



NEWSLETTER

**Central Arizona Model Railroad Club
July - September, 2013**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Steve Bumgardner

We have had a typical spring here in the Prescott area. Now we are looking forward to summer and the preparation for the club's biggest event of the year: our annual swap meet in August, "Beat the Heat". The planning is already underway for it with advertising and table sales. All of the tables are sold out at this time. We are now creating a waiting list for those people who would like one. This milestone of sales is a month ahead of last year. This could indicate a strong swap meet for all of the vendors, I hope so. The sign-up sheets for the volunteer activities that go on during the swap meet were put out at our last meeting. They will be available again during the July meeting for members who did not have a chance to sign up in June.

The club membership this year is at 78 regular members and 11 honorary. This is a very good trend for the club. Our monthly meeting attendance has a run rate of about 40 to 45 members. We have been at this level for some time. We have been getting one to three guests and/or new members at our monthly meetings this year. The turnout for our monthly meetings is very good for a club of our size.

Our meeting format continues to be the same for this year as it has been. Dan LePage is doing a very good job in organizing the 'show & tell' and general presentations. I am sure that he will continue to do so the rest of the year. I am also sure that our members will make every effort to help Dan in these activities, it is a big task. We have had a lot of participants during the 'show & tell' portion of the meetings. This has been very informative for all of the members and is always something to look

forward to. Our presentation session, which follows, has also been interesting and informative. These do require time for the participants in them. We owe all of the folks who participate in them a big thank you!

I would like to remind everyone that there are a lot of railroad activities going on in AZ, such as swap meets and NMRA meetings etc. Railfanning is very popular with some of our members. We will also be trying to set up a couple of field trips this year for our membership. So if anyone would like volunteer to help, or to suggest trips, let me or another board member hear from you.

A reminder (and a repeat) for all of us, please wear your club name tags. This is actually for all club events and meetings. Not everyone in the club knows everyone else by name. This is particularly true for our families who would be more comfortable and would like to know other club members. This is an easy way to identify our club members to them.

I am looking forward to continuing working with my fellow members in the CAMRRC and with the Board of Directors. This coming year will be full of the same great activities that we have been doing in the past.

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 7pm at the Prescott First Lutheran Church, 231 W. Smoketree Lane off Willow Creek

July 10 - CAMRRC meeting, First Lutheran Church

July 27 - In the Heat swap meet, Phoenix. For info, email: choochoophx@gmail.com

August 14 - CAMRRC meeting, First Lutheran Church

August 16 - setup for Beat the Heat at the Activity Center

August 17 - CMARRC's Beat the Heat Swap Meet, Prescott Activity Center

September 11 - CAMRRC meeting, First Lutheran Church



SPRING LAYOUT OPEN HOUSES

Five of our members offered to host open houses for our Spring Open House tours. And those members and their spouses had the opportunity to enjoy, not only a variety of scales, but a wonderful view of the craftsmanship of our members. Here is a snapshot of our host's layouts:

Jim Hanna



Robert Marshall



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Next is Waverly Station with some visitors.



Finally is the engine shed. Things are coming along well.



DAN'S LAYOUT UPDATE

by Dan LePage

Well, I have started installing the new track which is MTH ScaleTrax. You can see by the photos that things are moving along well. I have kit-bashed some kits of my grandfather's store, a fire station in memory for a friend and the first store I worked in, yes McDonalds.

MARK'S OPEN HOUSE MEMORIES

by Mark Ziven

This last months open house came off without a hitch. Our O scale Hi-Rail layout featured the first time running of John Knoll's complete Milwaukee Road "City Train". Decorated in Armor Yellow and Harbor Mist Gray, this sleek passenger train caught the attention of members and invited guests totaling approximately 24 that filtered in and out in the four hours we were open.

Those of you that chose not to come, missed an opportunity to see O scale in action, like it's prototype from the early 1960's.

Thanks to the members that found the time to make the visit. We know you enjoyed the layout and the trains that ran nonstop the entire afternoon.

TRAVELS WITH ANTHONY

Anthony Piscitelli shares a couple more photos he took while in the road:



TRAVELS WITH PETER

Mary Jane and I have just returned from the TCA convention in St. Louis. To begin, here is Alex Mueller's high rail layout in St. Louis



Riding on the Branson Scenic Railway through the beautiful Ozark hills.



The National Transportation Museum



And the St. Louis light rail system



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Unfortunately this is a very small issue, didn't get many submissions. But, we have lots of photos inside from member's spring and summer activities. Here is a shot your editor could not resist sharing with you all. It is from our trip to the train convention in St. Louis and taken on a dinner boat cruise on the Mississippi at sunset.