



# STACK TALK

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## News from the President



*Perry McCully*

Another Spring Meet is in the history book and the wet weather held off (almost) until the very end. I think everyone had a grand time. I know I did. As always, all the club members worked very hard on making the meet a success. You did a great job at making the meet fun also. I thank you all for all the hard work you put into the meet.

A week later we helped host the Sahuaro Central swap meet by pulling the people who came to ride the rails. I think more than 500 people came in the gates on Saturday and we pulled more than 450 people. Again I thank you so much for all the work that kept the people happy. I'm not sure splitting up the meets between A.M.R.S. and us is working very well.

On May 13 Jim Zimmerman is having another "club members only operational meet." Lunch will be served on the patio after the meeting. Also there is talk that we should try an operational meet for anyone who wants to come in and play. I would like to hear from the club on this subject. Should we host one? Will this club support this project?

We will be hosting a Cub Scout troop on Sunday, April 23, at Pardee

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## Treasurer's Notes



*Bob Douglas*

### Union Pacific to build new staging tracks in Phoenix

Union Pacific has announced it is looking for a location in the north Phoenix area for construction of two new staging tracks. The areas that were are consideration are between 13th Street and Broadway and between Baseline and Guadalupe Roads in Tempe.

Recently the railroad said a third location is being seriously considered. Adobe Western Railroad in north Phoenix would allocate land between Werner Station and Myerstown in Fisher, Arizona. After meetings with Tempe and Fisher elected officials, the later two locations, areas surrounded by land that is zoned for industrial use, were determined to be more suitable locations to address both community concerns and operational efficiency. The Adobe Western Railroad announced that it would build an interchange track between Tempe and Fisher at no cost to Union Pacific as part of the deal. The final decision should be made this week.

Crews are scheduled to begin construction of the two 2,500-foot tracks in April. Each track will be capable of temporarily staging 28 cars for the railroad's nearly 20 customers in the Tempe area and six to

## News from the Vice President



*Betty Jane Moore*

In case you missed it, the Spring Meet was great, despite the rain on Sunday. Friday and Saturday were outstanding spring days with wonderful Phoenix weather.

The trains! Well, what can I say? The trains were great, and so many different kinds. Thank you to all who came and participated and thank you to all who helped. But it all comes back to the trains. We just love them. We love to look at them, run them, and ride on them. That's why we work so hard to maintain them, the park, the track and the buildings. Please keep coming out to the work crews on Saturdays and the public runs on Sundays. We need all the help we can get. We need you.

Big kids, having fun and helping each other. That's us. Happy rails to you, until we meet again.

*Betty Moore*

15 customers in Fisher. Completion is expected in late June. If only Herb could see his namesake now!

During the month of March MLS train crews made 86 trips carrying 1,118 passengers. Sahuaro Swap Meet attendees and rail fans appreciated the effort of the dedicated sta-

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Point. About 60 people will attend. Bob Saluski could use some help at about 11 a.m. getting some of the people out to their destination.

The phone roster has been printed. If you need a copy please come to the meeting on April 8. We can email it to you or you can request a CD which will also contain the Bylaws and Operating Rules. Chris Borders is the one to contact.

It's starting to warm up and that means the very hungry fanged critters (rattlesnakes) will be looking for someone to eat. Keep your eyeballs focused on the ground and your hands in your pockets. Our warm spring also demands us to drink lots of water and wear a hat. That concludes your safety meeting for the month.

We had the new county administrator out looking around the whole park the other day. He was very impressed at what we are doing with the land we have. When our contract comes up for renewal in 2014 we will have to help with some administrative costs for the park. That will be a fact of

life. We have had it free with our current lease (so to speak). I believe this man will be very fair with us when the time comes to renegotiate our contract.

Come out, enjoy our park and have some fun.

*Perry McCully*

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tion and train crews.

MLS welcomes the following new members:

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*Bob Douglas*

## Greetings From The Greeter

*by Margaret Ann Bain*

Once again Maricopa Live Steamers had an outstanding meet. It was a real pleasure for me to be able to participate again. It's hard to express the pleasure of greeting happy train enthusiasts from all over the country. We had hobbyists from Massachusetts to California and Canada to Texas and all added to the success of the meet. The home states of our 75 out-of-state guests are as follows: Alberta, 1; Minnesota, 3; California, 25; Nevada 11; Colorado, 1; New Mexico, 6; Connecticut, 2; Oklahoma, 6; Illinois, 2; Pennsylvania, 1; Indiana, 1; Saskatchewan, 2; Iowa, 1; Texas, 8; Maine, 1; Utah, 2; Massachusetts, 1; Wisconsin, 1, Total: 75.

To all our guests: We're happy you came, we hope you had a good time, we're looking forward to seeing you again.



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suggestions and submissions.



## MLS CALENDAR

Saturday, April 8

Board Meeting, 9 a.m.

Membership Meeting, 10 a.m.

