



GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Draftz

Our May meeting will be the 19th (the third Saturday to avoid Memorial Day weekend). The BoD will meet at 8am with the regular meeting starting at 10 with trains running in between. The theme is Memorial Day: Space/Military Trains/Hardware. If you have military/space trains to run, that would be great. Remember, there's no gauge restriction so bring whatever appeals to you.

Our spring mini-meet was April 28th from 9-11 and was, by most standards, a success. Free sale tables were initially available for members only on a first come first served basis. After April 1st, any remaining tables were available to members of other railroad clubs – first come, first served. The meet was free to the public. Special thanks to Janet Mattern for coordinating the mini-meet. She is also coordinating the annual fall mini-meet September 22nd. Members wanting to reserve a seller's table should contact her (602-569-0568 or tjmattern@cox.net). After September 1st, any remaining tables will be made available to members of other clubs.

Our June meeting will be our hot dogs 'n apple pie meeting. More details next month.

Our Summer Cactus Meet will be held Saturday, July 28th, at the North Phoenix Baptist center (Bethany Home & Central). We already have about 50 tables of the estimated 150 tables "sold" for the meet. See our www.gcmrr.org site for details and the

table reservation form. We'll need help with security, ticket sales, and at the door. We'll do initial hall setup the day before (Friday) starting about 4pm. Come help if you can.

After the mini-meet, there was a brief "meeting" where Glenn was able give an update on the mobile layout. The jack mounted on the tongue had issues that were addressed and a way of mounting the spare inside the trailer was identified. Chris Allen suggested using one storage facility for both the mobile layout and GCMR "stuff" with the module trailer continue to be stored at Adobe Mountain. At this point, the topic is on hold while facts (info) are gathered about the combined storage approach. Once sufficient information is available, the topic will be included as part of a regular meeting agenda.

A fall GCMR potluck/picnic supper for members and guests is a possibility for a Saturday or Sunday in November. Please let a board member know your thinking on this event so any planning can be started.

See you the 19th.

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 19 - GCMR meeting - NOTE DATE CHANGE
Theme: Memorial Day; Space/Military Trains/Hardware
June 23 - GCMR meeting - Theme: Hot Dogs and Apple Pie; Flag Day; Red, White, and Blue trains; patriotic trains, cars, etc.; item(s) w/flag(s)
July 28 - Summer Cactus Meet - North Phoenix Baptist Church - see table reservation form this issue.
August 18 - Beat the Heat Swap Meet - Prescott Valley
Sales tables are sold out, but be sure to see the bus trip reservation form this issue.

MEETING NOTES

There was no formal board meeting or business conducted at the mini meet. So no notes this month.

STEVEN HAWKING, MODEL RAILROADER?

Much of the world mourned the passing of Steven Hawking, perhaps the most famous theoretical physicist since Einstein. But was he a model railroader? Here is a short article from Trains website - Ed

Stephen Hawking, a famed scientist who brought science to the masses despite being confined to a wheelchair for decades, has died. He was 76.

In its obituary of the man, the Wall Street Journal quotes Hawking from his own autobiography in which he discusses his love for model railroads, boats, airplanes, and making games.

"I think these games, as well as the trains, boats, and airplanes, came from an urge to know how systems worked and how to control them," Hawking wrote.

Hawking used his interests to read and explain the universe to others, including in a 2010 article in the U.K.'s Daily Mail newspaper about building a time machine train.

In one segment of that article, Hawking uses a train analogy to describe how passengers on the train circling the Earth near the speed of light would age about a week, but travel 150 years into the future. His descriptions were also developed into a video that now circulates on YouTube.

Hawking was born in Oxford, England, in 1942. In the 1960s, he was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. The immediate cause of his death, in Cambridge, England, has not been disclosed.

LA POSADA

by Peter Atonna

Recently our small family "elders" spent an evening at La Posada for a getaway trip. Turns out it was not the weekend to do so as the smoke from the Tinder fire started to blanket Winslow, making doing outside activities "undesirable" But I did get a chance to check the progress of the conversion of the historic Santa Fe station into a museum. As you can see, a very strange, and architecturally inconsistent, addition has been built. But, inside, no progress since our last visit a couple of years ago. Sad.

In addition, the private railcar spur is now fenced off and I was able to get a good shot of only one of the beautiful cars parked there.

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The beauty



And the beast



Not much happening inside

THE MINI MEET

John Draftz and Dave Brown shared some photos from this spring's Mini Meet. Looks like a great turnout and lots of goodies for those who came.



TRIP TO THE GADSDEN PACIFIC MUSEUM

Dave Brown, joined the Paradise and Pacific group for a trip south to visit the folks at the Gadsden Pacific Museum. Here are a couple of shots of the impressive displays they have created.



COMBINING TWO WORLDS

by Peter Atonna

As many members know, I live in two worlds - that of railroads and model railroading and of the sport of carriage driving. Rarely do I get the opportunity to combine the two.

As I started a major rebuild of my train layout a few years ago, it gave me much more space to add on to my version of Douglas, Arizona where Mary Jane and I grew up. At the end of a street was a house which could be a stand in for our Paulden home and next door I placed a horse barn to which I had added the sounds of happy horses. I had a round pen and some horses and horseback riders from the previous version of the layout, but no carriages.

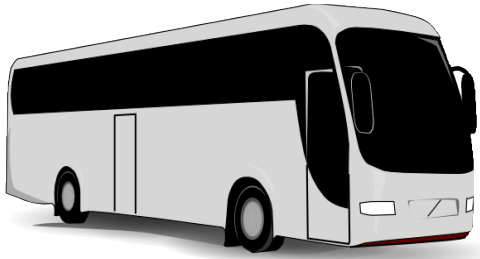
A yearlong search yielded no models of the style of carriages we use. So, the only option was to build them from "scratch" I did find a kit for an old wagon, one of which would become "yard art" in front of our "home" and the other sacrificed its wheels for two carriages and the body ended up in our friend and Phoenix neighbor, Gar Dutton's side yard.

With two different sizes wheels, one became a road cart while the other became a Meadowbrook carriage. The only seated figure I had in my inventory that was close enough to represent a carriage driver was a man, so I became the driver rather than Mary Jane.

And now the carriage world is represented indoors with me driving back to the barn, while a load of hay is on its way and Mary Jane is pulling the horse trailer out of the driveway. Yes you can have it both ways!







IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE ANNUAL

BEAT THE HEAT

SWAP MEET & LAYOUT BUS TOUR

IN COOL PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018

LET THE GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILROADERS DO THE DRIVING
COMFORTABLE DELUXE MOTORCOACH WITH ON-BOARD FACILITIES

SAVE ON GAS, PARKING AND STRESSFUL DRIVING

ON-BOARD TRAIN VIDEOS AND BOTTLED WATER

ON-BOARD STORAGE FOR YOUR SWAP MEET ACQUISITIONS

BUS TOUR INCLUDES A VISIT TO SEVERAL TRAIN LAYOUTS

OPTIONAL BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH BEVERAGE AT SWAP

(swap meet entrance fees are not included)

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Select Your Pickup Location

Arizona Mills at 6:30 AM _____

Paradise Valley Mall at 7:00 AM _____

Metrocenter Mall at 7:30 AM _____

Carefree Highway at 7:45 AM _____

Number of adult GCMR club members: _____ at \$30 each = \$ _____

Number of adult Non-GCMR members: _____ at \$35 each = \$ _____

Number of children under 14: _____ at \$15 each = \$ _____

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

Total: **Make checks payable to "GCMR"** \$ _____

(no refunds after August 11, 2018)

Mail this form and check to:

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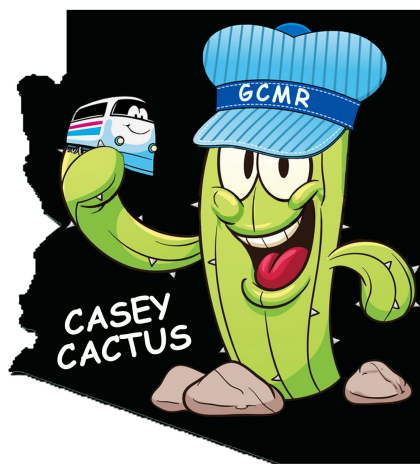


“ONE OF ARIZONA’S LARGEST MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS” CACTUS SUMMER TRAIN MEET

SATURDAY, JULY 28th, 2018

SWAP FROM 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Large Farmers Market at the same time!



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FELLOWSHIP CENTER

5757 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

Aggressive Promotion * All Scales

Great Location * Free Parking

Food Available * Fantastic Raffle

Test Track * End-O-Swap Auction

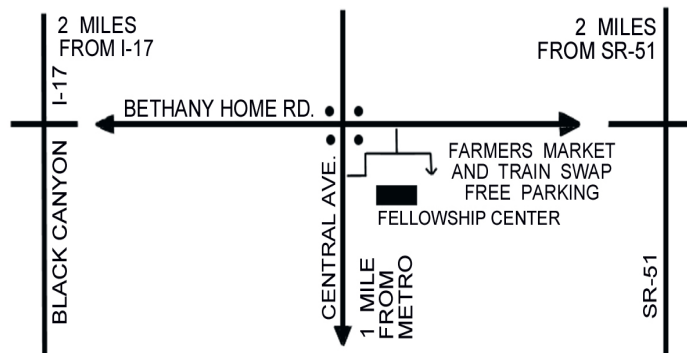
Presented by your pal, Casey Cactus, and the

GRAND CANYON MODEL RAILRODERS

Reserve your space and required vendor badges

No refunds after July 21, 2018

New Fun Friday pre-meet dinner - info to follow
Saturday set-up opens at 6:00 AM. Print form legibly



Name	<p>\$25 per 8' banquet table (with chair - bring a table cover, if desired)</p> <p>How many tables? _____</p> <p>Amount enclosed? \$ _____</p> <p>Requests? _____</p> <p>Will you participate in the auction?</p> <p>Seller? _____ Buyer? _____</p> <p>Cactus Vendor Badges REQUIRED to enter trading hall There will be space on the badges to write your names, if so desired.</p> <p>1 or 2 tables = 2 badges max. 3 or 4 tables = 4 badges max. More than 4 tables = contact us More badges available at \$5.00 each</p>
Address	
City State Zip	
Phone Email	
<p>Security: I will abide with vendor badge entrance requirements. Buying, selling, ethics and behavior: In case of dispute, the Meet Chairperson and/or impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairperson shall arbitrate the dispute and render a timely decision and I hereby agree to be bound by such decision. I will not pack until 1:00 PM. Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.</p>	
Signature	Date
<p>Make check payable to: "Grand Canyon Model Railroaders" Mail to: John Draftz, 1507 W Willow Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029 or Credit cards accepted via PayPal - Visit www.gcmrr.org Email: info@gcmrr.org Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457; Glenn Saber 602-956-6695</p>	

THE MAIN LINE

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Sorry, your editor could not resist this one. A group of tinplaters here in the Prescott area have a storefront at the Prescott Gateway Mall and run trains for the public the first Saturday of the month. Last year, I ordered Lionel's First Responders BluTooth set as it looked really cool - particularly as it included an operating helicopter. Well when it arrived, I discovered the Lionel included helicopter was, well "junk". So, courtesy of Amazon, I bought a \$20 replacement that actually does fly. So, courtesy of a photo by Stan Cedarleaf, here I am in seventh heaven demonstrating the helicopter for our group. The helicopter actually took off from the flat car you see on the train.