

# The Railjoiner

## SASME ELECTIONS

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SASME will hold an election of Officers and Directors for the 2024-2025 term at the March 6 business meeting. The slate of candidates is:

#### OFFICERS:

Pres: Frank Flasch

VP: Jim Homan

Secretary: John Almond and Kurt Allendorf

Treasurer: Paul Chandler

The Treasurer is a two-year term.

**DIRECTORS** (vote for 2):

Ron Elwood  
E. J. Causbie

Directors are elected for two year terms. Jim Homan and Kurt Allendorf are current Board members whose terms are expiring. Andy Baldwin and Don Willhoit are the two Board members who will continue for one more year.

The ballot has been sent separately, by email, to active

members. Please print out the email, vote and bring it to the March 6 meeting. There are provisions for Write-In's.

Absentee ballots will be accepted if received before the election.

## SASME NEWS ROUNDUP

**AUCTION:** this year's auction (December 2023) was very successful! There were a number of good items and the auction brought in over \$1000, the best in a number of years.

**OPERATIONS:** there continues to be successful operating sessions each month, both a Wednesday (SG) and Saturday ses-

sion (NG). The Operations Committee "tweaks" the sessions just as a real railroad would do, to resolve any problems that come up. Be sure to pay attention as a good railroader should!

**CLINICS:** SASME has continued having clinics/presentations on topics of interest to members. If you have a topic you

would like to know more about, let us know! There have been questions about DCC and consisting. Other topics concerning scenery, structures, etc., would make good presentations. There have also been interesting presentations about British railways. The sky is the limit!!

### Special points of interest:

See Calendar on page 2 for Business Meeting dates.

35 Active Members

0 Applicant Member

## SASME Turns 70!!

According to the history in SASME's old Handbook, the group was formed as the University of Arizona Model Railroad Club in 1954. A layout location was obtained behind the pool-room in the basement of the old Student Union. It had 350 feet of track and 5 trains could operate at a time!

In 1957 the organization combined with model railroaders from the local YMCA. This group then relocated to the Men's Waiting Room of the El Paso & Southwestern Railroad Depot where it was home for about 15 years. SASME was incorporated as an Arizona Corporation in January 1970.

In 1974 SASME had to move and purchased a building at 4633 E 29th St.

However, in November of 1978, SASME was forced to sell the house as a result of declining membership.

For several years SASME operated as a modular club. Membership increased and SASME leased the current location in early 1985. A layout was "created" using the modules and a center peninsula was added.

In late 2013 a committee was formed to develop plans to create the current layout. In early 2015 it was decided to removed the existing layout and build a new one. The layout space was totally renovated with newly painted walls and new carpeting. In 2016 the current layout was constructed and in January 2017, the first "trial" operating sessions were run

on the Standard Gauge. Progress has continued with the lower-level Standard Gauge nearly scenicked and the upper level narrow-gauge track operational and scenery in work.

SASME has adopted Digital Command Control (DCC) for the layout, both Standard Gauge and Narrow Gauge (HOn3) SASME has throttles for members although many members have their own. Sound decoders are required for club-owned locomotives.

SASME is an Arizona corporation (non-profit) and is registered with the IRS as a 501(c)3 organization. SASME is required to submit annual reports and we are fortunate to have Robin Preiser take care of this for us.

## CALENDAR: Business Meetings and Operations

### Business Meetings

Mar. 6

Apr. 3

May 1

### Clinics/Presentations

Mar. 13: Decaling—Paul Chandler

Apr. 10: Tallylyn Railway—Genie Goodson

May 8: Locomotive Disassembly and Checkout—E. J. Causbie

### Narrow Gauge Operations (Sat. 9 AM)

Mar. 9

Apr. 13

May 11

### Standard Gauge Operations (Wed. Afternoon—12 Noon and Wednesday Evening—6PM)

Mar. 27

Apr. 24

May 29

### Run-What-You-Brung (Wednesday Evenings)

Mar. 20

Apr. 17

May 15, 22

## MEMBER NEWS

We currently have 35 active members and no applications for membership.

In February SASME elected 4 new members: David Carson (#313), Jm Dunlap (#314), Mark Kahn (#315) and Jim Morris (#316). Jim Dunlap's father, Allen Dunlap was a member back

in the 1960's.

LOA SASME Member, Pete Sheakley (#249), passed away January 18, 2024. And Gary Gutierrez (not a member but a Good Friend of SASME) passed away Dec. 24, 2023. Gary used to operate with SASME in the 1960's at the EP&SW Depot

when he was in high school. He had attended our annual auctions in the recent past.