



STACK TALK

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Railroad Heritage Preservation Society

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there is a place ...



WE FIRMLY believe that for a long long time, there will continue to be a demand for steam locomotives. Therefore, while we *are* building diesel electrics for the switching field—and while we *have* the highest hopes for the free-piston gas generator turbine which we are now testing for locomotive use—we will continue to build a complete line of steam locomotives. We will contin-

ue to explore all possible ways of improving such locomotives. We will continue to build them with the traditional fineness of design and manufacture that is responsible for Lima's world-wide reputation. And we will continue to believe that there is a place for these locomotives—for such modern power as the 2-6-6-6's we are now building as our fifth order for the C&O.



This ad appeared in the January 24, 1948 issue of Railroad Age

News from the President



Perry McCully

February is here all ready and it's just a month and three weeks before the spring meet! Are you ready? Is this club ready? I think so. We've been working on track, signals and computers. All that is left is getting the club members to sign up to help with the meet. Call up John Draftz, come out, have some fun and help out the club. Also if you have something for the raffle please start bringing these items to the club-

house. This is our largest meet of the year and we need all you great cooks to bring lots of food for the potluck dinner Saturday night.

Lots and lots of work has been done in the last two or three months. Tie cutting parties, water pipe laying and electrical conduit to the lumber mill has been laid. All kinds of work has been done. The Pottsville loop is not completed as of yet. We need more help to complete it—tying the track together, putting ties down, laying and watering ballast. Come out and lend a hand so we can finish the Pottsville branch. We have only seven weeks left.

Two-thousand, six-hundred feet of fencing along Pinnacle Peak Road is needed. If you know someone who can get chain link fence cheaply, please let me know. It is hoped it will be put up before it gets too hot and the kids get out of school. Vandalism is getting worse and we can't afford repairing things that are damaged. A.M.R.S. and Sahuaro Central will

be helping with cost and labor.

A mountain lion was spotted in the park two weeks ago. And it was spotted at 19th Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road a week later. The cat has not been spotted since. The critters are probably having a hard time finding water. Just be very careful especially at night.

Here's a little tip about safety in the park; This park is a work in progress. You could leave with no holes dug any where in the park but come back the next day and find 10 holes dug all over the place. Or you can come back after dark and find 10 holes. The point is, do not walk around after dark without a flashlight. You could get hurt stepping in one of these holes.

The loader is being worked on. It is hoped it will be ready to put on the tractor soon.

Bruno Platzer has donated some money for the next generation transfer table. We will need more to com-

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News from the Vice President



Betty Jane Moore

Guess what? It's coming 'round the bend. Our 2006 Spring Meet—March 16 through March 19. Are you ready? Better yet, are *we* ready? Lots of planning is in the works. Our Meet Coordinator, John Draft, is looking for lots of good volunteers to come out and help and have a great time meeting and greeting all of the good folks who are planning on coming. Please call John at 602-942-3457 or email him at <mailto:jjdraftz@quixnet.net> and sign up to help with one or more events. [A table of jobs we need to fill is enclosed with this issue of Stack Talk. Ed.] We can all have a grand time if we all donate a few hours of service. We need volunteers for two-hour shifts on any of the four days of the meet.

We have enclosed a registration form with this issue of Stack Talk for your convenience. Members can bring it to the meeting on February 11 and can sign up there to help.

We received a nice letter from Dan Dahl of the United Phoenix Fire Fighters Association, thanking us all for our commitment and support in collecting toys for the Fire Fighters Toy Drive and "making Christmas a little more enjoyable for some less fortunate kids here in the valley." That's what it's all about. Little kids and big kids having fun and helping each other. Here's hoping for the best meet ever.

Happy rails to you, until we meet again.

Betty Moore

Treasurer's Notes



Bob Douglas

It is Tax Time again. For those members who need to file Income Tax Schedule A, remember that all contributions to Maricopa Live Steamers are tax deductible. If you want a receipt for contributions made in 2005, just ask and I will send you one.

Thanks to the effort of Charlie Downs and the staff of proofreaders, the 2006 MLS Roster and membership cards will be available soon.

During the month of January MLS Sunday train crews had 60 round trips and 949 passengers. Thank you to the dedicated station and train crews.

Track expansion is ongoing. A passing siding has been installed at Osband Tank which will be a water stop for steamers. An interchange track between Bobberg and Pottsville sub-divisions has been installed at North Junction. The Pottsville complex rebuild is under way.

Bob Douglas

From the President

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plete it. Those of you with the west-end containers will be using this new toy the most. Donations are welcomed from anybody.

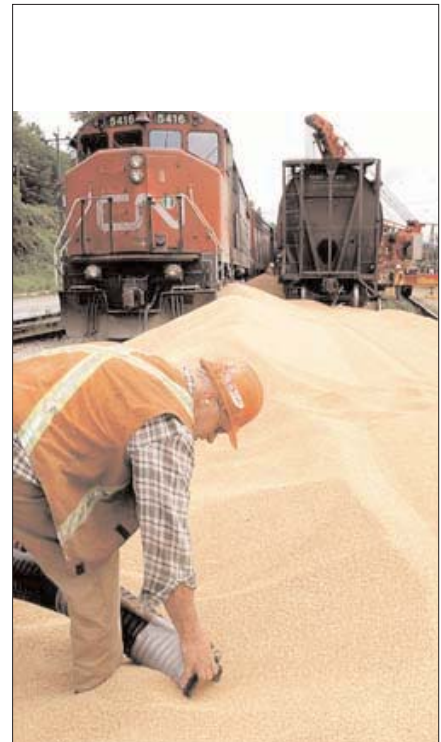
Thank you so much for all the work that has been done in the last two or three months. This park just keeps moving forward all the time.

Don't forget the Fun Run Night with Jeff Hickman and the gang. The weather has been great to run at night.

Bill Laybourn has been in and out of the hospital and Bill Osband is back in Denver to see his doctors. We all hope for a speedy recovery.

Perry McCully

Grain train drained



Brian Misky, of Aqua Chem Enterprises Ltd., stoops to scoop loose grain that spilled onto the railway tracks adjacent to Low Level Road in North Vancouver, after grain containers broke open when two train cars collided around 9 p.m. Saturday night. No injuries were reported. The cause of the collision was unknown to press time.

From the North Shore News, Vancouver, B.C., May 26, 2004.

Gate combination is available from any board member

As announced at the November business meeting, a combination lock has replaced the plethora of locks that adorned our front gate.

If you would like the combination, contact any board member. The number will also appear on your 2006 membership card.



2006 MLS Spring Meet Sign-up Sheet

Your help is needed to make our 2006 Spring Meet a success. Please print these pages, fill in the time slots when you can serve, then mail it or hand it to John Draftz, 1507 W Willow Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85029-1745. 602-942-

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Point of Contact/Welcome

Transfer Table

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.: _____	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.: _____
10 a.m. - noon: _____	10 a.m. - noon: _____
Noon - 2 p.m. _____	Noon - 2 p.m. _____
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. _____	2 p.m. - 4 p.m. _____
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. _____	4 p.m. - 6 p.m. _____

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Yardmaster

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Transfer Table

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10 a.m. - noon: _____	10 a.m. - noon: _____	10 a.m. - noon: _____
Noon - 2 p.m. _____	Noon - 2 p.m. _____	Noon - 2 p.m. _____
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. _____	2 p.m. - 4 p.m. _____	2 p.m. - 4 p.m. _____
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Stationmaster

Boiler Inspector

Tower

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.: _____	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.: _____	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.: _____
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Registration Table

Concession Table

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Yardmaster

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18 (cont.)

Stationmaster

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10 a.m. - noon: _____
Noon - 2 p.m. _____
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. _____
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. _____

Boiler Inspector

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Concession Table

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10 a.m. - noon: _____
Noon - 2 p.m. _____
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. _____
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. _____

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Yardmaster

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.: _____
10 a.m. - noon: _____
Noon - 2 p.m. _____
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. _____
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. _____

Yardmaster

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.: _____
10 a.m. - noon: _____
Noon - 2 p.m. _____
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. _____
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. _____

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Point of Contact/Farwell

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Help is also needed in these areas. Please contact John Draftz if you can help. 602-942-3457

Fri. Cont. Breakfast: _____

Sun. Cont. Breakfast: _____

Fri. Spaghetti Dinner: _____

Sun Lunch: _____

Sat. Pancake Breakfast: _____

Operations Session: _____

Sat. Lunch: _____

Rescue/Maint of Way: _____

Sat Pot Luck Dinner: _____

Safety Briefings: _____

Sat. Kick Car Contest: _____

Security: _____

MARICOPA LIVE STEAMERS 2006 SPRING MEET REGISTRATION FORM

Persons registering for this meet understand that the operators, helpers, MLS officers, and board members have no responsibility in whole or in part for any loss, damage, injury to person or property or negligence of any nature whatsoever caused in connection with or incurred at this railroad park. All persons and their guests shall be bound by the foregoing and deemed to have consented and agreed to the same by their presence upon this property.

All members, guests, and vendors who are planning on camping at the Adobe Western RR and/or who will have equipment to run or display here are asked to complete this form. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name(s): _____

Company Name (if a vendor): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip Code: _____

How many others are there in your party? _____ Cell Phone: _____

What are their full names (for badges)? _____

Emergency Contact & Phone: _____

Camping Registration (if camping):

How will you be camping? RV: _____ (no power, water, or septic services are available)

Tent: _____ Other: _____

Railroad Equipment Registration (if bringing equipment):

What equipment will you be bringing? Please include details, e.g., scale, type, road name & number.

Internal Combustion: _____

Electric: _____

Steam: _____

Rolling stock: _____

If operating steam, please complete the following.

Date & location of last boiler inspection: _____

If a vendor, what will you need us to provide? _____

Comments/suggestions _____

Please bring this form to the February 11 meeting, or mail to Betty Moore, 24633 North 45th Drive, Glendale, AZ 85310. You may contact her at 623-434-3300. The form is also available on our web site, maricopalivesteamers.com, where you may complete it and email it to Betty.

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MLS CALENDAR

Saturday, February 11:
Board Meeting, 9 a.m.
Membership Meeting, 10 a.m.

