



# STACK TALK

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## News from the President



Perry McCully

County Parks has come looking for money. The short version of this is, we will start paying at the end of 2014. They will be taking about 17 acres of land along Pinnacle Peak road. In exchange we will have a place to stay until the year 2029 with an extension of 10 more years. The grand total of money will be about \$60,000 between the three clubs over the 15 years.

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in pulling the public this last season. It was very safe and successful. Again thank you so much for your time and hard work

The loader is on the tractor and working very well, thanks to a lot of people.

There will not be a board or business meeting in July. The Aug. board and business meeting starts at 6 p.m. on August 12<sup>th</sup> with an ice cream social. Have fun running trains at night. It should be cooler at night in August.

Bob Douglas is looking for people in the club who want to buy rail. The price of rail is going through the roof. The deadline is fast approaching. Get your order in NOW.

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## News from the Vice President



Betty Jane Moore

I had a dream last night, or maybe it was a nightmare. I went down to Adobe Station on a bright Sunday morning. The little children and big kids were lining up for train rides and they greeted me expectantly with happy faces. I looked around, but there was no one in the Station. No Station Master, no trains, no conductors and no engineers. Where were all the volunteers for the Sunday Runs I wondered? Would I have to send the people home and be responsible for turning all those children's happy smiles upside-down?

Then I woke up. Oh, thank God, I thought; it was only a dream. We have volunteers who are dedicated and who will commit to one or two Sundays a year. We have a new assistant Operations Supervisor, John Draftz, who is going to organize these volunteers. *Thank you John and thank you to all of you who have or will be answering the call when John contacts you.* I know that we have just shut down for summer, but September will be here before we know it. Time flies faster than trains and never stalls or derails. Its June and I am already getting ready

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## Treasurer's Notes



Bob Douglas

A great thank you goes out to all of the station and train crews who donated their time for the Public Train Rides. For the 2005-2006 season of 35 run days, 981 train crews made 6535 trips and pulled 7,243 passengers. Last year we had 41 run days and 10,769 passengers.

The Adobe Western track team has completed The "BS" Siding. I am sure that BS stands for Block Signal since it is next to the AJ dispatch tower.

Fisher now has a back door; the GIIP Short Line Interchange. Watch for the signs.

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

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If you look at our web site it is changing thanks to Jim Manley and his wife Debbie.

The club voted to have an operational meet January 19, 20 and 21 in 2007. If you are interested in participating please sign up on the web site. Help is also needed for this project. This is going to be very low-key but helpers will be needed to run the operation.

Now is the time we should be out working on track. It's time to start ballasting also and cleaning up the park. We have two trash dumpsters and they should be full all the time. If there is trash between your container and the containers next door, you need to clean up now. The heat is coming on strong now. Don't get over heated. Drink lots water. If you start feeling bad get out of the heat.

The club has seven one-gallon containers of steam oil for sale at \$10.00/gallon. Bob Douglas is in charge of getting the money and giving the oil to you. First come first served.

I'm going to ride the Skunk Train in late June. If you have any problems while I'm gone, contact Betty Moore.

Have a great summer.

*Perry McCully*

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for our Ice Cream Social in August, our Fall Meet in October, and our Toy Drive with the Phoenix Firefighters the second week in December and all the small and large happenings in between.

In case you haven't noticed, we are growing and with growth comes responsibilities. We need to plan ahead and we need to work together to make all of these events a success. Please continue to be receptive when we ask for help.

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*

*Canadian Homes and Gardens for July, 1929*

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## MLS CALENDAR

Saturday, June 10  
 Board Meeting, 9 a.m.  
 Membership Meeting, 10  
 a.m.  
 NOTE: There will be no  
 Board or Membership  
 meeting in July.