

# The Railjoiner

## SASME ANNUAL AUCTION

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Our annual Christmas Auction will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, at Paul Stephanus' home, 17740 West Husker Lane, Marana (directions will be forwarded in a separate email. The "festivities" will start at 12 Noon. Paul has asked that no one come before 11:30AM. There will be no Narrow Gauge Operating Session Saturday morning. The auction will start after everyone has had some food (around 1pm?). There are a number of

items already donated for the auction. However, as always, please bring model railroad/railroad items you have discovered you no longer need because there is probably someone in the club who would like to have them and is willing to pay! Remember, all proceeds from the auction go to SASME. This event raises money for the club AND we have a good time. The auction is open to current and past club members; the

purpose is to HAVE FUN!!

Remember to bring a little something to eat and share with others; we never lack for food!

There are NO door prize or refreshment assignments for December.

## **OPERATING SESSIONS GOING WELL**

Ron Elwood, Jim Homan and E. J. Causbie have been organizing and running our monthly prototype operating sessions. The attendance has generally been good. Usually each train runs with a two-man crew (engineer and conductor). Emails are sent to members indicating the starting time for the sessions. There is a break for supper, and then afterwards, the session continues.

Most months there is a Saturday morning session as well. While emails are usually sent out, remember that Operating Sessions occur the last Wednesday of the month, so plan on that. Narrow Gauge Operating Sessions are usually held the first Saturday of the month. As most of you are aware, SASME has the engines and cars for these sessions. If you are interested in running your own locomotives, there are the

"Run What You Brung" sessions that are on different nights; check the calendar on the next page. During the holiday season (Thanksgiving and Christmas) there may be a few sessions shifted around. And if unsure, send Jim or Ron an email.

The operating sessions are becoming a popular activity for SASME. Thanks to E. J. Causbie, Jim Homan and Ron Elwood for their efforts.

### Special points of interest:

See Calendar on page 2 for Business Meeting dates.

30 Active Members

0 Applicant Member

**PHOTOS OF THE LAYOUT**



Work has been progressing on the Narrow Gauge. The left hand photo is from a year ago. Mayer has also been “built-up”.

**CALENDAR: Business Meetings and Operations**

Business Meetings

- Dec. 6
- Jan. 3
- Feb. 7

Clinics/Presentations

- Dec. 13: SASME DCC Consisting—Richard Dick
- Jan. 24: Bluebell Yard—Genie Goodson
- Feb. 14: Frank Flasch—Making Tall Pine Trees

Narrow Gauge Operations (Sat. 9 AM)

- Dec. 9
- Jan. 6
- Feb. 3

Standard Gauge Operations (Sat. 9 AM)

- December—None
- Jan. 20
- Feb. 17

Standard Gauge Operations (Wed Afternoon and Evenings)

- Dec. 27
- Jan. 31
- Feb. 28

Run-What-You-Brung (Wednesday Evenings)

- Dec. 20
- Jan. 24
- Feb. 21

***Be sure to check for emails or the SASME bulletin boards for any date changes that may occur.***

**MEMBER NEWS**

We now have 30 active members plus one “winter-time member”, Jim Fairbanks. New members are Tim Beuchler (#311) and Rob Mergner (#312).

Our picnic at Lizard Rock Group Picnic area in the Catalina Mts. turned out well. The weather was great, the socializing was fun and everyone had a good time.

**OPERATING SESSION VISITORS**

In November, SASME’s operating session was open for local NMRA visitors. We had 7 guests, with many of them former members. We received a lot of comments on our new layout; some of them had seen the “work in progress”. They said we have done a very nice job.