



STACK TALK

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Charles Downs

Seeking solace from winter storms and attracted by the wondrous late-blooming Farkelberry tree/bush, a stand of flamingos has taken up residence at Fisher.

News from the President



Perry McCully

A new year is upon us and we should set some goals. The clubhouse is the most important but Pottsville branch needs to be rebuilt very soon. I have asked Bill Lowe to

get started on rebuilding Pottsville. Bill will be asking YOU for help. Please come out and help. Bill Osband has been working very hard on getting track panels ready to go. Ties need to be cut and loaded onto trailers and shipped to Eloy for treatment. All this work takes manpower. I think Pottsville should be done before the SPRING MEET which is only three months away. Betty Moore is chairwoman again.

Wow! Did we ever have a successful Toys for Tots Drive. Lots and lots of toys came in on Saturday and Sunday. It took three truck-loads to pick up all the toys. Thanks go out to all who helped. The Christmas party was a lot of fun and lots of food too. I thank Mike Russell for all the work

and set up and money he put into decorations. The inside of the clubhouse looked great and thanks to all the cooks who brought great tasting food. Bill Pardee decorated his train and took some folks out on rides. Thanks Bill.

Great news! The club voted to put an unoccupied caboose back on the public trains. So dust off that caboose and get them back on that train.

The clubhouse is stuccoed and the air-conditioner is in. The ductwork is being hooked up as I write this. The electrical and the inside plumbing is going in after the 1st of January. The wallboard has been ordered. Delivery is on the 3rd of January. As soon as it stops raining the clubhouse can be painted.



Bob Douglas

Treasurer's Notes

Reflections About 2004

January is usually the time when we reflect on the accomplishments made during 2004. It was another great year for Maricopa Live Steamers thanks to the efforts of many people. The construction of Ford Station will be completed by April 1st. Concrete platforms were added to Adobe City station. AJ Tower has been remodeled. The Werner subdivision was extended to Rossows Roost. Switching and storage tracks have been added at Fisher and Wernerville.

The most important thing is that MLS club members, our guests and the public continue to enjoy the results of a lot of hard work and dedication in building the best club owned model railroad in the USA.

Membership

A total of 244 people have renewed their membership in MLS:

- 109 Regular Members
- 47 Non-resident Members
- 59 Spousal Members
- 29 Junior Members

It is not too late to renew your membership if you are one of the 78 members who have not done so, You may not be listed in the 2005 MLS Roster; however, your name will be published in a future issue of Stack Talk.

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Bob Douglas



Stephanie Marks

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting December 11, 2004

Meeting was called to order by President Perry McCully.

Minutes read by secretary, Stephanie Marks. Motion by Bill Unglaube to accept, seconded by Ken Bain. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was provided by Bob Douglas. The two signal funds were combined into one. Motion to accept by Bill Unglaube, seconded by Bob Alkire. Motion passed.

Announcements

- The Cub Scouts will be here on 12/18 around 2 p.m.
- 7282 is down due to maintenance. Approximate cost of repair is \$1,000. Motion by Bob Alkire to allocate \$1,000 for repairs. Seconded by Bill Unglaube, motion passed.
- Toys for Tots will be here Saturday and Sunday.
- We ask everyone to please help keep the patio clean for weekend parties.
- John Draft brought up the question of our Public Relations. A new committee was formed, chaired by Betty Moore, to go over our Sunday Run Schedules and our relations with the public and with other clubs

Old Business

Charlie reported that a food handler's permit will be needed if we choose to make Cotton Candy.

The tunnel project will be moved back until after the building is done. The plan is to complete the tunnel this sum-

mer.

Betty Moore discussed the Sunday run schedule. We need more help with Sunday Public runs – engineers, conductors and station volunteers. We will work on a schedule to post on the internet.

Currently the 4402 cannot be run on the Bobberg. The 4403 is working fine.

New Business

Bill Pardee has added a new amplifier to the station. Please see Bill for operating instructions.

Mike Lewandowski donated a TV and VCR to the club. Thank you.

Motion by Bill Unglaube to amend the operating rules when hauling the public to include an unoccupied caboose after the conductor car. Seconded by Charlie Downs. Motion passed.

Motion by Bill Pardee to allow the use of beam cars for hauling the public, without any change to the cars. Minimum of three passengers per car. This recommendation was approved by the Safety Committee. Seconded by Ken Bain. Motion passed.

An estimated additional \$10,000 is needed to complete the building. We are down to 120 days left to complete the building. After that, we have to apply for new permits, which will drastically increase our construction costs. Motion by Michelle Winkler to move \$5,000 plus 100% of the ride donation funds to the building fund until the building is complete. Seconded by Bill Pardee. Motion Passed. The board members will work with Bob Douglas to review the budget and determine how funds can be allocated.

William and Judith Inman have donated a locomotive and riding car to the club for club use. Lenny will do the maintenance and determine when it can be placed into use.

Discussed the need for training and safety meeting. This can be held once a month and instruct members on how to operate club engines.

Motion by Bill Pardee to adjourn. Seconded by Ken Bain. Motion passed.

Stephanie Marks

Want to save the club some money? Go digital.

Although we practice strict economies in the preparation, printing and mailing of Stack Talk, it costs MLS nearly \$1.00 per copy to a member through the U.S. Mail.

If you are receiving Stack Talk in the mail, and could retrieve it from our web site in Adobe Acrobat for-

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bat/readstep2.html

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Betty Jane Moore

News from the Vice-president

New Member Orientation Breakfasts

We will have our first quarterly New Member Orientation Breakfast on Saturday, February 19th at 9:00 a.m. on the front patio. Stephanie Marks, Karen Roderick and Betty Moore will host it. This is a great opportunity for all of our new members to be introduced to our Board. We will have a tour of our facilities and a short safety meeting and go over all of our volunteer opportunities at MLS. Membership packets, badges and keys will be handed out. We encourage our members to come out also, especially all Committee Heads, to meet the new folk. The food and fellowship will be great. I guarantee it. Orientations will be scheduled every three months, on the third Saturday of the month, May 21, August 20, and November 19, 2005.

Our new Public Relations Committee will have their first meeting on Saturday, January 15, at 9:30 a.m. on the front patio. We will be revising our Sunday Run schedules and reviewing our interaction with the public and with other clubs. Watch the web site for updates.

If you have a chance, stop by Fisher to see the new Flamingo heard being raised by the Knot People. We thing they are harvesting the pink feathers to decorate the pottery being produced by Crazy Horse Swartz

Betty Jane Moore.



Spring Meet Schedule

Here is the schedule for the 2005 Spring Meet. Note that all engineers must attend a safety meeting each day of the meet at 9.a.m. at the front patio.

We look forward to seeing our out-of-town guests again this year.

Thursday, March 17

Concession Tent, Adobe Station, for early arrivals 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 18

Continental Breakfast, Front Patio 6:30-9:30 a.m.
Registration, Front Patio 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Safety Meeting for all Engineers, Front Patio 9:00 a.m.
Concession Tent, Adobe Station 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Spaghetti Dinner, Front Patio, \$6.00 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 19

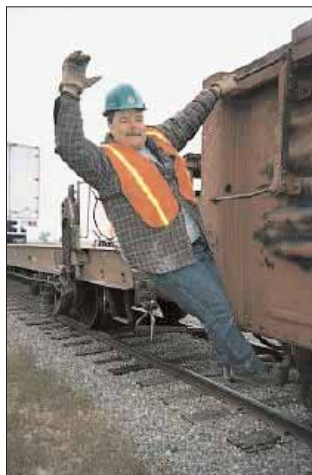
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Lunch, Front Patio, \$6:00 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Pot Luck Dinner, Front Patio. 6:00 p.m.

(To our traveling guests: If you cannot bring something please leave a donation at the Registration Desk so we may pool the funds and buy extra food.)

Sunday, March 20

Pancake Breakfast, Front Patio 6:30-9:30 a.m.
Concession Tent, Adobe Station 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Lunch, Front Patio, \$6.00 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Betty Jane Moore, Meet Chairman



Jim Zimmerman invites you to really play with trains! He is planning an Operations Session beginning at 1:30 p.m. following next Saturday's business meeting. Set out and pick up cars, receive and follow orders, meet a timetable, learn hand signals, and more. He hopes enough people will attend so that each train will have two brakemen. This could be a great deal of fun. If you're interested or just want more information, call Jim or just show up.

Welcome to Wernerville



Charles Downs

Phil Werner's container is rapidly becoming the Wernerville Station, thanks to the hard work and artisanship of Bob Alkire. A bay window gives the station-master a clear view of the siding and the main line.

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 suggestions and submissions.

MLS CALENDAR

- The next MLS business meeting will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 8.
- Jim Zimmerman will host an Operations Session beginning at 1:30 p.m. after the meeting. See page 3.