

**Colorado and Southern Mogul #6
fitted with Blunami
Thanks Charlie**



TIMETABLE



Sep 17 BOD Meeting at Claudia's

Sep 20 General Meeting?

Dues are due the 1st of July
Please send checks to Margaret

Don't forget

Links of Interest

GRAND CENTRAL RAILROAD.
SURPRISE ARIZONA | WELCOME

Grand Central RR Video

Railroad books

The Train Shop UK

EUROPEAN TRAIN ENTHUSIASTS

Thanks to Thomas for these links

Social Leuncheon on 27th of August

From brisket to ribs to turkey to beans, corn, dessert and all the fixins in between, a great meal was had at Rudy's BBQ. From way up in Oracle, the far Northwest, Tucson's eastside and places in between, 13 club members gathered to enjoy the food and conversation.

Rudy's was very accommodating, providing us with use of the "party room" so we could talk and not disturb any other guests. The process is to order what you want, receive it right at the counter and make you way to a seat to enjoy the meal. Condiments, silverware, napkins , etc. are all "self-serve". Their claim is "real Texas BBQ" and the consensus of club members is that they deliver on their claim. The next time you're cruising down Ajo Road and are feeling hungry, stop in and grab some good BBQ.

Next month's cuisine is Mexican and the location will be disclosed around September 10th.



Whats on your workbench

Hello good People,

For probably about 20 years I wanted a LGB 2045 Swiss RhB loco repainted into a Pennsylvania boxcab loco.

Jeff Damerst did it for me.

I am very pleased. From Thomas

Before:



After:



Fahrvergnügen

Thomas Preisner

Some of you may know that I enjoy visiting swap meets, this is because one never knows what one might find.

I found a seller several weeks ago during a swap meet in Mesa who had a really old Chinese made GP40 American diesel loco that I was able to get for only \$ 10 (ten). I remembered that I had such a loco before, it was at least 15-20 years ago, I don't know what I did with it but then as now I had the same vision: install couplers and metal wheels and use the loco as a so-called ,dummy, (meaning without a drive). Unfortunately I did not possess the skills nor the space to make the necessary adjustments to the loco, so had to send it to my good friend John Zareva in New Jersey.

As best as I can tell, this loco was made many years ago in China for little boys to push around on the floor, which is why plastic wheels and no couplers were good enough.

It actually has a rudimentary sound system, there is a red button (the battery is in the tank) on the roof of the loco which when pushed makes the engine go: uhoo, tschugga, tschugga, tschugga and the light in the front and rear actually comes on for a while...

John took out the Chinese plastic wheels and made USA Trains metal wheels fit (took him quite some time and needed precision cutting and sawing), and also installed Aristocraft knuckle couplers (the loco had no coupler mounts) all of which I had sent to him.

He then tested the loco on his layout behind a real loco and it ran without any trouble at all.

If someone possesses the skills and space to make this conversion, the cost of the loco can be kept to an absolute minimum.

I believe the scale is 1:32 even though it does not say so, and the manufacturer is: Popak New Ray Mfg. Co.Ltd. in China.

New Ray is well known for making a range of toys such as animals, toy cars and trucks, construction vehicles etc. etc.

I intend to use my New Ray GP40 locomotive as a ,dummy, as much as possible.

To install one or two motor blocks would not have made sense because the cost would have been prohibitive, and also because the plastic of the locomotive is too thin, after all this is not a locomotive made by LGB, USA Trains or Aristocraft.

I had intended to also put lead weights in the loco to give it more weight, but as per John this would not have been a good idea because of the loco's thin plastic.

The USA Trains metal wheels (4) get the job done.

The loco will provide pleasure nonetheless and all for little money.



No Minutes for August as we had no meetings

All Gauges Tucson Model Train Swap Meet

Sunday, November 9th, 2025 | 10:00 am–2:00 pm
at the
Gadsden Pacific Division Toy Train Operating Museum
3975 N. Miller Ave, Tucson



Free Admission!

Come check out 70+ tables of
trains, toys, and collectibles.

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**The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be
on Sep 17, 2025
@ Nelsons'**

2025 Fall Meetings

Train Ticket

Sep 17 BOD meeting at Claudia's

**Sep 20 general meeting TBA
looking for an indoor meeting place**

⇒ Train Ticket





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