



STACK TALK

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Santa needs your help!

Bring new unwrapped toys to our Toys for Tots drive
from noon to 5 p.m. on December 11 and 12.

News from the President



Perry McCully

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all!

This year has flown by so fast that my head is still spinning. Where has it gone? We have made great strides on

the clubhouse but so much more has to be done and a lot of money is going to be spent. You all didn't know that, did you?

December 11 is meeting day at 10.00am. Toys for Tots also runs from noon to 5:00 p.m. on December 11 and 12. It's going to be two very long days. It will be worth it.

Saturday the 11th is our CHRISTMAS PARTY from 6:00 p.m. till whenever. Decorate your train. Lets have some fun. It's Christmas. The party is a potluck. Bring something HOT like Chile, Soup, Hobo stew and the other half bring something sweet like Christmas cookies, pies and cakes. Just kidding- please bring a main dish; that's what disappears

first. It's Christmas. This is a joint party between Saguaro Central, A.M.R.S. and us. **NO ONE WILL BE CALLING YOU REGARDING THIS POTLUCK.** It be great if you could bring an unwrapped toy for the needy kids. Also PLEASE come help Sat. or Sun. to help pull the public.

Betty Moore has been coming from Prescott just about every Sunday to run the concession. Please give her a break. She should only have to come once a month. There should be at least 4 people rotating, one per week. Let's have some more volunteers to run the concession. Call Betty Moore and volunteer to help her, PLEASE.

Have a Happy Choo Choo Holiday.

Perry McCully

Treasurer's Notes



Bob Douglas

LAST CALL FOR DUES Now is the time to pay your 2005 dues if you have not already done so. And you'll guarantee inclusion in the 2005 roster. MLS really wants your support as we complete the construction of Ford Station. Dues for 2005 are:

- Regular Membership \$75
- Non-resident \$30
- Spouse \$10
- Junior \$10

Dues can be paid at the next membership meeting on December 11 or mailed to me at

2 W. Kathleen Road
Phoenix AZ 85023

Ford Station

The framing has passed inspection. Tile has been loaded on the roof by Economy Roofing. The windows have been purchased and now the building is ready for stucco.

From our home to your home, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bob Douglas

Minutes of the October Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Perry McCully. The Elections committee adjourned to count the ballots.

Minutes read by Betty Moore, sitting in for secretary, Stephanie Marks. Motion by Charlie Downs to accept, seconded by Chris Borders. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was provided by Bob Douglas. Motion to accept by Ken Bain, seconded by Dan Borders. Motion passed.

Announcements

- Filled the trash container and then some. Perry thanked everyone who helped.
- Fall meet was very successful. Perry thanked everyone. Betty Moore did an outstanding job.
- The club received a letter from a man in Germany looking for American post cards of equipment. Anyone who has

cards, please give to Perry. Bob Douglas has 5 issued by U/S. Post office. Chris Borders is going to order post cards of MLS.

- Cliff has made four hopper cars, with six more to go. Members contributed funds for these cars to be used for ballast.

Old Business

Betty Moore provided the fall meet report. She also agreed to be the meet coordinator for the 2005 spring meet.

Toys for Tots will be held on December 11 and 12. All funds and toys collected will be given to the Marines. Perry asked for volunteer to put up flyers. Chris Borders volunteered.

We will also be having a joint Christmas pot luck with AMRS and Saguaro Central, on Saturday, December 11 at 6:00 pm. Everyone attending please bring an unwrapped toy as a donation.

Perry discussed the tunnel project. Unless the project is started, the club will have to give back the \$1500 donation. Bill Unglaube suggested we put the tunnel project on hold until the building project is done. Perry will talk to the donor. The building must be done by April 7, 2005.

Bob Douglas noted that we have a one time 180 day extension on the building permit that says we do not need a sprinkler system which cost \$10,000.

The solar panel on the transfer table is broken. Motion by Dan Borders to replace. Seconded by Charlie Downs. Motion passed.

New Business

Chris Borders displayed a lantern that we could buy and then give to members who donate \$50 or more. We do not know the costs until we send a letter showing our non-profit status. Members showed an interest in the Red Globe and brass color. Chris will purchase out of the concessions fund.

Karen Roderick has someone who would like to donate a cotton candy machine. Charlie Downs will check if we need food handler's permit for this.

Charlie Downs moved to adjourn until the votes are counted. Bill Pardee seconded, motion carried.

The meeting resumed, and Stephanie Marks announced the new Board of Directors for 2005

President: Perry McCully
Vice President: Betty Moore
Treasurer: Bob Douglas
Secretary: Stephanie Marks
Board Members:
Ken Bain
Charlie Downs
Cliff Fought
Meeting adjourned.

Stephanie Marks

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Boomer has just informed me that he no longer wants to be called a "Dog". From now on he is to be referred to as "Canine-American".

There are really many interesting things going on at the park. A small group of very ambitious people headed by Bob Douglas, Bill Lowe, and Bill Osband decided it was time to get rid of the growing scrap wood pile outside of the lumber mill in Alkire. A very funny thing happened as they worked their way towards the bottom of the pile. Two of the pieces of the wood started moving. Turns out Mr. and Mrs. Jake the Snake had set up housekeeping in this man made apartment house. The wood movers decided to beat a hasty retreat to the patio area, have lunch, and discuss how to handle this situation. After filling their bellies and arming themselves with shovels, rakes and brooms they returned to the site of the confrontation. To their pleasant surprise Mr. and Mrs. Snake decided to leave town and they were last seen heading down the track towards Russell Creek, hollering great obscenities over their shoulders (where the heck are the snakes shoulders) as they crawled away.

We passed the nailing inspection on Ford Station and as I write this the roof is being installed. The sewer pipe inspection was also passed and this weekend the final connections to the septic tank will be made. Ten yards of slurry will be poured over the pipe, the remainder of the ditch filled in and the driveway re-opened for use.

The grain elevator in the Fisher Industrial Park is nearing completion and it won't be long now until we see covered hoppers full of Farkelberry stems being shipped to locations all around the country. In case you didn't know, Farkelberry stems can be ground and mixed with mushrooms, black olives and sour cream which is then sold to fast food restaurants to be used as flavoring in their hamburgers.

Check out the beautiful depot

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building now being erected in the town of Wernerville. The wealthy eccentric J. Pierpoint Werner commissioned the construction firm of R. Alkire and Associates to construct this most impressive building. The building itself is about half finished but you can already see the superior quality of the construction and the materials being used. The building was designed by G. Vidales, Architect at Large. Even though this station building will probably end up being the most beautiful building in the town of Werner, it will lack one thing. Since there is no plumbing available within the city limits there will have to be a two-seater outhouse built next to the station. I have been informed that to bring the quality of the outhouse up to the standards set by the Architect both seats will be lined with

fur. One will be pink and one will be blue. No cross sitting please.

Now for a new feature in this column, "SPLAINER GUY." During the month I am usually asked some question that I feel the answers to would be interesting to many other members of our club. I will pick one of these questions and attempt to "splain" as clearly as possible the answer. This month's question is: *What are all those little blue blocks laying along the track at various locations?* The blocks have been placed at locations of derailments by the people who have actually derailed and not by someone who has just heard of a derailment. A supply of the blue blocks is kept in the Adobe City Passenger Station and is available to anyone that wants to use them for this reason and this reason only. Remember, after you place the blue block (you should place it on the side of the track to which equipment has derailed) you must then

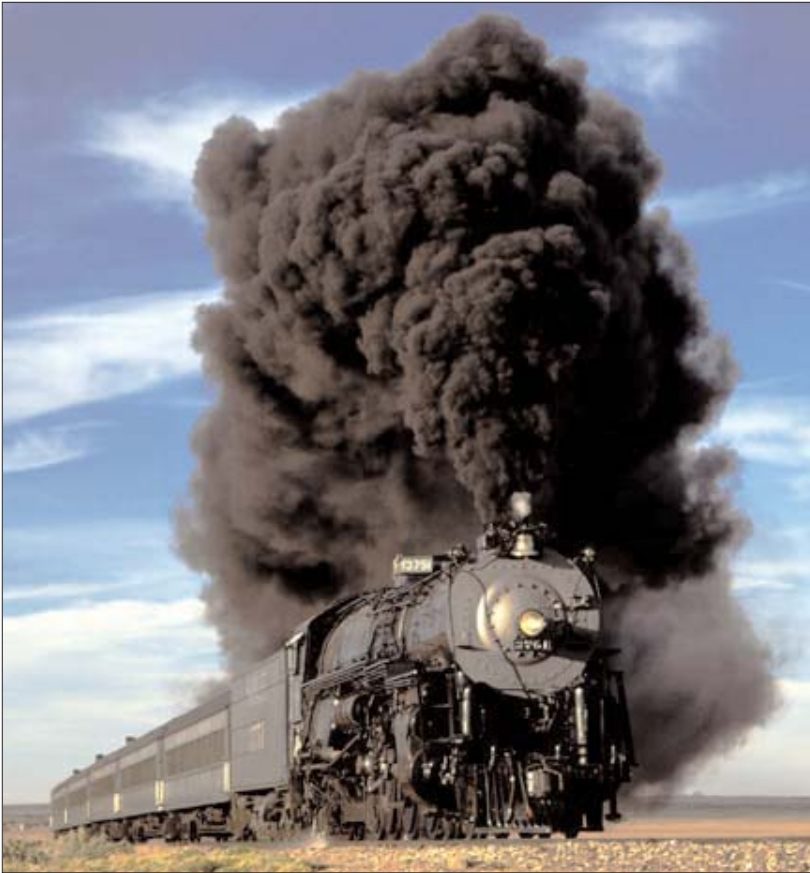
inform either the track foreman, construction foreman, authorized track worker, or any club officer of the approximate location of the block. Many times the location will be a switch. Please do not attempt to adjust the switch yourself. If it is something as simple as a rock caught in the points or a screw that has come loose, you may of course fix this, but in no case should you attempt to change the adjustments on the throw rod of the switch. This adjustment should only be made by trained Adobe Western personnel. If you want to learn more about how the Adobe Western track crews adjust switches, please talk to Construction Superintendent Al Ford or Track Superintendent Bill Lowe. Thank you for your cooperation. Next month Splainer Guy will splain the answer to another timely question.

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Charles Downs

A drop of oil here, a drop of oil there. A crewman from the San Bernardino Railroad Historical Society tends to Santa Fe 3751, a 4-8-4 Mountain Type, during its visit to Williams, Ariz., on Aug. 22, 2002. The Baldwin locomotive, which was capable of 100 mpg, was built for Santa Fe in 1927 at a cost of \$99,712.77. The Society was formed in 1981 to acquire and restore the locomotive. See another photo on page 4 and more photos and a complete history at sbrhs.org.



San Bernardino Railroad Historical Society

3751 steams towards Williams, Ariz., during the 2002 "Canyon Rails" excursion.

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 suggestions and submissions.



Next business meeting, Saturday, Dec.
 11, at 10 a.m. Our Christmas Party
 begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday.



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 for Tots public rides on December 11
 and 12, noon to 5 p.m.

