



# STACK TALK

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## News from the President



*Perry McCully*

It's fun time in the park—ice cream night. On Aug 12 at 6 p.m. we will have our annual Ice Cream Social. I have extended an invite to the other clubs to come out, have ice cream with us and get a train ride. We will have a short meeting and take care of any business since we did not have a July meeting. I gave the staff the month of July off so everyone could have a vacation. Nevertheless, work got done around the park.

Sahuaro Central signed a new contract with the county about three weeks ago. The contract runs until the year 2029 with an option to extend to the year 2039. It makes me feel really good about having access to the park for a very long time. There is a down-side to the contract. Sahuaro Central had to give back about 16 acres along Pinnacle Peak Road. Sahuaro Central will start paying the county \$2,500 a year starting in 2015 and gradually increasing up to \$5,000 a year at the end of the contract in 2029. When I say we, I mean all three clubs. Sahuaro Central does not have a reliable income so guess what A.R.M.S. and M.L.S. will have to do? Foot the bill between the two clubs. At least that is the way I see



*Workers put the finishing touches on a Denver & Rio Grande Western loco during World War II. Check out the stylish trousers.*

it.

Now that we have the land for the next umpteen years, we need to take care of it. We are the stewards of this park and it is very important that we take care of it. That means if you bring in trash you take out your trash. Be responsible and be proud of our park.

The election of officers and board members is coming up very soon. Al Ford has volunteered to be the head of the nominating committee. Al's phone number is 602-938-9684. He will be announcing the other two members who will be on the committee very soon.

Lenny Rossow and Cliff Fought have been in and out of the hospital this last month. Lets wish them a speedy and healthy recovery.

In January 2007 this club will be

hosting an operational meet which means we will need some help. If you can, please take some time and come out and help. It's only three days long. The dates are January 18,19 and 20.

The webmaster has been very busy lately. The web site has something new on it almost everyday and the want ad list is getting longer and longer all the time. Check it out.

Safety? what can I say. It seems to be getting hotter and hotter out there. Just be very careful. Stay hydrated. Smoking and open fires are prohibited. If you start feeling poorly get out of the heat fast. Now lets eat some good ice cream. Betty Moore will welcome any other goodies.

*Perry McCully*

## News from the Vice President



Betty Jane Moore

**H**OT! HOT! HOT! What a hot summer we are having. Please try to keep cool and drink lots of water. One way to cool down in August is to come to our members' meeting on August 12th at 6 p.m. in Ford Station. After the meeting we are going to have an Ice Cream Social and then play trains into the night. Come on out and join the fun.

The Engineer's Examination is on the website. Every member who runs a train on the Adobe Mountain Railroad must take the test annually. We will begin pulling the public on September 10th. All crews must take and pass the test prior to the 10th in order to pull the public. This includes station masters and conductors. There are 50 questions. You must get at least 45 correct to pass. It is an "open book" test with the answers in the Operating Rules, which are also on the website. We will be holding a Safety Meeting after the September 9th members' meeting to go over our operating procedures. Everyone who has signed up for the Sunday runs needs to attend.

Please be a responsible train owner/operator. When you change the oil in your engines dispose of the oil off of the property. Do not let it spill on the ground. If some accidentally spills, clean it up. Do not leave it in a bucket in the steaming bays for someone else to take away. Take responsibility for your own actions. Dispose of coal ash only in the specified ash dumps. We have provided two dumps on the leads to the steaming bays. Ashes are not to be dumped in the steaming bays or on the tracks. If an emergency happens clean it up. This is our park and we are all responsible for keeping it clean and safe. Be cool. Be clean. Be careful.

Big kids (that's us) having fun, helping each other, and keeping the

smiles on little kids' faces.

Happy rails to you, until we meet again.  
*Betty Moore*

## Treasurer's Notes



Bob Douglas

**M**ost people enjoy the summer anywhere except in Maricopa County. However, this is not true for the MLS construction crews. The new Saw Mill and Track Assembly Area are ready for operation, complete with 1,600 square feet of shade. Just watch out for the southern breeze in August. The town of Alkire has a new 220-foot passing track making operations easier for engineers who have longer trains. Also, a new industrial spur is under construction to serve the track assembly area. No more lifting of 20-foot track panels thanks to the overhead hoist.

Bill Myers and Joe Schnyder added a stub siding and two through tracks. Is this the first tun-

nel on the railroad?

A sunscreen cover has been installed over the West Yard steaming bays. The four-track layover area in West yard is nearing completion. There is talk that the West Yard residents may someday outnumber those in Adobe (East) Yard. Some of us old-timers never dreamed that Adobe Yard would be too small!

Not bad for a bunch of dedicated people who don't understand the meaning of HOT!

Please welcome the following new members and add them to your 2006 Roster:

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## MLS CALENDAR

Saturday, August 12  
Membership Meeting, 6 p.m.  
followed by an Ice Cream Social.