



STACK TALK

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Let's see . . . the book says if the train's on fire, stop it. On a wooden trestle?
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News from the President



Perry McCully

This day has finely come. All of the inspections have been completed on the club house. We should have the occupancy permit some time

next week. It's been more than two years of a long hard struggle getting to this point. Thanks go out to all the members of this club for your help. Donations are still coming in for the clubhouse but more is still needed. (It is always more, more, more isn't it?) Kitchen counter tops have been donated. Thanks again.

Bill Unglaube had heart surgery last week and is at home recovering. Best wishes on a speedy recovery, Bill.

The board has been looking at the possibility of changing the way we pull the public and needs your input to make the right decision for this club. Please come to the next few meetings and give the club your

input. We need YOU.

Fire danger is extreme in the park. Be very careful with your cigarettes. Heat stroke and heat exhaustion are always possible in the summer. Drink lots of water, slow down and get out of the heat from time to time. We have made progress knocking down the weeds but more needs to be done. Also work is being done in cleaning up the lumberyard. If you have time come out early Sat. July 11th and help clean up. A big dumpster has been donated. Thank you for those who donated the dumpster.

Pottsville branch still needs to be rebuilt. This is a good time to work on it.

Perry McCully



Betty Jane Moore

News from the Vice-president

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all of our dedicated members who answered the call and came out to work on Ford Station and round and about our property. The building has passed its final inspections and the weeds are under control.

Dog days of summer are now upon us. Hot, Hot, Hot, but still we come out to work and play. Those of us who ride on Friday nights have all but stopped due to the heat. Here's hoping the Ice Cream Social in August will cool us down some so we can have a nice night ride after the meeting. Then September will be here and maybe another New Comers Breakfast and cooler nights for riding. After that it will be October and our Fall Meet and before we know it Christmas will be here. Now how did I jump that far a head? Must be dreaming of cool weather and day and night train rides. You all plan on joining us on Friday nights in the fall to ride the rails in fun and fellowship.

Until we meet again.

Betty Moore



Bob Douglas

Treasurer's Notes

Adohe Western RR fire danger level is reduced from EXTREME to MODERATE. Thanks go to all of you who made the effort to chop and clear the tinder brush near the buildings, track and parking lot. We are not finished but the worst is over.

The clubhouse (Ford Station) is finally finished. And the mortgage is nearly paid off.

Last month I indicated that the Sunday ridership was 10,769 passengers. This equates to 22,615 passenger miles and thousands of happy faces. We all can be proud of our park and the enjoyment that we give to the public. We need to continuously demonstrate to Maricopa County officials that we appreciate this land and convince them that "They and the Public Want Us Here".

Thanks to Jerry and Betty Moore, Six United States military personal stationed in Iraq are wearing MLS tee shirts.

Sun kink blamed for Alaska Railroad derailment

ANCHORAGE - The Alaska Railroad reported Friday, June 17th, that six empty tank cars on a northbound freight train derailed about 30 miles south of Nenana. The cars remained upright; there were no reported injuries and no hazardous material problems. Nenana is about 50 miles west of Fairbanks.

The preliminary cause of the derailment is believed to be a buckled rail, also referred to as a sun kink, and usually caused by high temperatures. Passengers aboard a northbound train from Anchorage heading to Fairbanks that evening were bused from Healy to Fairbanks.

A second similar buckled rail incident occurred on the same day at the west end of Perryview on the AWR. However, it was not detected until Wednesday, June 29th. Likewise, there were no reported injuries and no hazardous material problems. The Pottsville subdivision has been shut down due to a employees walk out. Railroad management is looking for volunteers to run ballast and water trains so this line can be put back in service for the expected heavy fall traffic.

Please add the following members to your 2005 Roster.

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MLS CALENDAR

The next MLS business meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 9. Matters of far-reaching importance will be discussed. Plan to attend.