you have not sent them in, don't forget. We'd hate to miss you!

VALLEY OF THE SUN S GAUGERS

by Charles Eral

Last month, we introduced you to a new club for S gauge enthusiasts. Here is a note on this month's meeting.

This is your invitation to attend the Valley of the Sun "S" Gaugers meeting in Cave Creek, AZ on Saturday, March 17th at 10:00 am. It will be at Marty Wiks' home.

We welcome American Flyer and hi-rail, S gauge and scale operators and collectors. We have free membership, no dues. Visitors are always welcome! Please e-mail or call myself or Marty if you will be attending this meeting. We want to have enough food, soda, coffee, and cookies for everyone attending.

Call Marty for directions prior to meeting:
602- 710-5667 or e-mail at: a55flyer@msn.com

ARMORY SWAP MEET RECAP

by Glenn Saber

All GCMR members deserve a great big pat on the back for making this year's Armory Swap Meet the most profitable ever for your club. The over \$3,012 profit will help cover our club's expenses for another year - from annual, monthly and mystery prize purchases to food, meeting room rental, insurance, printing, postage and more.

Positive word is spreading about the Armory Meet as we had a complete sellout of all 127 available sales tables several weeks prior to the event. There were

469 door prize tickets were handed out – a method of counting attendees. One hundred thirty four people presented entry coupons - showing how effective our advertising is. During and after the meet, compliments were received from vendors and guests.

Wayne Ross did a great job of rounding up excellent raffle prizes including round trip tickets on the Grand Canyon, Verde Valley and Durango & Silverton scenic railroads, sports tickets, a sports grab bag and a CCT magazine subscription. Several members manned the club's O and S gauge modules and the High Noon train races and engine demolition were a hit with all ages. Paul Boston's multi-engine display is always a gathering spot and the kitchen was continuously busy serving hot dogs.

The Armory has already been reserved for next year's public swap meet for February 23, 2013. With this event fresh in our minds, the Board is carefully reviewing every facet of the swap meet and implementing changes as needed to make next year's swap even better and more profitable.

Once again, thank you to all who lent a hand.



(Thanks Dave!)

ARMORY SWAP MEET PHOTO GALLERY





MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

It's that time of year again. Dues are Due. GCMR Annual Dues are \$35.00. Please renew by filling out this form and mailing it in or bring to the next meet. Club dues are delinquent after the last day of February.

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE/ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Would you be interested in receiving monthly newsletter by email? Yes ___ No ___

Would you be interested in holding a layout or collection open house? Yes ___

How would you be willing to volunteer your time to the Club? _____

AREAS OF INTEREST

Please circle your areas of interest. You may circle as many in each category as you wish.

<u>ERA</u>	<u>GAUGE</u>	<u>MANUFACTURER</u>	<u>LAYOUT</u>	<u>PERIPHERALS</u>
A-Prewar	D-O/O27	N-American Flyer	Y-Yes	1-Figures
B-Postwar	E-Scale	O-Lionel	N-NO	2-Toys
C-Modern	F-Stnd	P-Marx		3-Paper, Books
	G-G or #1	Q-Atlas		4-Buildings
	H-S, Flyer	R-Dorfman		5- Railroading
	I-HO	S-MTH		6-Other
	J-OO	T-Williams		
	K-N	U-K Line		
	L-Z	V-Marklin		
	M-Other	W-Other		

After completion, please mail this renewal form along with your check in the amount of \$35, made payable to GCMR and mail to:

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The 2012 GCMR Swap Meet was a rousing success. Read about it and see more photos inside.