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# NEWSLETTER

Central Arizona Model Railroad Club  
April - June, 2017

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jim Hanna

Welcome to Spring everyone.

Guess we are all pretty much ready for some nice weather after a cold winter. This past first quarter, as always in our year, was pretty much slow and uneventful. We did however get the Sharlot Hall Museum Exhibit well established and pretty much free of any bugs and/or major problems.

For all of you who volunteered to help man the museum exhibit on Saturdays, let me say a big "Thank You" for your efforts. The museum is getting quite a bit of feedback on the baggage cart and the Model Railroad about how well it was done and how interesting it is to see it operate. This is a great compliment to all of you who had a part in restoring the baggage cart and building the layout. Thanks again to all who participated.

Don't forget about the "mini swap meet" coming up on the 29th of April. This is something new for us and is free to all members. Any questions, please contact Richie Scanapico or Dick Gage.

Our main attraction, the "Beat The Heat Swap Meet" will be here before you know it in August of this year. The tables go fast, so if you are interested in one, better get hold of Dick Gage pronto. Last year, the tables were all sold out in April.

That's it for now...hope you all have a good Spring.

## SCHEDULE

*CAMRRC regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. They feature tables where you are welcome to bring items for sale and most months also feature a program. They are a also great way to get together with your fellow members. Meetings begin at 6:30pm for socializing and swapping and the meeting at 7pm located at the Prescott First Lutheran Church, 231 W. Smoketree Lane off Willow Creek*

**April 12** - CAMRRC meeting, First Lutheran Church

**April 29** - CAMRRC mini-meet. 9am, First Lutheran Church

**May 10** - CAMRRC meeting, First Lutheran Church

**June 14** - CAMRRC meeting, First Lutheran Church

**July 22** - Cactus Swap Meet. N. Phoenix Baptist Church. Info: [http://www.gcmrr.org/Swap\\_Meets.html](http://www.gcmrr.org/Swap_Meets.html)

## BEAT THE HEAT MEET UPDATE

by Dick Gage

To date 52 tables have been spoken and paid for at the upcoming Beat the Heat Swap Meet. A reminder to all vendors who still want a table or two or three, there is still time....but like last year they do go fast. And in order to fill your requests for location, you should make sure you get those requests in ASAP. Looking forward to another good summer here in the high desert. See you soon

And an addendum from Peter, shortly I will be sending an email to all of our Open House hosts from 2016 to see if they would like to host an after

the meet open house again this year. If we have any open slots, I will then send an email to all of our members to see if any new hosts would like to step forward.

## THE COFFEE POT

by Lloyd Ewart

Maybe some will be interested in this item. A few years ago my brother gave me a book entitled, Recreation Railroads, by Arthur Tayler. It is a compilation of the Worlds Finest Railroads restored to their former glory.

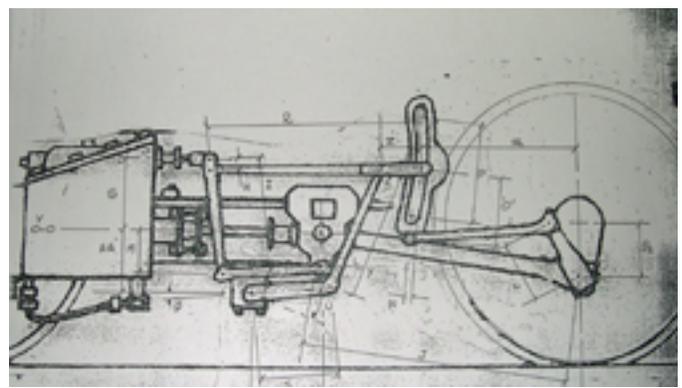
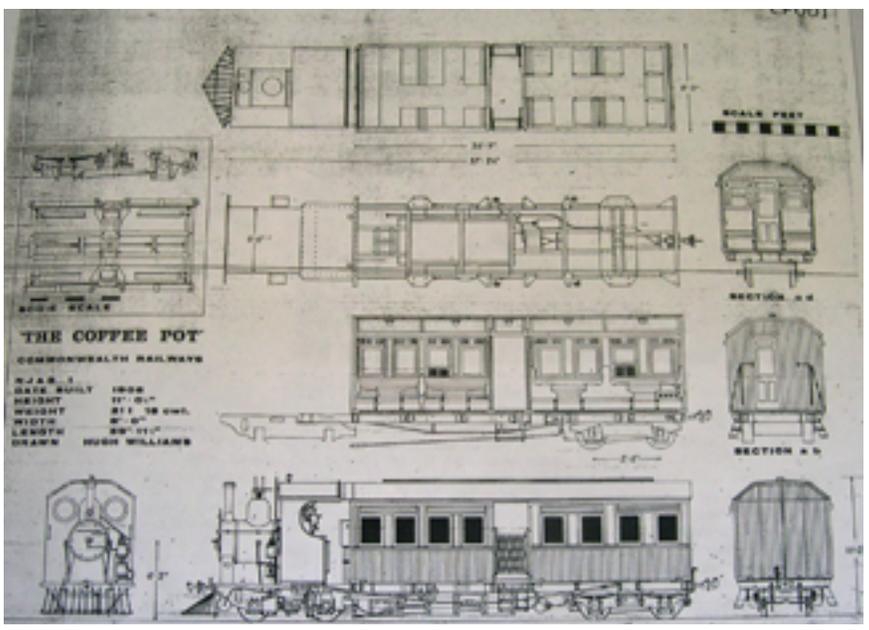
The final chapter really grabbed me largely because of the unique steam railcar fondly called, "The Coffee Pot". It was built in Leads, England by Kitson and Company in 1909. I believe there were only two made. The Coffee Pot is the jewel of the Pichi Richi Railway in South Australia.

I was inspired to build a HO scale model. I then contacted the organization and became a member and began to receive information through the quarterly magazine. I was thus able to get drawings and specifications for the little "Coffee Pot" steam railcar. It was a real challenge and required a lot of searching for material and parts that could be used for the little "dickens".

Most is scraps and odds and ends salvaged from my junk box. The cab and boiler are brass stock and the rest is wood scraps from my wood bin. It is operational. I don't remember where I got the power

truck, again no doubt, from my odds and ends boxes.

It was a fun project and the Pichi Richi people said the model was one of a kind. I have the book and other items if anyone is interested. I will try to



remember to bring the items to the next meeting. Here are some pics. The last one is my model.

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## **YOUR MEMBERSHIP LIST**

by Peter Atonna

Your 2017 CAMRRC membership lists are printed and I will have your copy at the April meeting next week. Each will have a mailing label, so be sure to pick up the one with your name on it (or you will make that person really frosted that you have his!) Members not at the meeting will have theirs mailed.

## **HELLO FROM WALT**

by Walt Bouman

I am a new member and have not attended a meeting yet but wanted to introduce myself. I have an outdoor G-scale garden railroad. I started it in 2007 and had it running in 2009. It is a work in progress with constant changes. It is now 90% completed. I am located in PV and have sent these photos.



## STEVE HATCH LAYOUT UPDATE

Steve has been sharing photos of his layout and here are some new ones for you to enjoy - Ed.



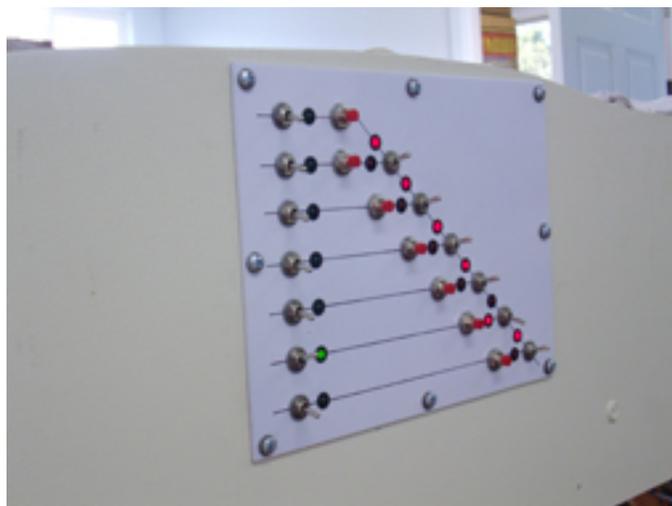
# LAYOUT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

by Tom McColloch

Track work and wiring continue on the Western Division of the Rochester and Lake Erie RR. The final yard trackage has been installed, along with switch machines for all the turnouts. The last control panel is complete and operational. Electromagnetic uncouplers are in progress and will be installed on all of the sidings. Visitors are always welcome!



Yard trackage



Control panel

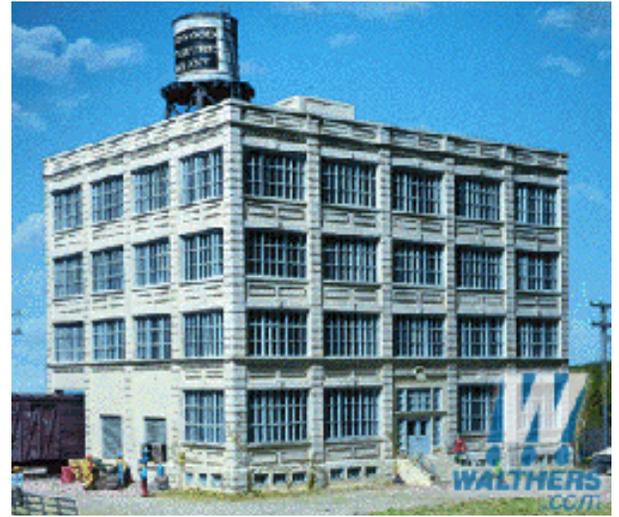
## WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY SHOW

Finally made it to Phoenix and from what we saw,

even on Super Bowl Sunday, lots and lots of people came to see model trains. And we knew that Dick Gage was there ahead of us - Beat the Heat flyers were there on the welcome table!

Many major manufacturers were represented as well as several layout displays - from N gauge to O gauge tinplate.





## FROM HO TO O IN A WINK

by Peter Atonna

OK, perhaps not a wink, but here is the story. As most of us not modeling in HO scale know, the variety of equipment - locos, cars and structures - pales in comparison with what our HO scale friends have.

So, last year I had an idea, what if I modified specific HO structures, could they be made into acceptable O scale buildings? To do that, you need to look at large scale industrial or commercial structures. I started with an HO engine house which looked like it could be modified into a car repair shop in O scale.



I was pleased with the result, so this last winter, I bought a Walther's Cornerstone furniture factory. From the illustration, I could combine pairs of windows to go from a four story HO building to a two story O scale one. Doors and the loading dock would have to be enlarged, but it looked doable.

New doors were made and window openings enlarged.



And here it is on the workbench, checking for clearances in the loading dock before being placed on the layout



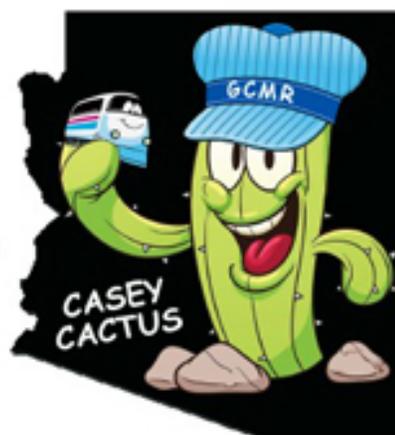
“ONE OF ARIZONA’S LARGEST  
MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS”

# THE CACTUS SUMMER MEET

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd, 2017

9 AM - 1 PM \$6/PERSON \$11/FAMILY

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Set-up opens at 6:00 AM Please print form legibly.



Name _____	<b>\$25 per 8' banquet table</b> (Bring a table cover, if desired)
Address _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	How many tables? _____
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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 <a href="http://www.gcmrr.org">www.gcmrr.org</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@gcmrr.org">info@gcmrr.org</a> Info: John Draftz 602-942-3457; Glenn Saber 602-956-6695	Badge Name _____
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**PRESCOTT AREA  
BEAT THE HEAT  
MODEL TRAINS & OLD BOYS' TOYS**

**SWAP MEET**

**Saturday, August 12, 2017, 9 AM - 1 PM**

**Again at the Liberty Traditional School  
3300 N. Lake Valley Rd, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314**

*Presented By:*

**THE CENTRAL ARIZONA MODEL RR CLUB**

**Adults \$5.00 – Children 12 and under Free**

**Contact: Dick Gage © 802-272-1352 or Larry Gauthier 928-632-4180**

**Table Reservations \$30.00 per table in advance  
\*\* 1 Free Admission with Each Table purchased \*\***

**Dealer Setup Time 7-9 AM – No Early Public Admission  
*The CAMRRC is Not Responsible for Lost or Stolen Items***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tables \_\_\_\_\_ (Limit 4 per seller) @ 30.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Helper Name \_\_\_\_\_ @ 4.00 \*\* \_\_\_\_\_

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Lunch Reservations (sandwich, chips, soda) \_\_\_\_\_ @ 7.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

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