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# NEWSLETTER

Central Arizona Model Railroad Club  
January, 2021

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bob Northington

With this being my first President's Message for the newsletter, I decided to look through some of the past newsletters for inspiration. The thing that stood out most in the past messages is that there were actual club activities going on to talk about! Day-to-day club-wide activities are something that is so fundamentally basic, that we tend take them for granted. We sometimes don't realize how precious those freedoms are until they are taken away! After some time, and hopefully with some help from future medical advancements, we will be able to meet again, following the proper protocols, of course.

I'd like to take a moment to thank Steve Hatch for hosting an open house in early December. It was great to see the progress Steve has made and it gave those that felt like "venturing forth" the opportunity to do so. It was nice to experience a little bit of normalcy even though it was behind a mask.

Two upcoming items to watch your email for are news regarding this year's Beat The Heat and a special announcement about this year's dues.

And forgive me if I seem to be beating a "dead horse", but the club's new Facebook page is slowing growing with 28 members! I realize that there are those that avoid Facebook due to various reasons, however, as I have mentioned to those with objections, you can make your FB profile be as private as you'd like, even to the point of following *JUST* the CAMRRC page. Doing so would allow you to not miss this new venue for the club, which will be live-streaming

our monthly meetings once they get going again. If you are interested in some assistance to get a profile set up, please drop me a line at: [bobnorth\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:bobnorth_2000@yahoo.com).

The Board will be meeting (via Zoom) on January 29th. If you have something that you'd like to have discussed at the next Board meeting, please drop an email to Tom McColloch or me by January 22nd.

Stay safe and healthy. Until next time, I will leave you with this:



## 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 also a great way to get together with your fellow members. Meetings begin at 6:30pm for socializing and swapping and the meeting starts at 7pm. Meetings are held at the Prescott First Lutheran Church, 231 W. Smoketree Lane off Willow Creek Road*

No **CAMRRC** events scheduled at this time

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Doug Gilliatt

Board of Directors Meeting: Dec 11th, 2020  
Meeting called to Order at 10:00 AM by Vice President Tom McColloch  
Members Present: Doug Gilliatt, Terry Fearn, Tom McColloch. Richie Scanapico, Fred Williams,  
Incoming 2021 Board member Allan Steves,  
Incoming 2021 President Bob Northington

This meeting was held as a Zoom Meeting and will differ slightly from the normal meeting minutes.

Old business:  
None

New Business:

Welcome to our new President, Bob Northington and our new board member Allan Steves. Bob will serve till Dec 2021 to fulfill the current term of the office of President.

A big thank you to Terry Fearn for speaking to the Pastor/Elders of the church to see if and when the church will be comfortable with a meeting being held. We will notify club members when the church will allow us to have meetings again.

It was decided to waive the dues for 2021 for all current members. Any members that have prepaid for 2021 will have their money returned. New members will be charged a reduced \$15.00 for 2021.

The school has been contacted about the 2021 Beat the Heat at Liberty Traditional on Aug 21st. At this time, we have an approval. Hopefully we can get back to more normal.

Late in January, the Secretary will send out a BTH announcement to previous vendors for the 2021 BTH swap meet. There will be a caveat that the club is at the mercy of both the school and state regulations regarding large gatherings.

The Club will revisit the event in June to make final decision on continuing to move forward with the meet.

Fred Williams will contact the table rental vendor to lock in our tables.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Board will continue to look for an alternative monthly meeting site, however an inside meeting does not seem appropriate at this time. If an in-person meeting it to be held, we are going to request members wear their masks for their safety as well as the safety of the other members.

The club is looking into a Spring picnic/meeting at a site to be determined and if possible based on the regulations on gatherings.

Fred Williams is working on the Club's Facebook site and will continue to make improvements. It is possible we could 'stream' a meeting using Facebook but that is still under consideration.

Possibility of being able to host our own Webpage is under consideration. It would make it easier for folks to find us and information about the club. If possible an individual's presentation at club meetings should be no longer than 30 minutes.

Richie is going to investigate the possibility of having a display at the Prescott Library as soon as the library is open. We would need members to volunteer to loan items for the display. This is a future project.

The club's radio contest has had minimal success and if we need to advertise for BTH we will need to investigate the possibility of a different radio station with a more general audience as well as other means of communication.

The next Board Meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Jan 29th 2021 tentatively.

**The response to the request for members to send in photos and descriptions of their holiday and Christmas displays was so overwhelming, we are dedicating this issue to sharing them with you.**

Membership Dues for 2021 are being **waived**. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 the board has decided to **waive** the 2021 dues for current members. Dues will be \$15.00 00 for 2021 only (Jan-Dec) for any new members. If you need a new club badge the fee is \$12.00 for the normal pin type or \$15.00 for a magnetic rather than the pin

## CHUCK COGGINS



## TOM COSSABOOM

Attached are photos of the Cossaboom Christmas Express and Railroad Christmas Tree. The tree is decorated with railroad-themed ornaments. The lights are red railroad lanterns.

The locomotive is an Austrian State Railroad class 265 built in 1907. The track is O gauge. The locomotive and cars are all metal, made by ETS Praha in Prague, Czech Republic.





## JIM DOWNEY

Thanks to all of you who so generously offered and contributed to the 4' x 4' layout I built for my 7 year old grandson. We truly have a great club. I received a very nice MRC 260 transformer which is perfect and some great buildings. Out of eight grandkids, he is my last hope to get involved in the hobby. Best wishes for everyone for the coming year!





DON SCHILLER



HANK MORRIS





## LARRY GAUTHIER



## MIKE OWENS

In June of last year we sold our home in Pine Lakes and moved into an apartment on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Prescott Lakes Senior Apartments. Of course this necessitated the building of a new layout!

At present it's a switching shelf layout 24" deep by 136" long. I did lay track so that I could take it around the corner and down the next wall. I built this layout entirely different in that so far it's in two modules 24" by 72" with one only 64" long to fit into the space I wanted.

## LARRY HOWE



The base modules are constructed of 1 X 3" clear pine with a 1/4" inch sheet glued on top. The only fasteners in the layout are the screws holding the 1 X 3s together – everything else is glued together.







Seafood restaurant, and my container crane area for well car loading/unloading.

## **RICHIE SCANAPICO**

On top of the 1/4" sheet is 2 inches of pink foam. I glued the cork roadbed to the foam, and the track/turnouts to the cork. As I put the track and turnouts together, I joined some of them with Atlas #553 terminal joiners, the rest with Atlas #170 Universal Rail Joiners. Once I had the track and turnouts in position, I placed a big drop of CA about every five ties which holds everything rock solid.

Now this is where things got really different! I am tired of going under a layout and running wires so I successfully tried something new. I carved "trenches" in the pink foam and ran my wires in them! The Atlas #553 terminal joiners have about an 18" lead soldered on which made the job easy. At points where I gathered like wires together, I just stripped the leads, twisted them together, and soldered them to a feeder wire.

When I was sure everything worked by running an engine over all the track, I covered my wire run trenches with masking tape, over which I will landscape.

All the track is Atlas code 83 and the turnouts are all Peco Insulfrog which mate perfectly. I run my engines with an MRC wireless handheld which is very simple. All of my engines have sound and have Tsunami 2, Econami, or ESU Loksound decoders.

I have a water feature, an eight foot wide section in front that is 8" deep. I still have my lighthouse, tug towing area, Captain Jack's



## **RAY STROM**





**ROD LORENZ**



Next photo is the layout to be at the now-cancelled show in the Village of Oak Creek

**THE RUDY'S: STEVE AND BONNIE**







With Bryan and Julie Gladish, this is the display they set up at the Prescott Valley Library



# WALT BOUMAN

Here is my Christmas Train 2020. Will run it while we are on a smart phone with our three different families for Christmas so the Grandchildren, Walter an Mila, can see it and hear it.





## THE ATONNA'S

Changes have come this year and in particular for the Christmas season. For the many past years, this:



Went to this:



And now it is this:



While this:



Is now this:



## SO WE NOW HAVE A WANT

The new layout will have a farm scene. And we need Plasticville buildings, etc. We are looking for a red/white barn,(just got one!) a house, farm animals, fences, etc.

If you can find any of these, please contact me at: [mjatonna@gmail.com](mailto:mjatonna@gmail.com)



## ANTHONY'S HISTORIC PHOTOS



Train No. 25, the "Pollywog" returning to Prescott from the Mayer District in 1939. Operating on Mondays only, train No. 26 headed out the branch in the morning, turning at Blue Bell around 11:45 a.m., and returned to Prescott as No. 25. The trains, which originated and terminated at Prescott, operated as extras between Prescott yard and Entro before assuming their schedules on the Mayer District. —Stan Küster collection



