



# STACK TALK

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The concrete gang pours the sidewalk for our new club house which is nearing completion.

## News from the President



Perry McCully

What can I say? It was a very successful meet. We can all thank Betty Moore for her efforts coordinating the whole event. She was also chief cook and

bottle washer for the three breakfasts. To everyone that helped with the meet, I thank you for your work keeping the meet going down the right track. Everyone I spoke to was very happy with the way the meet went. The "Build the Car" class was a huge success. Thanks Paul! You were well received. I think everyone learned something from your class.

Betty Moore has been getting some emails thanking the club for a great meet. It makes it all worthwhile. Great spring meet.

This month is very busy. We need train crews on Friday, 8th of April. Peoria school will have kids that are slightly handicapped. They will be there at 10:15 or 10:30 a.m. On Saturday April 16 from

11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., a church group is coming for train rides and a picnic. Train crews are needed for 50 to 60 people. On Friday, April 22, a party is coming in for train rides. Cub Scouts are coming the 24th of April. Then on Saturday, April 30, more Cub Scouts will be coming.

The food drive is on the 9th and 10th of this month. Try to come out and support the club for this worthwhile project. This is our regular meeting day also. Rides are from noon to 5 p.m. both days.

The inside of the clubhouse has been painted thanks to George Rhoades and his son. Great job. Well done. Thanks George. The clubhouse has two working toilets and the light fixtures are being



Bob Douglas

## Treasurer's Notes

We have drywall in Ford Station! Rough-in plumbing, mechanical and electrical all passed inspection. Then the walls and ceilings were insulated just before the drywall installers arrived. All of this going on during the Spring Meet. Now we can concentrate on completing the interior.

Thank you to all the volunteers who spent countless hours preparing the park for the meet. Visitors were amazed how thick and green the desert can get when a little water is added. They appreciated the value of the signal system when it was impossible to see oncoming traffic.

As usual, a great train meet attracts new members. Please add the following members to your 2005 roster

### Renewals, regular members

Knoell, Eddie & Tina  
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rich@formfinding.com  
509 Bluebonnet Dr.  
Burueson TX 76028  
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Betty Jane Moore

## News from the Vice-president

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Spring Meet one of the best we have had. More than 190 people registered. We had people from Kansas City, Sacramento, Texas, Nevada and Utah to name just a few of the 13 states and numerous cities represented. Our members volunteered to work as Yard Masters, Station Masters, Meal preparers and good will ambassadors. All in all every one had a great time.

Thank you to all who arranged for and all who made donations; Jami Lowe, Michelle Winkler, Karen Roderick and Larry Messing to name just a few. Bob Wittman manned the Concessions Tent and Betty Ann McCully and Judy Fought managed the Pot Luck. Stephanie Marks, Karen Roderick, and Joyce Nelson did a great job on the breakfasts, and also on the spaghetti dinner along with Chris Border and Michelle Winkler. Margaret Ann and Ken Bain were superb on registration. Charlie Downs made the Meet buttons. We could not have done it without your help.

The Engineers Test has been posted on the web page. The deadline will be extended to April 30 this year. I apologize for the delay. So many great things have been happening at the park and we are little behind in keeping up. I hear the train a coming. Time to get on board. Keep smiling until we meet again.

### New junior member

Atchison Richard III  
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Burueson TX 76028  
H 817-447-2142

### New regular member

Steeves Ralph  
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H 403-281-6448



Stephanie Marks

## Meeting Minutes

### Maricopa Live Steamers BOD & General Membership Meeting March 12, 2005

Meeting was called to order by President Perry McCully.

Minutes read by secretary, Stephanie Marks. Motion by Charlie Downs to accept, seconded by Christina Borders. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was provided by Bob Douglas. Motion by Ken Bain to accept, seconded by Randy Priest, motion passed.

### Announcements

- Food drive is planned for April 9-10. Stephanie Marks will post flyers at local stores.
- Volunteers are needed to run engines on Saturday, April 23 for a church group and for the Cub Scouts on Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. until noon.
- Any accidents that occur at the park require an accident report to be completed. Please include names, addresses and phone numbers. Notify the Safety Superintendent and the club president as soon as possible.

### Old Business

Auction results:

- Trucks for \$40 to Ray Kukulski
- Straddle cars for \$125 to Bill Pardee
- Locomotive for \$1600 to Ed Gallo

Motion by Charlie Downs to lower the minimum bid on the vehicle to \$4,000. Seconded by Ken Bain. Motion passed.

The video completed by Maricopa County is being aired on Cox Cable channel 7 on Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 a.m. The video is about eight minutes long.

Betty Moore provided a spring meet update. Received 146 registrations, 103 guests and 43 members. Volunteers are still needed; schedules are on the web site. Desserts are needed for the spaghetti dinner on Friday and main dishes for the pot

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## Meeting Minutes

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luck on Saturday.

Charlie Downs provided a new track map for the meet. A copy is available on the website for printing.

Motion was made by Betty Moore to use the party fund to purchase two new concession tables for the station. Seconded by Jim Brown, motion passed.

Ken Bain reported on the audit committee. The audit committee consisted on Ken Bain, Dan and Chris Borders. The committee found the club records to be in order and accurate.

Ken Bain provided an update on the boiler inspection rules. Meetings were attended on February 15. Hobby rules were exactly we recommended. A section was added on boiler repairs.

Bill Lowe provided a track update. The Pottsville track has been completed. Volunteers are needed to ballast the track.

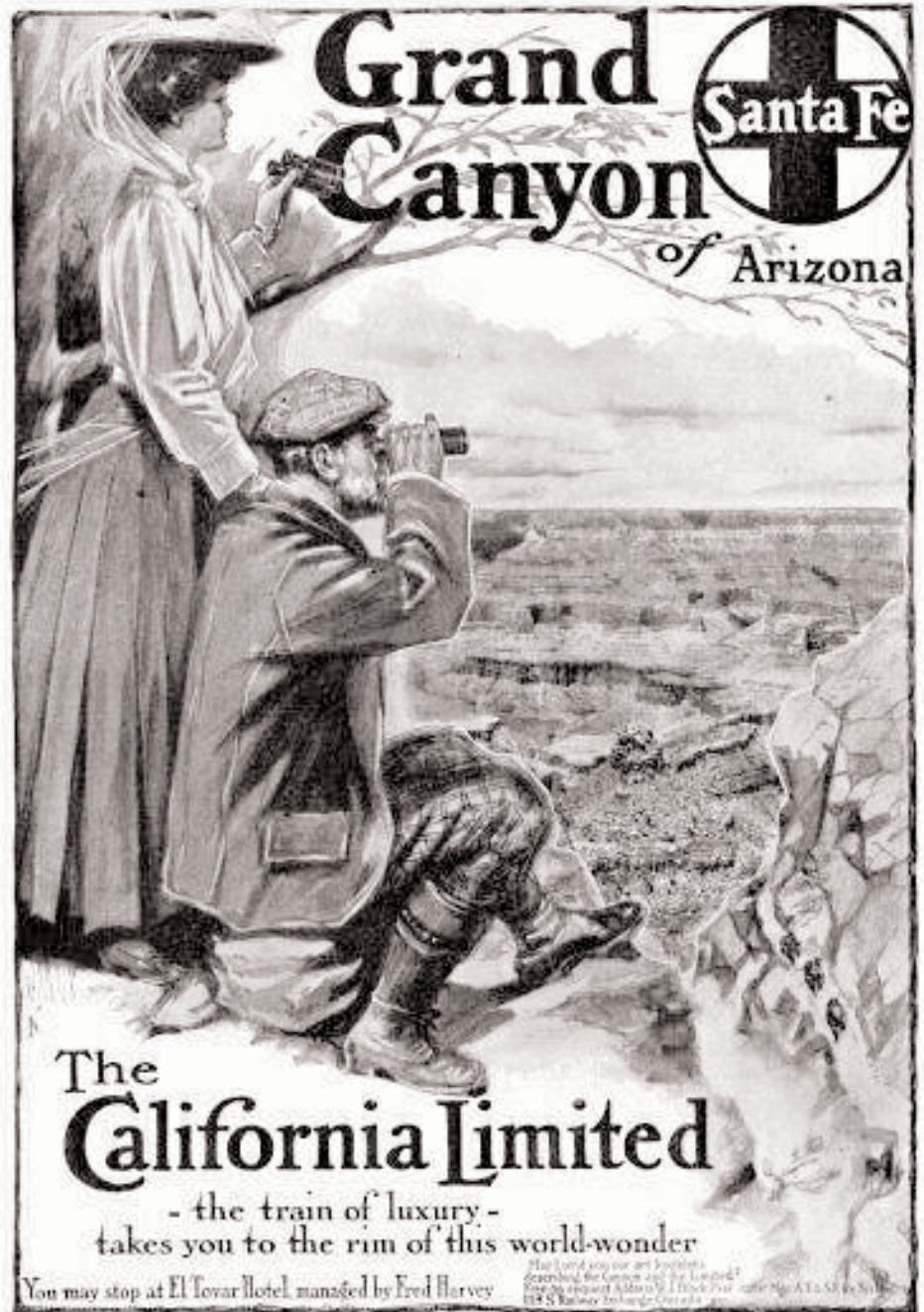
A club house update was provided. Not sure if we will meet our deadline. Quite a few things need to be completed. The electrical is almost passed. We can insulate, install the drywall and we are still working on the plumbing. We have until April 7th to complete. If you can volunteer to help, please coordinate through Cliff or Perry.

Jim Brown provided a signal update. The signals on Werner are working. We will need to run new wire to repair the signals on Pottsville. A motion was made by Al Ford to provide \$500 to pay for the signals on Pottsville. Seconded by Bill Lowe, motion passed.

### New Business

Bill Pardee opened for discussion the possibility of discontinuing the Sunday public runs. This would be something to discuss at a future meeting. Do we want to continue pulling the public? If we stop, what effect will it have on the club? Asked the treasurer to review the budget and determine the affects on finances. Discussed obtaining an attorney to review club liability and obtain a legal opinion. Recommend talking to other clubs that will be here during the spring meet and see how other organizations are working public runs.

Motion to adjourn by Betty Moore. Seconded by Jim Brown. Motion passed.



## Letters to the Editor

I wanted to let the club members know that we enjoyed the 2005 spring meet and the hospitality your club showed us while we were there. I wanted to share some of the pictures we took while we rode the rails. We are looking forward to bringing the P.V.A. train back in the fall for another great run.

Thanks again and happy training to you all.

*Dennis Baker  
Pahrump, Nevada*

Thank's for a great springmeet , it's allways a pleasure to attend one of our meets.

*Bruno Platzer  
Las Vegas, Nevada*

Thank you for a wonderful time at your spring meet. I really had a great time. I hope that you and your group will come up to S.V.L.S. meet sometime.

*Bob Jensen  
Fernley, Nevada*

## Greetings from the Greeter

Another great meet is now history. We had more out-of-town visitors than ever before. For this Spring Meet I registered 76 guests. For comparison, we had 61 visitors at our 2004 Spring Meet and 56 visitors at our 2004 Fall Meet.

Our meets keep getting bigger and better; we must be doing something right!

All the smiling faces confirm we are on the right track. Many thanks to all the train lovers who stopped by my desk to say "hello" and register for the meet.

Our guests came from as near as California and as far away as Canada, Alaska and Connecticut. The breakdown is as follows:

Alberta 2  
Alaska 1  
California 21  
Colorado 2  
Connecticut 2  
Illinois 1  
Iowa 2  
Kansas 6  
Minnesota 2  
Missouri 10  
Nevada 6  
New Mexico 2  
North Carolina 2  
Oklahoma 5  
South Dakota 2  
Texas 9  
Utah 1

It was such a pleasure visiting with old friends and making new friends. Thanks for helping make our meet a success and I hope to see you in the fall.

*Margaret Ann Bain*

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suggestions and submissions.



## MLS CALENDAR



- The next MLS business meeting will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 9.
- We need engineers and conductors for party runs on April 8, 16, 22, 24 and 30. Call Perry or Michelle Winkle if you can lend a hand.

